



Brindishe
Federation

MEET THE TEACHER

September 2026

Year Reception

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Brindishe Federation

Priorities

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Brindishe Schools Federation Priorities 2026-2027

Securing the Best Practice, Achieving the Best Outcomes

Creating an Education without Boundaries



1 Building Capacity, Strengthening Accountability

- Teachers and staff will resume in meeting regularly in groups to share ideas and work on making things better for your children.
- As always, all our teachers and staff will have personal goals that link to our school's priorities.
- We will provide coaching, training and support to help all our staff become even better at what they do.

3 Creating Meaningful Learning Experiences

- We will focus on developing children's speaking and listening skills (oracy) alongside their reading and writing.
- We will continue to strengthen Maths Mastery in EYFS so children spend more time really understanding number concepts.

5 Every Child Seen, Heard and Valued

- We will introduce a new behaviour policy called 'Promoting Good Relationships'.
- We're continuing to expand our range of clubs, trips and special activities we offer children.
- We've carefully planned our after-school clubs, lunchtime activities and special events so they complement what children are learning in class.

2 Diversity by Design: Every Voice, Every Story

- We will regularly check our curriculum to ensure all children can see people like themselves in the stories, examples and topics we cover.
- Children will learn best when they can get hands-on and creative which is one of our main aims.
- We will continue to plan our lessons so that children with special educational needs (SEND) or those who need extra help can continue to access the same exciting learning as everyone else.

4 Excellence Without Exception

- We will use our new tracking system called INSIGHT to strengthen how we monitor all children in their learning. This will help us quickly spot if any child or group of children needs extra support.
- We are still very committed to closing any gaps in achievement, so vulnerable children make just as much progress as their classmates.

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6 Engage, Enrich, Belong

- We will work hard to make sure children attend school regularly, aiming for at least 96% attendance across the school.
- If a child misses more than 10% of school (roughly one day every two weeks), we will work closely with you and your child to understand what's making it difficult for them to attend.

8 Every Child, Every Layer, Every Day

- We will continue to plan our lessons so that all children can access the same high-quality learning, whatever their needs.
- The government is introducing changes to how schools support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We're preparing for these changes

10 Protecting Pupils in Every Space

- As we do every year, we're providing annual updated training for all our staff on safeguarding issues that happen outside of family life and in the digital world.
- We will further strengthen our leadership and systems in place to protect children when they're using technology at school.
- We will introduce a mobile phone policy that restricts when children can use phones at Brindishe Schools

7 Playful Minds, Happy Learners

- We're introducing OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), which transforms playtimes into richer, more exciting experiences for children.
- We're creating even more opportunities for children to take on leadership roles and have their voices heard.
- We will continue with our 'Let's Go Zero' campaign, which means making our schools even more environmentally friendly and work towards becoming carbon neutral.

9 Beyond the Four Walls

- In our Early Years, we're focusing on 'oracy' – which simply means helping children become confident speakers and good listeners.
- We're expanding our outdoor learning and educational visits because children learn so much from hands-on experiences outside the classroom.
- We will help children understand why what they're learning matters and how it relates to their lives and the world around them by creating real-life experiences.



Attendance & Punctuality

At Brindishe Schools we believe that good attendance and punctuality are essential. Research shows that children who attend school regularly do better at school and make better progress.

Brindishe Green

Start Time - Gates Open 8.35am/Gates Close 8.45am

Children are expected to be in school by 8.45am. Children arriving after 8.45am will be marked at 'late'

Finish Time - School Ends 3.15pm

Requests for Leave during term-time may be permitted in exceptional circumstances e.g. funeral of a direct relative, wedding of a direct relative. Holiday requests will always be marked as *unauthorised* and may resort in fines.

What if my child is going to be absent from school?

If a child is going to be absent from school, the parents/carer is responsible for letting the school office staff know the reason for the absence and the anticipated length or duration of the absence. Where no message is received about a child's absence, the absence will be recorded as *unauthorised*.

What happens if my child arrives late?

Teachers provide early learning tasks to settle the class before they begin to take the register. If children arrive late, they must go to the school office to be registered for late entry. This ensures that a record of late arrivals is made, for monitoring purposes, and also ensures that the learning of the other children is not disturbed.

