



Welcome to Deansbrook Infant School Reception Meeting 2026

Please switch your phones to silent.
Thank you!





Meet the Staff

Mrs Catley – Headteacher

Blue Class

Mrs King

Mrs. Bell

Ms. Ramsay

Mrs Kortach

Red Class

Mrs Skidmore

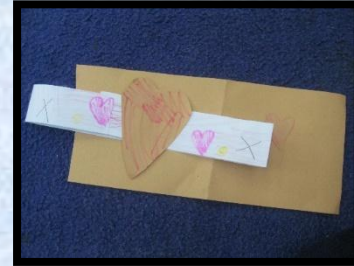
Mrs Davis

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- To provide a safe, secure and caring environment.
- To ensure that all children develop socially, emotionally, physically and academically.
- To build on existing knowledge and understanding children have brought from home and previous settings.
- To build close, friendly and helpful communications with parents.
- To provide a broad and balanced education across all areas of learning.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from age birth to 5. It is based on the recognition that children learn best through active learning and play. Children learn both indoors and outdoors. This is in small groups, whole class and directly during play.



Activities are planned to be adult led or child initiated and children will be encouraged to participate in all areas of the curriculum.

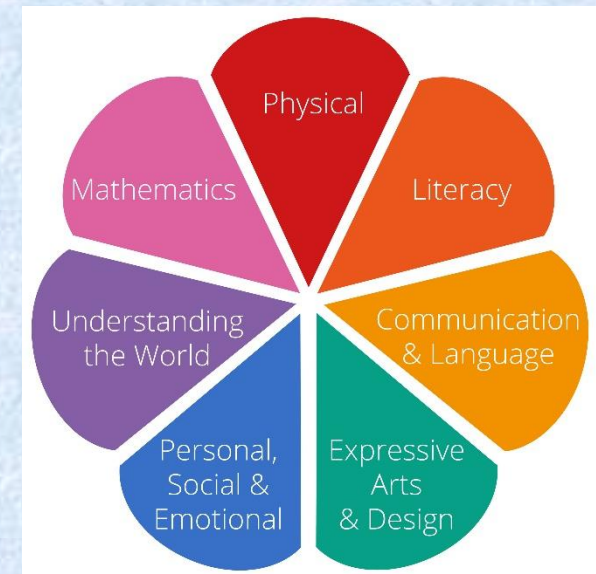


The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

- Judgements are made at the end of the reception year as to whether children are:

Emerging within or at the Expected level of the early learning goals

- Information is shared with parents and carers through regular meetings throughout the year, Tapestry and an end of year report. A curriculum meeting will be held early in the Autumn term.





School and Home Visits



- On Wednesday 8th July 9 – 10 am prompt please bring your child to see their class and meet the staff.
- Children new to our school will be offered a home visit. Dates for these have been emailed, and will take place between Wednesday 2nd of September to Friday 4th September.

Starting School

The children have been split into 2 groups for the first 2 days to allow teachers time to get to know them in a smaller group.

Group 1

Date	Time	Where to go
Monday 7 th September	8.45am – 11.30am	Drop off and pick up from outdoor classroom
Tuesday 8 th September	8.45am – 11.30am	Drop off and pick up from outdoor classroom
Wednesday 9 th September	8.45am – 12.15pm Please come at 11.30 to have lunch with your child. Meet near the blue gate by Nursery and walk over together.	Drop off at outdoor classroom – Meet at blue gate by Nursery
Thursday 10 th September	8.45am – 3.15pm If your child is settled, they can stay full-time from this day onwards.	Drop off and pick up from outdoor classroom
Friday 11 th September	8.45am – 3.15pm	Drop off and pick up from outdoor classroom

7th
September

Group 2

Date	Time	Where to go
Monday 7 th September	12.30pm - 3.15pm	Drop off at blue gate by Nursery - Pick up from outdoor classroom
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Path from Office area to blue gate by the Nursery.



Timings of the Day

The doors open in to the Reception Outdoor classroom at 8.40 am and are shut promptly at 8.46am.

After this time your child will need to be taken to the office and marked in as late. They will be given a token to give to their teacher.

School finishes at 3.15pm. Please be on time, even a few minutes can feel a long time to your child. This is very important in the first week please.

Every minute counts



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Lateness = lost learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!



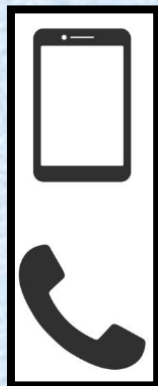
If you **CANNOT**
be on Time,



Then
Be **EARLY**

COMPLIMENTS OF LIVING NEWS, INC.

Please phone and let us know if your child is unwell, leave a reason on the answerphone as this is transferred to the register.



Please follow NHS guidelines – [nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)



Our whole school target for attendance is 95% It is important your child is in school and on time every day, unless they are unwell.

If your child misses a lot of school, it will have an impact on their learning, we are laying the foundations for future learning.

No holidays will be authorised during term time.

Lunchtime routines

Children walk over with their Meal Time Supervisor (MTS) to the dinner hall in the Junior school. This is a member of the support staff in the class team so is a familiar adult.



