

# Welcome to Reception

## Teachers



Mrs Dinsdale

Bees



Mrs Earle

Bees



Miss Mylan

Ladybirds

## Teaching Assistants



Mrs Bishop



Mrs Foulds



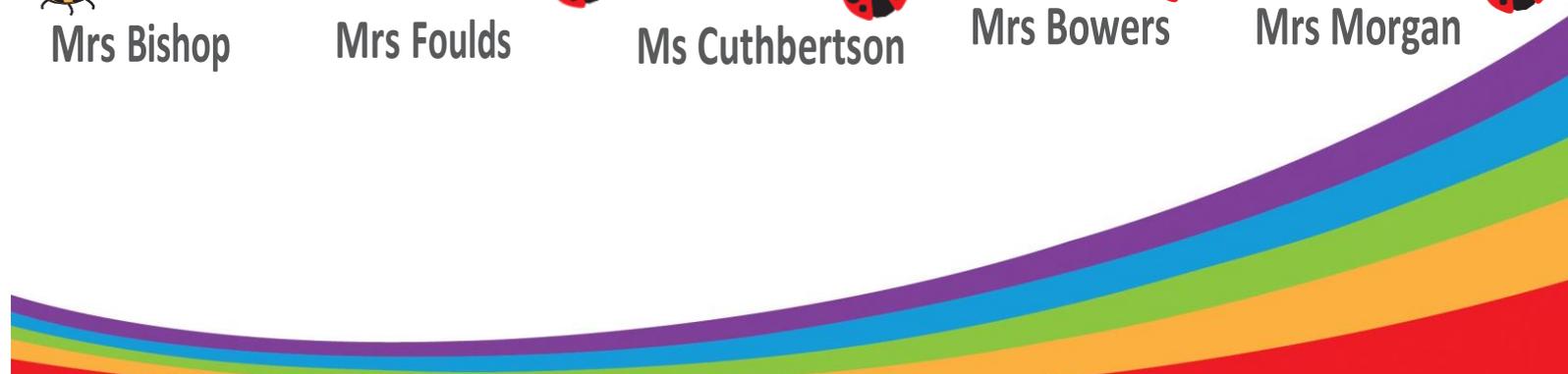
Ms Cuthbertson



Mrs Bowers



Mrs Morgan



## Back to School Information about Reception September 2023

### Welcome

Welcome to Newbridge Primary School Ladybird and Bee Class! Your children are settling into school life and we are excited about the learning journey which lies ahead. Please do contact the school via telephone or email if you have something you wish to discuss with your class teacher.

### Meet the team

Ladybird Class is taught by Miss Mylan.

Bee Class is taught by Mrs Dinsdale and Mrs Earle.

Our teaching assistants in Reception are Mrs Bowers, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Foulds and Mrs Cuthbertson.

### Learning

In Term 1, our enquiry is 'Who am I?'. This means we will be learning about ourselves. You may like to talk about your family at home and memories of special family times.

### Planning, Preparation and Assessment

All teachers are entitled to 10% Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA).

PPA time for Reception teachers is on a Wednesday afternoon. During these sessions, Ladybird Class will be taught by Mrs Hansard. Bee Class will be taught by Mrs Dinsdale for the first half of the year and Mrs Earle for the second half of the year.

### Overview of a typical day in Reception

8:45 Morning welcome, handwriting and register

9:00 Taught Session 1 (e.g. English, Maths)

9:20 Continuous and Enhanced Provision

10:00 Snack time

10:20 Playtime

10:35 Continuous and Enhanced Provision

11:20 Phonics

12:00 Lunch

1:05 Taught Session 2

1:30 Continuous and Enhanced Provision

2:30 Playtime

2:45 Circle Time – A time in which children gather in a circle to participate in guided discussion (PSHE, RE).

3:00 Story Time

3:15 Home Time

Continuous and Enhanced Provision is the resources and area that have been laid out for your child to explore and learn freely. The adults will play alongside the children and will observe their learning during this time.

### Show and Tell

Later in the year, we will send home 'show and tell' bags to two children in the class, to return on the following day. We encourage children to bring in one or two special items, linked to our current term's enquiry.

### Drinks and snacks

Please send the children in with a bottle filled with water every day. Snacks are provided every day in the morning by the school. Your child can also have a free carton of milk at snack time until they are 5.

### Behaviour and Rewards

In line with our behaviour policy, the traffic lights will be used. This is a whole school system which encourages positive behaviour. If you would like any more information on this, please see the Behaviour Policy document on the school website or ask any member of our team. Star of the Week certificates will be given out on Fridays. If we need to discuss a behaviour issue with you, we will contact you.

### Toilets

The children can use the toilets in the classroom at any time during the school day.

## Supporting your child

**Reading at home** – We will be sending in reading books when the children are in full time. We recommend daily reading, but please read at least 3 times a week with your child. It is also valuable to share books for enjoyment and encourage children to choose and look at books independently. We would love to learn more about your favourite books.

**Phonics** – When we begin phonics, we will send home the sounds and tricky words that we have learned during the week. Please revisit these at home and practise reading and writing them. We encourage any writing at home. (e.g.: names, shopping lists, stories)

## What to bring

Water bottles, waterproof coats and book bags should be brought to school every day. Please ensure all items of clothing and belongings are named. Please do not bring any toys or personal items.

## Outdoor Learning Area

Reception will use the Forest School on a **Monday** afternoon. Please come to school in Forest School clothes and trainers or shoes. We go out in all weathers so the children may get muddy and wet!

### Clothing to wear:

- Long sleeve top and trousers/leggings/joggers
- Trainers/Shoes

### Clothing to bring in a named large bag:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Wellies with a plastic bag to carry them home

## P.E.

Our P.E. day is a **Wednesday**. Please send your child to school dressed in their P.E. kit. This includes a P.E. t-shirt (in your child's house colour), plain black shorts/leggings, daps/velcro trainers and a school sweatshirt/cardigan. Both Forest School and P.E. will start when the children are in school full-time.

## Inhalers

If your child needs an inhaler please check they have an in date one in school and that you have filled out an indemnity form. This can be found on the school website via the following link:

<https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/useful-forms>

## Volunteers

We are really pleased that we will be able to have volunteers in school, starting in Term 2. If you would like to support with reading, maths or have any other skills that you feel would support the children's learning, then please let us know. We would really appreciate the extra help, and know from first-hand experience that the children benefit greatly from extra input from an adult.

If you do have time to volunteer, please could you get in touch with the office as we need to ensure all DBS checks are up to date.

## Website

Please write to the school office if you do not want your child's photograph to be used on the website.

## Contacting us

If you wish to speak to us about any worries or concerns, however small, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on

[enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)



# 'Must Reads'

Again this year, we are working on fostering a love of reading throughout the school. To this end we have chosen six books that we would like every child to read or have read to them over the year. These books have been carefully chosen by their class teachers and it is hoped that every child will, by July, have read every one.

Thank you very much for your anticipated support!  
The English team

The list of the books chosen for Reception is as follows



## FOUNDATION STAGE

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Jack and the Flumflum Tree  
by Julia Donaldson

Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

Blue Penguin by Petr Horacek

Penguin Problems by Jory John and Lane Smith

The Gigantic Turnip  
by Aleksei Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey