

School Day

In Reception school starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. The children enter through the Early Years gated area situated next to the front office.

When entering the classroom children will take part in handwriting group activities that are linked with the current weekly learning. The register is taken at the beginning of the morning session and this carpet time is such an important part of the day as it sets the scene for the day's activities.

During the day the children will take part in class phonic sessions (Sounds-Write Scheme), Literacy Sessions (Talk 4 Writing) and Maths Sessions (WhiteRose). All of these sessions include whole class input and then the children will go off to explore the linked activities taking place in the classroom and outside area.

During the week children will take part in PE lessons, Music lessons, visits to the school library, computer sessions as well as an EYFS assembly joined with Nursery. During the Spring and Summer term Reception also take part in weekly Forest School sessions, situated in the school grounds.

Children are then dismissed at the end of the day by their class teacher from the EYFS gate at 3:15pm.

Snack time for the children is during the morning session where they will be given a choice of milk or water and the fruit/vegetable of the day. This takes place in the classroom and free play then takes place after in the Reception playground.

Lunch time is at 12noon till 1:15pm. Reception children go to the lunch hall and are encouraged to independently collect their food. They have dedicated members of staff within the lunch hall, as well as when venturing out into the main school playground, encouraging healthy social interaction and activities. Children are encouraged to have school lunches but packed lunches are allowed (Please note we are a nut free school and healthy lunches are encouraged.) Allergies and food intolerances are catered for by the caterers. If any parent/carer is ever concerned about whether their child is eating their school lunch, we encourage them to talk with their class teachers.

We ask that children bring in a named water bottle which will be refilled throughout the day as required. Healthy snacks can also be provided such as fruit, vegetables or savoury items such as rice cakes.

A list of whole school dates and events are available on the school website for each term. We ask parents to make notes of these important dates relating to your child. There is a weekly overview informing you of activities and events of the week. This is sent by parentmail.

Important Information:

We encourage independence and self-management from the very start at Chandlers Field Primary and whilst we always make time to support this development, seeing the children's sense of pride and self-satisfaction in being able to accomplish these tasks is wonderful.

Parents can support their children by reminding them that:

- Coats are hung up on their pegs (named)
- Reading/home learning folders will be put in book bags – please check their bags every day for important information.

- If your child is being collected by another relative or parent please inform the school in advance. If possible, please introduce any new people who will be collecting your child to the teacher otherwise we will not allow the child to leave with people we do not know.

Clothing:

All clothing and belongings should be clearly marked with the child's name. This includes shoes and trainers, Velcro is preferable. A complete change of clothing should be named and kept in a bag on their peg, especially pants and socks, in case of a mishap.

PE kits will be worn to school on PE days. Your teacher will inform you which day this is required.

All uniform requirements can be found on the school website page.

When children take part in Forest school, they will wear their PE kit but wear suitable footwear such as old trainers or walking boots. We also ask that children are provided with waterproofs as we go out in all weather's, except for severe winds.

Home Learning:

Reading at home is a fun way to help develop your child's reading, vocabulary and conversation skills. Reading books will be sent home each night along with flash cards that will help with your child's phonic learning.

We will also communicate short maths and phonics activities that will help to consolidate the weeks learning. The children also have an education city login that includes excellent learning activities for reception age children. Please speak to the class teacher if you need help with logging on.

Curriculum:

The learning structure for children at Chandlers-Field is developed in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework.

Children will learn skills, acquire knowledge and demonstrate understanding within seven key areas for learning and development:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

More detail is contained in the Reception Curriculum Overview on the website.

Children benefit from a unique range of facilities and learning materials - with abundant access to books, art materials, sports equipment, interactive boards and much more.

Reception utilises the school's private woodland area on a weekly basis in the Spring and Summer terms, which offers children a unique stimulating learning experience. The children make dens, create mud pies, open up a 'bug hotel' and make clay faces. This allows the children to be free and to take risks.