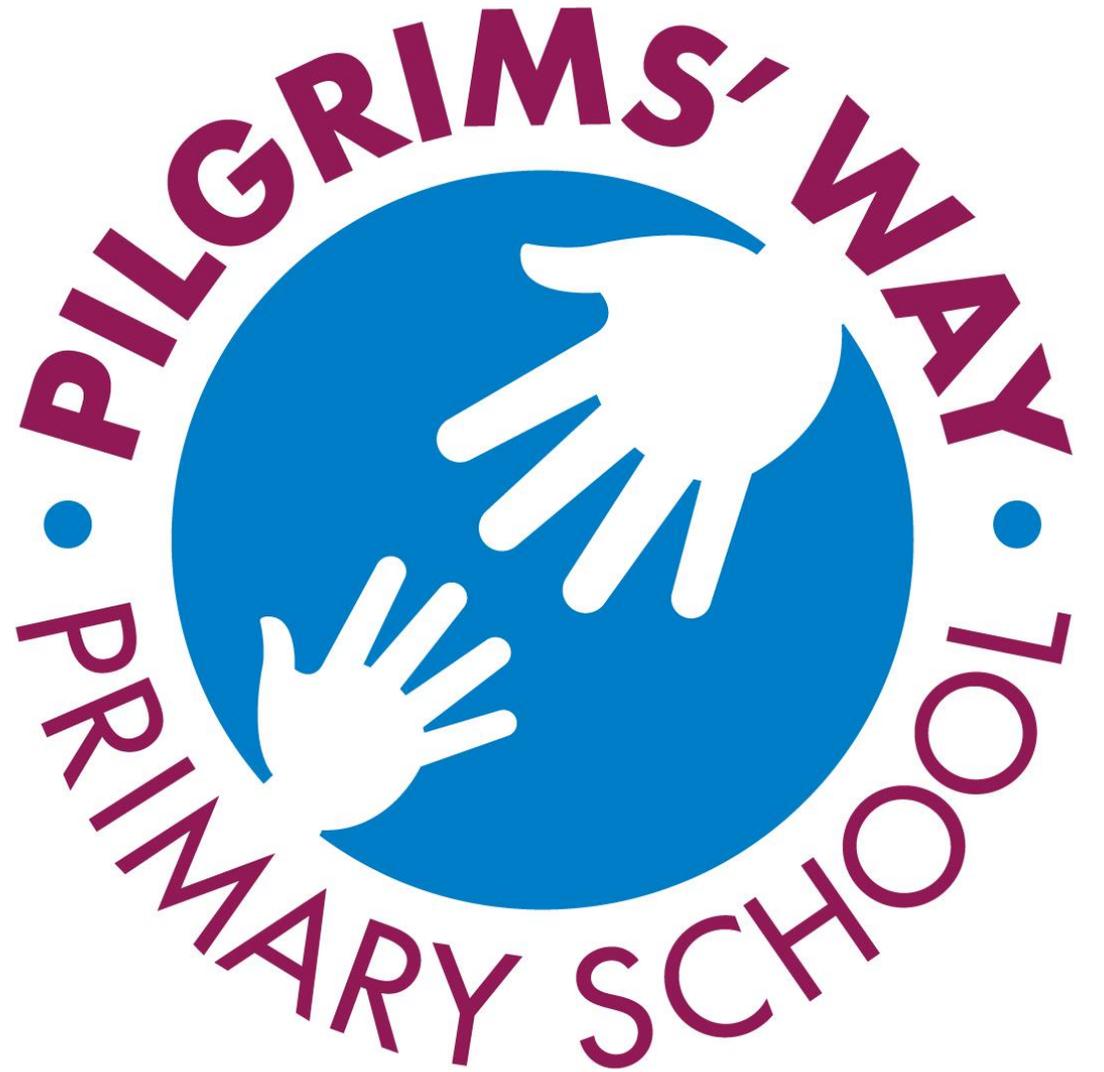


Welcome to
Pilgrims' Way
Primary School





Pilgrims' Way Primary School joined Veritas Multi Academy Trust in May 2018 and has been judged by OFSTED as a good school with outstanding Early Years. The school provides an ambitious, inclusive and irresistible curriculum for the children in our community. We are an exciting and rewarding school that enables our pupils and families to feel confident in their journey through education.

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming, friendly and supportive school that serves a wonderful community. Our values of respect, resilient, aspire, positive and success underpin all aspects of school life:

- We RESPECT all members of our community
- We are RESILIENT in all we do, learning from our mistakes
- We ASPIRE to do our very best and learn from other people's achievements
- We are POSITIVE about our, and other people's, learning and achievements
- We celebrate SUCCESS in our, and other people's, learning

Our irresistible curriculum promotes independence through purposeful learning experiences and it enables our children to become confident and well-rounded individuals with a thirst for learning. We are extremely proud of our Forest School, which is used all year round to support the curriculum.