Attendance & Punctuality

Planned Absences

Please ensure that you inform the office of any planned absences in advance, either by email or telephone e.g. Eid, Secondary School visits/tests.

Last Minute Collection Arrangements

Please telephone the school office before 2pm if collection arrangements for your child have changed for that day.

Pick-Up Passwords

If another adult is collecting your child, they will be required to provide a 'pick-up' password before they can take your child home. Please ensure you pass this onto the school office when you inform them of alternative collection arrangements.

Communication Channels

Absent Reporting

To report your child absent please call or email before 8.30am. Please call the school on **each day** of your child's absence.
Brindishe Green - 0208 852 7245 - info-BG@brindisheschools.org

Message for Class Teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team

Email info-BG@brindisheschools.org – please mark 'For Attention Of ...' followed by the name of the member of staff e.g. FAO Miss Matthews.

Extended Services – Breakfast and Tea Club

Alicia Graham (Interim Extended Services Manager) can be contacted at extendedservices-BG@brindisheschools.org
Telephone on: 020 8852 7245

General Enquiries

0208 852 7245 – info-BG@brindisheschools.org

Our preferred method of communication is via email if you cannot find the answer on the school website. Emails will be responded to within 48 hours so if it is an emergency, please call the school directly.

Nourish and School Meals

Clare Doran - schoolmeals@brindisheschools.org
M: 07943 041790

Arbor



What can you do on the Arbor App?

- Add and amend information
- See school notices
- Update child's information
- Update your information
- See your child's lessons
- See your child's attendance
- Retrieve an attendance summary for week, term and/or the year
- Book a parent/carer consultation
- Sign your child up for clubs, trip, visitors and music
- Pay for trips and clubs (where needed)
- See account balances

The Arbor App Usage Guide

For Guardians

Nourish (school meals) and FSM

To Need, To Nurture, To Nourish



Nourish is a friendly family-led school caterer with bags of initiative and a love of good food. They believe every child needs a satisfying meal at lunchtime, fuelling them for the afternoon ahead. Nurturing the importance of a healthy and balanced diet, they provide a nutritious meal every day to nourish from within.

Each day the children will have a choice of:

- Three main dishes
- A pudding OR a choice of either cheese/biscuits or yoghurt
- Freshly baked bread
- Fresh fruit
- Nine salad choices each day from the salad bar
- Milk and water

Autumn Term Menus can be found on the school website.

Cost per day: Free under the current Mayor of London's Scheme



Key Dates

We will endeavour as much as practically reasonable, to provide you with dates well in advance. Please see our 'Key Dates for Parents/Carers' document on Weduc. Class teachers will give you at least 2 weeks' notice of a planned Educational Visit.

Brindishe Green School – Draft Important Dates 2026/27

(Please note that these may change but we will give as much notice as possible)

