

Collingwood Primary School

Welcome to Reception!

Autumn term



Dear parents and carers,

A huge welcome from Miss Robson and Mrs Lynch:

We would like to say well done to all the children in Reception. They have settled well into their new classrooms and have all made lots of new friends. The children have enjoyed their first few days finding their way around school and taking part in new challenges. We are so proud of all of the children in Reception!

If at any time you have any concerns, or wish to discuss any issues, please feel free get in touch. You can always catch us on a morning or after school. You can also make an appointment with us if you wish to discuss anything in more detail. Thank you in advance for all of your support.

Meet the team!



Miss Robson



Mrs Lynch



Mrs Burnip



Miss Denton

Attendance and Punctuality:

Every school day counts! We encourage you to ensure your child arrives promptly for 8:50am. Children who arrive after this should go to the office where Mrs Smith or Mrs McVay will send them to class. If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the school office as soon as possible on 0191 6053378.

PE in Reception:

Reception PE days are:

FSKR: Tuesday

FSJL: Wednesday

Children should come into school in their PE kits on their allocated PE day. Indoor PE kit- yellow t-shirt, black shorts and black sand shoes. All children are expected to participate in PE lessons unless they have a medical reason explained in the form of a note from a parent/guardian. Children are not to wear jewellery on PE days. Please note that only safety earrings can be worn for PE. In Reception, we suggest that safety earrings are worn during the school week, which are available from the school office, free of charge.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child follows the school uniform requirements and all items of clothing are named:

Boys: plain grey/black trousers, white polo shirt, grey pullover or school sweatshirt. Flat black trainers or school shoes.

Girls: grey skirt or grey/black trousers, white polo shirt, grey cardigan or school sweatshirt, flat black trainers or school shoes. There is also a summer dress in yellow.

Leggings are not permitted.

Homework:

Your child will bring home their reading book on a daily basis. Please ensure that they are reading at home at least three times a week. When your child has read, please make sure to date and sign their reading diary so that the class teacher knows that they have read with an adult. You may include a comment if you wish.

The children will also come home with their word wallet on a daily basis. Please make sure that the children are practising any sounds or words in their wallet on a regular basis. New words and sounds will be added as they become more confident.

The children will also receive fun phonics based homework to support the learning taking place in school.

Throughout the year the children will have the opportunity to carry out some creative tasks at home linked to our exciting topic work.

Water Bottles

Alongside milk and snack we encourage our children to drink water regularly. Please provide your child with a named water bottle and send it into school daily. Water only please, no juice or milk in bottles.

Seesaw – Electronic Learning Journey

This year we are using Seesaw, a personalised electronic learning journey. You will be contacted by email to allow you to connect to your child's account. An additional letter will follow in the next week to explain how we plan to use Seesaw to support your child's learning and development.

Parents Evenings:

There will be the opportunity to discuss your child's progress during Autumn and Spring term. You will be sent a letter nearer the time to choose your appointment with your child's class teacher. We will also be inviting you to join us to see your children taking part in their phonics lesson and to answer any questions about how to help your child read at home. Dates to follow.

School term dates:

Holiday	Break up	Return to school
Autumn half term 2025	Friday 24th October	Monday 3 rd November
Teacher Training Day Friday 26th September 2025		
Christmas 2025	Friday 19th December	Monday 5 th January
Spring half term 2026	Friday 13th February	Monday 23 rd February
Easter 2026	Thursday 2nd April	Monday 20th April
May bank holidays: Monday 4th May 2026		
Summer half term 2026	Friday 22 nd May	Monday 1 st June
Teacher Training Day Friday 3 rd July 2026		
Summer 2026	Friday 17th July	

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