

Allerton Bywater
Early Years Foundation Stage
Information for New Starters



Reception and Nursery 2023-2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Thank you for choosing Allerton Bywater Primary School for your child. We feel very privileged to have them starting with us.

Starting Nursery or Reception is a big milestone and we are so glad you have chosen us to be a part of that special journey. We have an amazing team in Allerton Bywater Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and we know that your child is going to thrive here.

This leaflet has lots of information regarding our Foundation Stage Unit which you will find useful. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask. You can also find information about our school on our website.

We look forward to meeting you very soon.

From Miss Meiklejohn and the EYFS team.



Nursery session times:

Beginning of the week (15 hours)

Monday 8:45 - 3:15pm, Tuesday 8:45 - 3:15pm, Wednesday 8:45 - 11:45am

End of the week (15 hours)

Wednesday 12:15 - 3:15pm, Thursday 8:45 - 3:15pm, Friday 8:45 - 3:15pm.

Full time (30 hours a week - if eligible and relevant code is given to school)

Monday to Thursday 8:45 - 3:15, Friday 8.45 - 12.45pm

An additional Friday afternoon session 12.45 - 3.15 can be bought for a payment of £12 in advance if needed.

Reception class times:

Doors open at 8.45am. Our school day finishes at 3.15pm

Breakfast club (book in advance):

- 7.30am until school starts.
- Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit juice etc.
- £5.00

Tea Time Club (book in advance):

- Pick up before 4.45pm - £6.50
- Pick up before 5.45pm - £8.50
- Snack and a drink, homework, craft and ICT

Uniform:

- Uniform is worn in both Nursery and Reception.
- White shirt or polo shirt.
- Grey skirt or trousers.
- Please label **all** items of clothing with your child's name.
- Book bags are essential for Reception children but optional for Nursery.
- Nursery children do not need a PE kit. Reception children will need: black or navy plain shorts, joggers or leggings, a plain black or navy sweatshirt/hoodie or an ABPS school hoodie, a plain round neck white t-shirt and trainers. Children should come to school in their kit on PE days.
- Coats, waterproofs and wellies are essential for every child, especially for our forest learning.
- Water bottles with names on - need to be taken home and washed daily.

School lunches:

- School lunches are free for Reception children.
- Lunches are £2.40 for Nursery or children can bring a packed lunch.

Our Intent

Throughout a child's time with us in our EYFS we aim to provide children with the opportunities to learn and develop skills for lifelong learning. We see each child as an individual and as practitioners we have the ambition to unlock their true potential. Our aim is to prepare our children for the future, equip them with the ability to use and transfer their skills across the whole curriculum enabling children to be ready fit for the next stage of their education.



Our Environment

We strive to establish an Early Years environment which provides for all its pupils, a happy and secure environment in which to learn and be cared for. It is a place where every child is recognised as an individual and is helped to understand that they have great value for being themselves. In our EYFS unit, we consider the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning' which promote positive attitudes to learning, an enthusiasm for knowledge and the confidence to become successful learners.

About Our School

We have approximately 460 children in total with a 58 place Nursery and 60 place Reception. Our doors open at 8.45am, registration is at 8.50am, and we finish our day at 3.15pm. The school is organised into phases and Nursery and Reception children learn together in the Foundation Unit. The children are organised into class groups with a key adult who is their responsible adult.



Our curriculum

We believe that children should be able to learn through experiences of touching, moving, listening, seeing and hearing. We believe children should have time to develop relationships with each other and with material items in the world. Our curriculum aims to give children the essential knowledge and skills they need to become lifelong learners. Some of the children who come to our setting enter with limited experiences, therefore we aim to provide the best possible start to their education and for future success. We provide enhanced learning opportunities and awe and wonder through the seven areas of learning.

Our Outdoor Learning Curriculum

At Allerton Bywater Foundation Stage, in line with our ambition for children, we incorporate a designated outdoor learning curriculum as part of our weekly routine. We are lucky to have a forest space on our school grounds. The aim is that our curriculum serves as a cornerstone to increasing life skills and experiences throughout their time in Foundation Stage.



The aims of this curriculum are:

- To build self-esteem and confidence in children.
- To build resilient, determined and independent learners.
- To develop children's personal, social and emotional development.
- To encourage creativity.
- To encourage collaboration.
- To develop and build the ideas of risk management and risk benefit.
- To improve children's life skills and experiences.
- To enable children to gain respect for the natural environment and wildlife.
- To transfer negative behaviours into positive ones.
- To let children be children.

Policies and Procedures

- Child Protection Officers are Mrs Scotland, Mrs S Thomas, Mrs Allanson and Mr Asquith.
- We are committed to safeguarding.
- We have a school SENDCO (Special Education Needs) Leader, Mrs R Thomas.
- Mrs Allanson is our Pastoral Leader and Attendance Officer.
- Our chair of Governors is Mrs Hall.

Our Offer

We offer (subject to availability):

- 60 Full time Reception places
- 15 hours and 30 hours Nursery places
- We have a limited amount of 30 hours Nursery places (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days)
- Full time Nursery children can pay £12 for a Friday afternoon session to make it a complete week. Sessions must be booked in advance and are dependent on availability.

Communication

- Weekly newsletter; upcoming events, dates and key information
- Class Dojo for class and whole school communication
- Parents evening by appointment twice a year and end of year reports
- Stay and play sessions for parents throughout the year

Class Dojo

At ABPS, we use a behaviour system called 'Class Dojo'. This is an award-winning, secure, online system that will allow us to engage, encourage and reward your child and, more importantly, share their successes instantly with you at home!

Each child is registered onto the system and assigned their own Class Dojo 'monster'. Children can then earn 'Dojo Points' throughout their day at school based on the right choices they make. The more right choices made, the more Dojo Points earned!

One of the key advantages of Class Dojo is that it allows you secure access via either the free app or the website so that you can see the points your child has earned. This will also be the place you can view your child's 'class story' which will be replacing our school blogs.





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