September 2026		October 2026		November 2026		December 2026	
Wed 2 nd Sep	Inset Days - No school for children	Black History Month		16 th – 20 th Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week!	Wk beg 30 th Nov	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thurs 3 rd Sept	Start of Autumn term Y1-6						
Year Group meetings – 9.00am Friday 4 th Sept – Year 6 Monday 7 th Sept – Year 1 Tuesday 8 th Sept – Year 2 Wednesday 9 th Sept – Year 3 Thursday 10 th Sept – Year 4 Friday 11 th Sept – Year 5 Wednesday 16 th Sept – Reception		Open Classroom 3.15-3.45pm Monday 12 th Oct – Year 1 Tuesday 13 th Oct – Year 3 Thursday 15 th Oct – Year 6		Open Classroom 3.15-3.45pm Monday 9 th Nov – Year 5 Tuesday 10 th Nov – Year 2 Wednesday 11 th Nov – Reception and Nursery Thursday 12 th Nov – Year 4		Winter Performances/ Events Tues 8 th Dec - Year 2 – 9am Tues 8 th Dec - Year 3 – 2.30pm Thurs 10 th Dec - Year 1 – 9am Thurs 10 th Dec - Year 4 – 2.30pm Tues 15 th Dec - Reception – 9am Tues 15 th Dec - Year 5 – 2.30am Wed 16 th Dec - Year 6 – 9am Thurs 17 th Dec - Nursery – 8.45am	
Tuesday 22 nd Sept 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day	Tues 13 th Oct 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day	Tuesday 17 th 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day	Thurs 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day
		Mon 26 th Oct – Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term	Fri 27 th Nov	Inset Day - No school for children	Fri 18 th Dec (15 th Jan – INSET Day)	Last Day Christmas Holidays
January 2027		February 2027		March 2027		April 2027	
Mon 4 th Jan	INSET Day – No school	Open Classroom 8.40 – 9.15am Tuesday 2 nd Feb – Year 3 Wednesday 3 rd Feb – Year 1 Thursday 4 th Feb – Year 6 Tuesday 9 th Feb – Year 5 Wednesday 10 th Feb – Year 2 Thursday 12 th Feb – Year 4 Tuesday 9 th Feb – Reception 3.15-3.45pm		Dates TBC	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Fri 26 th March – Mon 9 th April	Easter Holidays
Tues 5 th Jan	Start of Spring term			Thurs 25 th March	Inset Day - No school for children	Mon 12 th April	Start of Summer term
						Dates TBC	School Photographer
Tuesday 12 th Jan 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day	Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th Feb	Half Term	Fri 26 th March – Mon 9 th April	Easter Holidays		

Term Dates: 2026–2027

Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September 2026 to Friday 23 October 2026

Half-term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Monday 2 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term

Tuesday 5 January 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027

Half-term: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Monday 22 February 2027 to Wednesday 24 March 2027

Summer Term

Monday 12 April 2027 to Friday 28 May 2027

(the early May bank holiday will be taken on 3 May)

Half-term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Monday 7 June 2027 to Wednesday 21 July 2027

