

Welcome to Reception at Layston

Spring Term 2026

Loving to learn, Learning to love,
For every child a chance to shine.



The Reception Team:

Mrs Stamp teaches all week. Mrs McTigue, Mrs Porter, Mrs Burton, Mrs Kozub, Mrs Cooper and Ms Tas are our teaching assistants - they work on various days across the week.

Our curriculum

In Reception, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. This is a continuation of the curriculum that your child will have been working on at nursery/pre-school if they attended one, and will prepare the children for the National Curriculum in Y1. The EYFS framework covers the areas of Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Maths, Literacy, Expressive Arts and Design, and Understanding of the World. It also helps children to develop the Characteristics of Effective Learning.

Our curriculum supports children to develop in all these areas. At the end of the year, we assess children against the Early Learning Goals (ELGs) in these curriculum areas, and we create an Early Years Foundation Stage Profile for your child. This lets you know whether your child is meeting their Early Learning Goals, or continuing to work towards them.

EYFS Curriculum



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 achievements

Creating & Thinking Critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

Our day:

The EYFS is child-centred, so children have lots of time to explore their own interests within the classroom. They will also spend time in adult-led sessions, which may focus on any of the areas of the curriculum. Children will take part in maths and phonics learning every day. We will be exploring fairy tales, winter to spring changes, feelings and setting goals, Chinese New Year and Mother's Day, making rockets and spring art.

We will send information home via Tapestry and book bags for the latest cycle of Focus children. This gives the children the opportunity to think about what they would like to learn about.

Phonics:

We use the Read Write Inc. programme to teach children phonics. Please see the school website for more phonic information:

<https://www.layston.herts.sch.uk/class-pages/reception/>

This term the children are moving onto embedding their green and red high frequency words and progressing through the RWI book scheme.

Maths:

We follow the White Rose Maths programme as well as giving your children lots of hands on, practical maths experiences, focusing on numbers 0-10 and then 0-20.

A weekly round-up and home learning opportunities will be put on Tapestry.

Timetable information:

Forest School is on Monday. Children need to come to school in their Forest School uniform - they should wear school shoes to come into school and we will change into wellies at school (please do send your child in with an extra pair of socks for the colder months).

P.E. is on Thursday and Friday. Children need to come to school in their P.E. kit.

Please remove any jewellery, Thank you!

General reminders:**Each day your child should bring in:**

- Their book bag with reading record and books inside it
- A named water bottle
- A waterproof coat
- A change of clothes and a plastic bag
- Wellies stay in school

As always, please ensure everything is named!

Don't forget to check Tapestry for observations and reminders!

Remember we are here to help - please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries. Thank you.

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