



Starting school

Reception Intake September 2026





Tonight:

- To help your child make the best possible start to school
- To help you understand the curriculum and how we teach it.
- Housekeeping information





Our Take Care School

School Prayer
O Lord
Bless our school
Help us to **Take Care** of
ourselves, each other,
the world and with our work.
Amen

Living our Take Care Values every day

Take Care
Our Take Care Values
'Life in all its fullness'
John 10:10

Luke
6:31
Kindness

Numbers
6:24-27
Thankfulness

Corinthians
1 Cor. 13:13
Love

Romans
12:4-5
Togetherness

ASPIRE
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

EAST BRIDGFORD
ST. PETER'S ACADEMY

Together in Achievement



Mr Richard Tomlinson
Head Teacher



Class Teachers



Mrs Allison Gibbens
Class Teacher & Deputy Head
Teacher



Miss Elaine Brown
Teaching partner



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from **birth** to the **end of the Reception year**.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**.

As we follow one curriculum, your child will be continuing with the same style of learning as in their current setting.



Three **prime** areas of learning and development

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Four **specific** areas of learning and development

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



The prime areas

If you can't talk about it, you will be unable to write about it.

If you can't control large movements, you will be unable to do fine motor movements with your fingers.

If you are worried/anxious/falling out with friends, you will be unable to learn.



The three characteristics of effective learning

- 1 Playing and exploring
- 2 Active learning
- 3 Creating and thinking critically

We take these into account when planning activities.



These characteristics are important as they look at **how** your child learns and not just **what** they learn.

This helps us to plan effectively for them when they are learning and playing and help them become lifelong learners.

e.g do they challenge themselves, are they resilient, can they persevere, do they get frustrated?



Typical activities in Reception

- Register and welcome to the day
- Phonics, Maths and T4W (Talk for Writing) Sessions
- Outside Play
- Fine Motor Activities
- Topic Activities
- Child-initiated or Adult-led activities (described as 'playing' by children)



The first few weeks

- Playing, talking and lots of 'getting to know you' activities
- Routines of the classroom and school
- Reception Baseline

Parent's evening will be an opportunity to discuss what we will be learning and your child's strengths and areas for development.



School Readiness

To be ready for school means that your child is ready emotionally and physically for the new challenges that going to school will present.

- If your child can dress themselves, they won't worry about PE.
- If your child is able to ask for help or talk to an adult, they will start to build relationships and trust staff to help them when they find things hard or can't do something.
- If your child has the following skills, they will be much more confident in the classroom.



School Readiness

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
 - I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Speaking & literacy

- I am interested in reading stories & looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my clothes
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can put my coat on & use a zip

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
 - I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I can play games with others
- I can interact with other children



Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
 - I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
 - I like asking questions

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
 - I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles
 - I am practising holding a pencil

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
 - I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help





School Uniform

School Uniform can be ordered online our website. The children will need:

- School Polo Shirt
- School jumper or fleece or cardigan
- Dark bottoms (skirt, trousers, pinafore etc)
- Dark sensible shoes

For P.E. they will need:

- A white t-shirt and shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- A P.E. bag to put these things in



- Please label everything including shoes!
- Please label with a name your child recognises.
- If you label with pen please keep reapplying.
- Please buy the book bag for younger children not the big rucksack. We have not got a lot of space in the classroom and they do not need a large bag.



What does my child need to bring each day?

- Coat - a waterproof coat can be left at school
- Book Bag - please bring this every day
- Reading books - we may change the day that we change them
- Spare clothes - if you think they might need them



Snack time

- Milk in the morning - please register with Cool Milk
- Small piece of fruit or carrot and water in the morning
- Water station available all day, no juice bottles please

Dinner time

- Reception and children entitled to a school meal
- Food is cooked on site and the menu is on the website
- Adults and Year 6 children serve the dinner to the children



If you have any concerns about your child eating please do talk to us, as we have a very experienced team that can talk to you about your worries.



General Information

School gates open at 8.30 am and the bell goes at 8.35am.

Entrance into school is through the blue gate into the school.

Breakfast club children are brought to the classroom and bus children are collected from the bus.

School club register is sent to us every day and they are then collected from the classroom.

Bus children are escorted to the bus. Parents will need to fill in the bus form as permission for us to put them on the bus; this is filled in weekly.





End of Day Procedures

Our school playground is busy at the end of the day, so it is essential that all collection procedures are clear to parents and carers. We regularly review these and ask for your support in following them, to avoid any confusion and enable staff to 'hand-over' all children safely.

The school will continue to operate a one-way system during collection times, with entry through the bottom playground gate and exit through the school main reception gate.

Entry via the playground gates



Exit via the main reception gate





Procedures for September

As in the last few years we will be operating a slightly shorter day at the beginning of the school year.

Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th September, please pick up your child at **1.30pm**

From Monday 7th September we will be operating normal school hours.

Starting school can be very tiring and we feel, under the current circumstances, that this staggered start is in the best interests of the children settling into their new routines.



Paperwork Reminder

- Contact Form
- Medical Form
- Permission Form
- Parent Pack Booklet
- Pupil Premium Funding



Other Matters

- Welcome Service
- Information Evenings
- Parent's Evenings twice a year
- School trips and other events
- Nativity



Medical Matters

- Any sickness, diarrhoea, we ask is followed by 48 hours absence.
- Please phone the office to report any illness as early as possible. We will contact you if you don't phone.
- Head lice happen! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement and by filling in the form on the website.



School Contact Details:

The school office opening hours are 8.15am to 4pm Monday to Friday, during school term time.

Address:

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Website:

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

Email:

parentcorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk



Class Visit

- Monday 6th July 9am - 11.00am
- This is just a taster session to start building relationships for September
- Everyone can recognise each other
- Children can see some activities, the classroom and the other children



Everyone is welcome to the visit. Preschool children who do not normally attend on a Monday are welcome to visit for the same time as our new children. Children attending Preschool will attend as usual and be brought over for the visit.

9am

We will open the gates and let you in. All the children will enter through the white door. (There is a picture in the general information).

11.00am

We will let you in through the blue gates and we will bring your child to you to ensure that they go home with the correct grown-up.

They will only need a coat or a hat depending on the weather. We will provide them with a snack and a drink of water during the morning.

We need contact forms before this visit.



Communication

Class pages - www.eastbridgfordstpeters.co.uk

School Newsletter and the Weekly At a Glance

Email the office - parentcorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk

Pop in and see us!



Any questions?

Please pop in and ask us.

A small worry can become a mountain if we don't deal with it.