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 2 September 2026

Friday 27 November 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

Thursday 25 March 2027

Thursday 22 July 2027

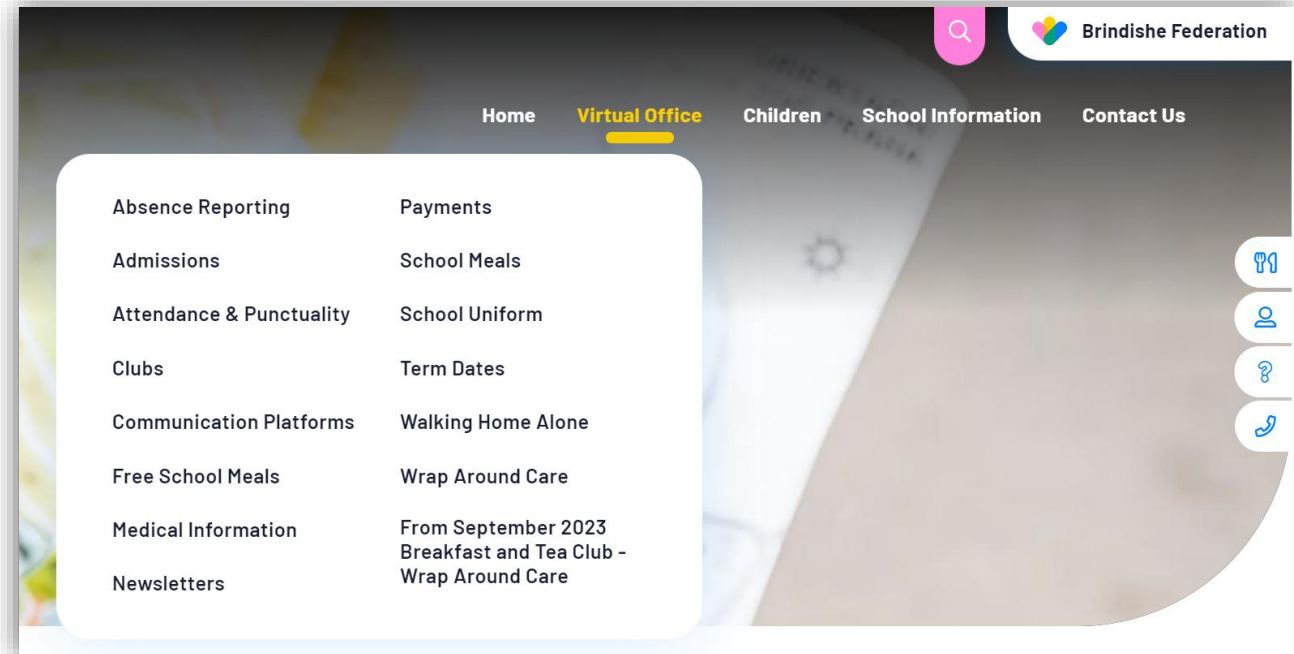
Website

The Brindishe Federation and school website provides all key information needed for parents/carers.

The website includes:

- School Policies, including Attendance, Admissions, Complaints and RSHE
- Meet our Governing Body
- Nourish Termly Menus
- The Brindishe Curriculum and Year Group Overviews
- Data and Performance Measures
- External Reviews – Ofsted
- Typical School Day
- How to support your child at home
- Clubs and Wrap Around Care
- Weekly federation and school newsletters
- Reading
- Equalities & Diversity
- PTAs
- And much more.

The website also provides a virtual office function – please visit the virtual office for all your daily enquiries and needs.



Website – Class Pages

HOME → BRINDISHE GREEN → CHILDREN → RECEPTION

Reception

Teaching Team

Eva Gooderham

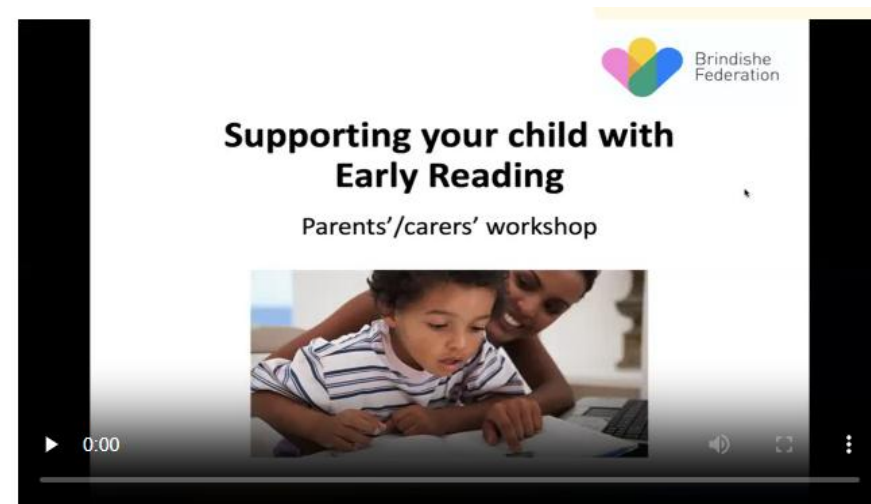
**Claire Sheppard/Alexia
Barlow**

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Welcome to Early Years

We want every child at Brindishe Schools to begin their schooling with us excited by their learning environment and settling as quickly as possible. In our early years setting, the children will follow a child-centred, skills-based curriculum which is a combination of child-initiated learning and adult-directed learning; establishing positive relationships with children and their adults as well as good learning behaviours is key.

- Curriculum Overviews
- Videos to support learning
- Teaching Teams
- Newsletters
- Assessment information
- Parent workshops



Reception EYFS Profile

EYFS Profile Assessment

GLD stands for 'Good Level of Development'. This refers to a summative assessment judgement which is made for each EYFS child at the end of the Reception year. It is a measure of attainment, not progress. Achieving a good level of development will help a child to make a good start in Year 1.

What is GLD (Good Level of Development)

A 'good level of development' can be defined as a child reaching the 'expected' level of development at the end of their reception year, at the end of EYFS. It is an outcome of a summative assessment based on learning outcomes in regard to the prime areas of learning.

This essentially helps teachers and practitioners gain insight into (broadly speaking) what a child can do in regard to national expectations. This also contributes to a data set of child development and learning at the end of EYFS. The Department of Education can then use this data to evaluate changes in levels of child development on a national and regional basis, and compare developmental outcomes of different groups of children, with characteristics such as eligibility for school meals and gender. It should be noted that the Department of Education does not publish these results, nor are they used as an accountability measure for schools.

