



Welcome to Reception!

My name is Miss Cain and along with my teaching assistants, Mrs Milestone and Mrs Ratcliffe, we are incredibly excited to be teaching your children this year in the Reception classroom. Mrs Parker will also be in class teaching on Wednesday mornings. In this information sheet, you will find everything you need to know about the year ahead including what needs to come into school and when. If you have any questions or if you need anything during the year, please don't hesitate to ask. You can catch me at the end of the day at the Reception Class gates or alternatively, you can contact me via the school email address which is admin@meanwood.leeds.sch.uk. This email address is checked regularly and I will get back to you as soon as I can. We are so looking forward to working with your children this year and I can't wait to see the fantastic progress that they are going to make.

Training Days

•Tuesday 1st September 2026

•Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd July 2027

Homework

Children will start the Success For All Phonics programme on Monday 14th September. A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th September, 6:00–6:30pm, to explain phonics teaching, progression, and home support. Weekly reading books, plus a shared reader on Fridays, must be re-read at home to reinforce learning and progress.

School Trips

Reception will be going on a trip to Hesketh Farm on Tuesday 18th May. A letter with further details will follow closer to the time.

P.E Days

Reception P.E. lessons take place on Thursday afternoons, starting 10th September. Children should come dressed in their P.E. kit instead of school uniform. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to help return belongings at the end of the day.

Buddies

In Reception each child is allocated a Year 6 'buddy' who will meet the children on their start date and will look after them at playtimes

Reading Books

Reading books go home twice weekly. Return books on Monday morning for changing after an adult read on Tuesday. Bring them back by Thursday to be read, changed, and sent home Friday. Ensure books are returned Mondays and Thursdays to support your child's reading progress.

Reminders

- Learning begins **promptly at 08:45**. Please say your goodbyes at the bottom playground and allow your child to enter the classroom independently.
- Please make sure everything that your child brings into school is named and labelled. It makes returning lost items much easier.
- Children should bring a water bottle into school that should have their name written on. They will have access to these water bottles throughout the day.

Helpful Guide

Here is a little guide to know what needs to come into school and when. Print it out and stick it on your fridge!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading books in	Reading books out		Reading books in Bring your child wearing their PE kit	Reading books out