

Welcome to Acorn Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Acorn Class. We hope you all had a lovely Summer break. We are really looking forward to working with your children this academic year. Our priority in the first few weeks is to ensure that your child is happy and gaining confidence in coming to school and ultimately has a smooth transition into the reception environment.

Acorn Class staff

Monday – Wednesday will be Mrs Garlick

Thursday will be Mrs Dean.

Friday will be Mrs Tyler.

The teachers are supported by Mrs Presland (Mrs P) in the mornings and Mrs Cotton in the afternoons. If you have any concerns or queries about your child's progress or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Timings of the school day

The school day begins at **8.45am**. Registers will be taken at 8.55am. School finishes at **3.15pm**.

If you need to pass on something urgent to the Reception staff in the morning then a quick word at the door is fine however for anything else please talk to the class teacher at the end of the day or send an email.

Lunches

Your child is entitled to a free school meal. You can order these each morning. Please talk to your child about their choices from the menu. Alternatively they can bring a healthy packed lunch in to school.

Phonics

Your child will be taught daily phonics using the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. It sets out a detailed and systematic program for teaching phonic skills for children. Each day your child will learn a new phoneme (sound) and will begin applying their phonic knowledge when reading a range of texts and also applying their knowledge when writing for different purposes.

Reading Books

We aim to hear your child read once a week individually and again in practice reading groups. Every child must have a clearly labelled book bag in school. We will send home books to share with your child and they will be changed on **Fridays**. At this stage it is expected that your child is read to each night in order to develop their language and imagination skills. As the children progress we will send home reading books that encourage the children to read to you and develop their skills appropriately.

Physical Education (PE)

Our PE day will be Tuesdays (with Rising Stars coaches). Your child will need to come to school in their PE kits that day and they can be worn all day.

Uniform: white t-shirt (preferably with the school emblem but it can be a **plain** white t-shirt)
navy shorts / navy joggers
navy jumper
trainers / plimsolls

Please be aware that your child will be doing a combination of indoor and outdoor PE throughout the year, so please make sure they are suitably dressed for the weather.

Show and Tell

Our show and tell day will be Fridays. Please encourage your child to bring in something interesting that they can talk about. It could be something they have made, bought or found. It would be wonderful if this linked to our topic. For Autumn term 1 we will be learning all about ourselves and our community. We will also explore Autumn.

Parent and Teacher consultations

After half term we will have parent and teacher consultations. The monitoring and assessment of **all** children is an on-going day-to-day process. We will get to know the children and their interests, what they can already achieve and then focus on the next steps in learning and characteristics of effective learning. We recognise the importance of the teacher-parent relationship in supporting your children to be happy learners and this evening is a great opportunity to ask questions and share knowledge.

General reminders

Clothing, bags and other belongings should be clearly named. Please ensure your child has a clearly named water bottle with them every day. It is recommended that your child has spare clothing that can be left on their peg in case of any accidents. We will be playing in our outdoor environment come rain or shine so please consider sending your child in with some named wellies that can stay in school.

Benington School has a closed Facebook page. If you wish to join, please log on to Facebook then search: BeningtonCofEprimaryschool. You might also find it useful to download the parentmail app to your phone to receive regular updates.

Safeguarding

If your child is being collected by an adult we have not yet met (this could even be dad or granny that hasn't yet collected), please inform Acorn Class staff or telephone the school office.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th September – Acorn Class welcome meeting 8.45am in the school hall

Friday 15th September – Celebration Assembly 2.45pm in the school hall

Wednesdays 8.45-9am from 20th September parents and carers welcome to come in and read with the children in class.

Friday 6th October – Harvest Assembly 2.30pm all welcome to watch your child perform.

Thank-you
Acorn Class Team