William Read Primary

Reception

Welcome to Reception!



My name is Miss Gillbe and I will be the class teacher for this year. I will be teaching across seven areas of learning that will be covered in the inside and outside areas. The seven areas of learning are: Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Maths, Understanding of the World, Expressive Art and Design.

Please check Dojo for any updates, news or information.

Open door policy:

At William Read, we operate an open door policy. Teachers will be on the door for any messages that you need to relay. The classroom gate will open at 8:30am for 15 minutes and the children will leave at 3:15pm each day. On Friday's, school finishes at 2pm. We operate an afternoon club that will run from 2pm – 3.15pm on a Friday only. If you wish to use this childcare, facility there is a charge of £2.00. After these times your child will need to go through the school office. Please inform us of any changes as to who is picking your child up from school. Children can only be collected by named adults without us being informed first.
Don't forget Breakfast club is available before school, from 7.30am.

Reading at Home

The children will be given a reading book to share with you at home. To start with this book will have no words as the children are encouraged to use the pictures to tell the story. They will also be loaned a 'library' book and this is for you to read to them. Both books will be changed weekly. These changes may happen on any day so please ensure book bags are in school every day. If you have read with your child, then please write in their yellow reading record. We encourage children to read as much as they can and we recommend at least three reads a week.
The children will also be expected to begin to learn High Frequency words to support their reading, these will be sent home in a word book. We will look at these together in class at least once a week. Please try not to compare your child's level with others as all children learn at a different rate.
To find out more about teaching your child to read then attend the curriculum meeting on **Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 9:00am or 5:00pm (the 5pm session is also available online).**

Cooking

The children will have opportunities to cook and food taste throughout the year. We ask for a contribution of £10.00 at the beginning of the year to cover the costs of this. Please ensure that this is paid in full by **Friday 23rd October** in a named envelope and handed to the class

Medication

If your child requires medication (this includes inhalers), please ensure these are named and are taken to the school office.

Packed lunches

Just to remind you we are a healthy school and we encourage children to eat a healthy lunch. Please be aware that fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars are not allowed.
Please remember that the children **MUST NOT** bring in any food that contains nuts due to children and adults suffering from severe allergies.
Every child in Reception is offered a piece of fruit, milk or water throughout the day.

Please ensure the lunch bags and the pots inside are clearly named.

PE

The children will have PE on: **Fridays**
Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit each Friday from **25th September 2026**
The PE kit should be:

- Round neck t-shirt (red or white)
- Black shorts/ jogging bottoms
- Sensible footwear
- Black jumper or jacket if required

The children do not need plimsolls at this stage.
Jewellery, including earrings should not be worn for PE.
Please note that we are not allowed to remove earrings or cover them with tape. Hair that is long enough to be tied back must be securely fasten due to health and safety.

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Learning Journeys

As children tend to develop rapidly during this year we will be documenting their 'Learning Journey' within school. This will include pieces of work, photographs, drawings, pieces of homework etc. Please feel free to send things in that your child has done to build up these journeys through dojo.

WOW Moments are things that your child does that are special to them. These could be:

Getting dressed for school independently.
Being brave at the dentist
Eating vegetables
Trying something new to eat

Water Bottles and Book Bags

We ask that your child only brings in a book bag and **not a rucksack** or any other kind of bag as unfortunately they do not fit in their drawers or take up too much room on pegs.

We will be providing all the children with book bags when they start in September.

Can we please remind you that we need these in school daily for letters and reading.

Please send your child in with a named water bottle and please ensure that this only contains water. This is additional to any bottle in their packed lunch bag.

Things to remember:

- Book bags should come to school every day (not rucksacks)
- Read at home at least three times a week and record in yellow diary
- All clothing should be **clearly labelled** – including hats and scarves
- Earrings should only be studs and should not be worn on PE or forest school days. **Please note that we are not allowed to remove earrings or cover them with tape.**
- Please try your best to bring your child into school every day and on time. If you arrive after 8.45am the gate will be shut and your child will need to come in via the office.
- Please ensure your child has a coat with them in school due to the changes in weather and the Reception outside area always being open.
- **No toys from home are allowed in school.**
- Please check your child's hair regularly as nits spread rapidly in Reception.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.
- PE is on **FRIDAYS**

Dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Year 1 children and the rest of the school start back for the new term.

Monday 7th September 2026 Reception children will start their staggered intake and be in school from **8:30 to 11:30** for this week.

Monday 14th September 2026 Reception children will remain in school for their lunch and **leave at 12:30.**

Monday 21st September 2026- Children will attend full time if we feel they are ready.

Do you have unwanted toys…

Reception would always welcome any donations of toys.
Please speak your class teacher for more information.