End of Year Expectations

Overwhelming response and feedback from parent/carer survey indicated a want and need for clearer end of year expectations for your children.

Today, all families will receive the 'End of Year Expectations' sheet. We hope this will support you in knowing where how your child is progressing and how to support at home.

Communication and Language Listening, Attention and Understanding - Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. - Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. - Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers. Speaking - Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. - Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. - Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.	Personal, Social and Emotional Development Self-Regulation - Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. - Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate. - Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. Managing Self - Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. - Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. - Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices. Building Relationships - Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others. - Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers. - Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.	Physical Development Gross Motor Skills - Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others. - Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing. - Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. Fine Motor Skills - Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. - Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. - Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.
Understanding the World Past and Present - Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. - Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. - Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling. People, Culture and Communities - Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. - Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. - Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps. The Natural World - Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	Expressive Arts and Design Creating with Materials - Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. - Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. - Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Being Imaginative and Expressive - Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher. - Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. - Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music.	Mathematics Number - Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. - Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5. - Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts. Numerical Patterns - Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system. - Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. - Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.
		Literacy Comprehension - Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. - Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories. - Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play. Word Reading - Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. - Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. - Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words. Writing - Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. - Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. - Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

How can school and home collaborate and work together?



Join our PTA – Brindishe Friends Group – Over £20,000 raised last year which contributed to the hall acoustics and will fund the OPAL Playground initiative.

Trips and Visitors can be paid for online via Arbor – ***without your contributions trips and enrichment opportunities cannot go ahead.***

We strive to communicate with you as much as possible and in a timely manner. Please remember that communication channels are via info-BG@brindisheschools.org.

Engage with Arbor and the school website as much as possible, especially when paying for clubs, trips and music.

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MEET THE YEAR GROUP TEAM

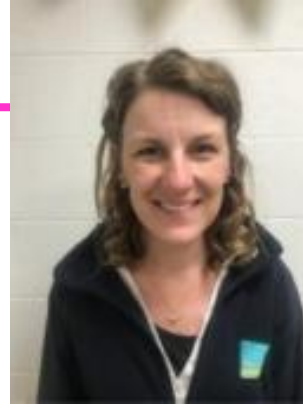
Meet the Team

Teachers:

Sparrow – Miss Faletas

Robin – Miss Gooderham

Wren – Miss Claire and Miss Alexia



Teaching Assistants:

Miss Yen (First Aider)

Miss Lorraine (First Aider)

Miss Juno



Additional Adults:

PPA – Miss Eve



Yearly Overview

Autumn 1 – This is Me

Autumn 2 – Let's Celebrate

Spring 1 – Heroes

Spring 2 – Once Upon a Time

Summer 1 – The Wonder of Nature

Summer 2 – The World in our Classroom



How we learn

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and exploring – Children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'.

Active learning – Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties and enjoy their achievements.

Creating and thinking critically – Children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.



Autumn Term Priorities

Priorities

- Developing relationships.
- Building social skills.
- Building communication.
- Promoting independence.
- Creating an environment, the children want to come to everyday.

How to support at home

- Giving jobs at home.
- Modelling and encouraging tidying up.
- Carrying their own bookbags.
- Walking home from school.
- Create and use routines.
- Limit and supervise screen time.



A note on behaviour

All behaviour is a form of communication.

At times the children may forget the expectations and will need adult support.

If a child struggles, they will take part in some thinking time with a familiar adult.

A restorative conversation will then happen, and the problems will be solved.

A day in reception

8:35 Child led learning and morning routines.

9:30 Carpet session

9:50 Child led learning inside and outside **and** focused group activities take place with adults.

11:00 Phonics

11:30 Lunchtime

12:30 Carpet session

12:45 Child led learning inside and outside **and** focused group activities take place with adults.

2:45 End of the day routine, recapping the days learning, story time, circle time.

3:10 Home Time.

Drop-off routines



In the morning, please encourage your child to enter the classroom independently. Sparrow and Robin parents, please remain at the bottom of the stairs and allow the other children space to walk in.

If your child is struggling, a member of staff will come and help or offer you to come in and settle them.

