

Welcome to Acorn Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Acorn Class! We hope you had a lovely summer break. We are really looking forward to working with your children this year. Our priority in these first few weeks is to help your child feel happy, confident, and settled so that their transition into Reception is smooth and positive.



Acorn Class Staff

Miss Gardner - Monday - Wednesday

Miss Phillips - Monday - Friday

Mrs Dennis - Tuesday - Friday

Mrs Tyler - Thursday - Friday

Mrs P - Thursday - Friday

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or well-being, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Timings

The school day begins at **8:45am**.

Registers are taken at **8:55am**.

School finishes at **3:15pm**.

If you need to pass on something urgent in the morning, a quick word at the door is fine. For anything else, please see the class teacher at the end of the day or send an email (emails are usually checked after school).

Lunches

Your child is entitled to a free school meal, which can be ordered each morning. Please chat with your child about the menu choices.

Alternatively, they may bring a healthy packed lunch.

Reading Books

We aim to hear your child read individually at least once a week, as well as in group sessions. Reading books will be sent home to support learning. Each book should be read three times:

1. To sound out and decode words.
2. For fluency.
3. For understanding.

Every child must have a clearly labelled book bag in school.

We also encourage you to read to your child every day to build their language, imagination, and love of stories.



Phonics

Your child will take part in daily phonics lessons using the Little Wandle scheme. Each day, they will learn a new sound (phoneme) and practise applying their skills in reading and writing.





PE

PE takes place on Wednesdays. Please send your child in PE kit for the whole day:

- **White t-shirt (with school emblem or plain)**
- **Navy shorts/joggers**
- **Navy jumper/sweatshirt**
- **Black trainers/plimsolls**

Children will do both indoor and outdoor PE, so please ensure they are dressed for the weather.



General Reminders

- **Please label** all clothing, bags, and belongings.
- Your child should **bring a named water bottle every day.**
- **Spare clothes** (kept on their peg) are helpful in case of accidents.
- Please provide **named wellies** for outdoor play all year round and indoor **named black plimsolls** for indoor play.

You can also join our closed Facebook group (search: BeningtonCofEprimaryschool) and download the Arbor app for updates.

Parent & Teacher Consultations

After half term, we will hold parent consultations. We assess children daily and will share their progress, interests, and next steps. These meetings are a great opportunity to ask questions and work together to support your child's learning.

Safeguarding

If your child is being collected by someone new (even a family member we haven't met yet), please inform Acorn staff or call the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.
We're so excited to begin this year with you and your children.

With kindness,
The Acorn Class Team