We highly recommend your child has a school dinner, which is provided free of charge to all Infant children. However, you can provide a healthy packed lunch from home if you prefer. No nuts or chocolate (cakes, spread, biscuits).

The menu is available on the school website and we recommend looking at it with your child to help them make their choices.



Extended Day

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club at Deansbrook Infant School



All children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to join.

Key Information

Open every day from 7.45am – 8.45am

7.45am until 8.45am - £4 per day

£3 for those eligible for pupil

Premium funding

There will be a range of infant based activities such as drawing, imaginative play, construction activities and much more!

Rainbow Club

After School Club At Deansbrook Infant School



All children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to join.

Key Information

Open every day from 3.15pm – 6pm

SESSION A – 3:15pm until 4:30pm - £8 per day (£7 for those eligible for pupil premium funding)

SESSION B – 3:15pm until 6pm - £12 per day (£10 for those eligible for pupil premium funding)

AD HOC Bookings – For sessions requested with less than 24 hours' notice, a flat rate of £15 applies, regardless of the duration of the session or pupil premium eligibility.

There will be a range of infant based activities such as drawing, painting, imaginative play, outdoor games, sports, construction activities and much more! Snacks are provided too!

All supervised by experienced school staff

Uniform

This can be purchased through our suppliers Howard Bros, in Mill Hill Broadway. Please make sure it is all named!



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Please buy your child shoes with velcro that they can do up themselves, no laces or trainers (except on PE days). Please put your child's name in them!





Uniform list

Navy book bag with school logo*

Navy sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo*

Sky blue polo shirt

Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress

Blue gingham summer dress (for warmer weather)

Navy shorts for PE

White T-shirt for PE

Black plimsolls

Nursery uniform – blue sweatshirt (optional)



Book Bag – named please! No keyrings attached please.



PE Kit - White T-shirt, navy shorts/joggers, trainers with Velcro (only on PE days).





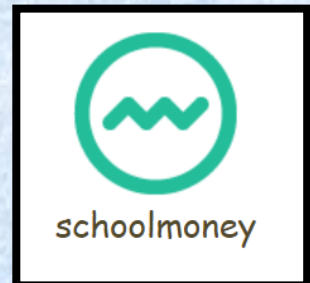
Important information

Children will be provided with free milk until they are 5 years old. After this you can pay for milk through Cool Milk, unless they are Pupil Premium in which case they will continue to receive free milk.



Free fruit is available to have as a snack every day. They will also have access to water. No water bottles please – each child has their own named cup.

We are a cashless school and ask that any payments for school educational visits/events are paid via School Money. Please see the school website for more details. The office staff will be very happy to help you if you have any difficulties.





Important information

Serious medical conditions will need a health care plan BEFORE your child starts school. Please let your teacher know if your child requires frequent medication such as an inhaler or has an Epipen. We are a nut free school.



To celebrate your child's birthday a book can be donated to the class or plants/seeds to grow. Please give out invitations in the outdoor classroom. No party bags to be given out.

If your child bumps their head you will receive a text and a yellow letter explaining what happened. If it is a serious bump we will telephone you.



If your child is prescribed anti-biotics, we can administer a daily dosage once they are well enough to return to school. A signed consent form must be completed by the parent/carer.



Parents as partners



How can I help?

- Read with your child everyday, including a bedtime story.
- Encourage your child to try first and be an independent learner.
- By providing them with clothes they can manage by themselves – trousers/skirts they can manage independently and Velcro shoes.
- Allowing your child to dress and undress themselves, practise putting their coat on and doing it up, putting on their own hats, scarves and gloves and so on. Practising good hygiene habits – using the toilet independently, handwashing and sneezing/blowing nose.
- Attend weekly reading mornings on a Friday 8.45 – 9am (once the children are settled).

Parents as partners

- Tell us if your child is Pupil Premium as we receive extra funding to support their learning. They also have a reduced rate for trips/wrap around care.
- Attend workshops and parent meetings throughout the year.
- Upload to Tapestry to share information. If you are new to Tapestry please look at the Reception 2026 admissions section on our website for help.
- Engage with and support us with any additional support your child may receive.
- Please pay the Reception fund £3 each half term for cooking ingredients and resources for activities such as science experiments.



Important information

Please do not allow siblings to play in our outdoor classroom before or after school. We have often set activities up for the day.

No children are allowed to go on either of the climbing frames before or after school – this also applies to older and younger siblings!

Please park safely outside our school and be considerate of our neighbours. There are cameras so please be careful where you stop.



Please end any telephone calls before collecting your child. No photographs should be taken on school trips or at events and shared on social media.

Be a part of our school community

Visit our school website – there is lots of useful information on there.



deansbrookinfants.co.uk



Join the PTA and be a part of planning fun events for the children and helping to raise money for our school.

Read the weekly newsletter and stay up to date with upcoming events.



Summer Fair – Saturday 11th July 1-5pm

Summer Challenge!

Can put on and takeoff your jumper and coat by yourself?



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Can put your socks and shoes on and take them off by yourself?



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Recent consultation to join AIM academy.





We look forward to your child starting
school in September.

Thank you all for attending!

Any questions?

School website:

<https://www.deansbrookinfants.co.uk/>

Office email:

office@deansbrookinf.barnetmail.net