Please keep in mind that some children will need more support during the morning so teaching staff may not be able to answer questions or have a conversation.

- Give plenty of time that it is a school day.
- Promote friendships.
- Let teachers know current interests so we can set up activities.



Reading books and diaries

- Your child will read with an adult in school.
- Please keep your child's book and reading record in their bag.
- Each week your child will receive 1 Bug Club book linked to our phonics learning (This book will match their reading ability).
- Children are welcome to borrow books from the class library to share with an adult at home.
- Re-reading a story develops reading ability and confidence.
- Children will move through the levels as their word reading and comprehension develops.
- Some books do not have words:
 - Talk about the pictures
 - Talk about what is happening on each page
 - Make guesses and predictions based on what you can see



Home-Learning Expectations

- Reading daily (physical book, Bug Club online).
- Evidence Me challenge/activity. Each Friday we will post a short activity that links to our weekly learning. It will be a talking task or practical challenge that shouldn't require any additional resources.
- You can take a picture or video and upload it to evidence me if you want.
- Number hunt, conversation about their favourite food, practising putting on their coat, a season walk outside.



General Information

- Please provide a bag of spare clothes. Any bag is fine.
- Please name your child's clothes- at the end of every half term we donate any unclaimed clothes to charity shops, unless they are named.
- Bookbags should be brought in every day – If you have not been given one, please come and collect one.
- Please keep your child's book and reading record in their bookbag.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day. You do not need to provide snacks. We provide snacks and milk. Some children have allergies.
- The lunch menu can be found on the school website. It is great to have a chat at home about what your child will be having for lunch so they can be more prepared for that part of the day.

Phones



Keeping our Children Safe in School

Due to the fact we are such a big and busy school, we ask all adults who come to drop off or collect children to come off their mobile phones before entering our playground and take their earphones out. This is so you can greet the children, talk to staff and be aware of what is happening around you. Thank you for making sure that you are keeping our children safe in our school building and playground.

Parents who are receiving phone calls will have to wait before their child is dismissed, so we can ensure there is a safe handover. This includes AirPods/Bluetooth mobile devices.

Planned enrichment opportunities, trips and visits.

We will be aiming to go on 3 trips this year and need the support of parents and carers to support with ratios.

Each trip requires 15 adults.

These trips will be local and last either half or a full school day.

If children are out for lunch, they are offered a school packed lunch.

Please return any permission slips as soon as possible so we can ensure we have the correct number of adult helpers.



Assessment

Throughout the year we assess the children. This is a combination of informal and formal assessment.

Class teachers will communicate your child's current attainment with you.

Reception Baseline Assessment

A statutory, interactive 1:1 assessment that will take place in the first 6 weeks of your child being in Reception.

It is designed to monitor progress from the start of Reception to the end of Year 6.

It is not a high pressure, must-pass assessment with judgements but simply a starting point.

No preparation is needed.

End of year

In the final half term of the year the teachers will assess the

Children in each of the 17 curriculum areas. If a child has met the **Early Learning Goals** they will be working at the expected standard.



Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage

Setting the standards for learning,
development and care for children from
birth to five

Published: 12 July 2023

Effective: 4 September 2023

End of year expectations

Communication and Language

Listening, Attention and Understanding

- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.
- Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.

Speaking

- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.
- Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
- Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

Understanding the World

Past and Present

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.
- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

People, Culture and Communities

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.

The Natural World

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-Regulation

- Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly.
- Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate.
- Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

Managing Self

- Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
- Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly.
- Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.

Building Relationships

- Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others.
- Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers.
- Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with Materials

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.
- Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.
- Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music.

Mathematics

Number

- Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number.
- Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5.
- Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

Numerical Patterns

- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.
- Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity.
- Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others.
- Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing.
- Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.

Fine Motor Skills

- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases.
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.
- Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

Literacy

Comprehension

- Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.
- Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.
- Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.

Word Reading

- Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.
- Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.
- Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.

Writing

- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.
- Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

How to contact us

Class teachers are always available for brief informal chats at the end of the day.

For more formal and longer meetings or phone calls, please email info-BG@brindisheschools.org and mark the email 'For the Attention Of...' followed by the class teachers name e.g. FAO Miss Faletas.

Any Questions?