I am very proud to be the headteacher of such an amazing school and lead our dedicated and highly skilled team in promoting a culture of inclusion, respect and positivity.

I look forward to welcoming you into our school community,

Mrs Emma Campbell, Headteacher

The aim of this pack is to provide you with useful information before your child begins school. After reading this, if you have further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office

How to help get your child ready for school

At Pilgrims' Way Primary school, each child is treated as an individual and their strengths are developed. All children develop at different rates. It is important that your child is looking forward to school and knows that we are there to help them.

- Show them the photos of their teachers and explain that if they are worried, we are here to help them.
- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and explain how they are feeling.
- Help them to use the bathroom, do up clothes and dress themselves.
- We learn outside each day at our school, so it will help if your child is able to put on wellingtons and put on their own coat.
- Teach children to put toys, clothes and other resources away, treating them with respect.
- Play simple listening games with them, encouraging them to listen and follow instructions.
- Read stories and books to them, encouraging them to join in.
- Teach them to use a knife and fork to eat their lunch and to sit at a table for a few minutes when they have finished eating.
- If your child is having a packed lunch, teach them how to open the box or bag.



The School Day



The classroom doors will be opened to children at 8:40am and the school day begins at 8.45am.

The first part of the day is very important as it allows a quiet, calm start to the day. The children complete early morning work and have a bagel to eat. If you arrive at school after this time your child must report to the school office and be entered into the late book.

Morning sessions for Reception and KS1

1st session 8:45 a.m - 10:30 a.m

Break time 10:30 a.m - 10:45 a.m

2nd session 10:45 a.m - 12:00 p.m (Reception children go into lunch approx. 11:45)



Afternoon for Reception and KS1

12:45 p.m - 3:15 p.m with a 15 min break

Morning sessions for KS2

1st session 8:45 a.m - 10:45 a.m

Break time 10:45 a.m – 11:00 a.m

2nd session 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m



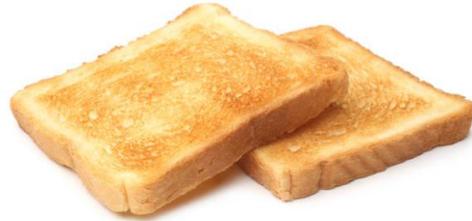
Afternoon for KS2

12:45 p.m - 3:15 p.m

At the end of the school day, children will only be released to an approved adult. If you have made alternative arrangements for your child's collection, e.g. you have asked someone different to collect them from school, you must notify the class teacher. You can do this by either speaking to the teacher directly or through the school office. If an unapproved adult comes to collect your child, they will not be released to that person until the parent/s have been contacted.

Emergency contact numbers are very important so please inform us as soon as possible if they change.

Breakfast Club 8:00am till 8:45am



Breakfast Club runs between 8.00am-8.45am (children must arrive between 8:00am and 8:25am).

A member of staff will be in the office between 8:00am - 8:25am to let children into school and through to the hall.

The children have a range of board games and activities to choose from, and for breakfast, toast, cereal, fruit, milk, water are offered daily.

Cost: £2.50 per child, per day, which must be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay. Bookings can be made up until 7.30am on the day.

A cost of £3.00 per child, per day will be charged for any child not pre-booked.

We are proud to be part of the
**National School
Breakfast Programme**

The right fuel for learning, every day



Stay 'n' Play 3:15pm till 6:00pm

Operated by TeamTheme Kent

Concluding the school day, in the right way, *every day*; our Ofsted registered after school care programme is developed with every child in mind.



- Choose to stay *on the day*, with last minute booking up to 1 hour before
- You say how long to stay, with 2 collection times available
- Engaging timetables featuring Forest School, Arts & Crafts, Science, Multi-sports & more!
- Devised and delivered by our expert and enthusiastic primary activity educators
- Homework & reading support within club time
- Healthy & wholesome menus
- Childcare vouchers accepted

Stay, your way

**Book what you want,
when you want**

With same-day booking available and two different collection time slots to choose from, it's a fully flexible after school care solution working with *your day*.

Refresh & refuel

**Serving up heaps of healthy
& wholesome**

Starting off with our fresh fruit snack in Session 1, to dishing up delicious and nutritious small plates in Session 2, it all serves to keep everyone focussed and fully fit for fun.

All fruit locally & lovingly sourced by [Macknade](#)

When more, really is more

**An extended opportunity
for learning**

Squeezing every last bit of learning out of the school day, whether unleashing creative flair in Arts & Crafts, crushing outdoor bush skills in Forest School or by simply catching up on homework and set reading.

First Half Stay

Session 1

3.15pm - 4.30pm | 4 - 11yrs

£6 per day

Full time Stay

Session 1 + 2 incl. light meal

3.15pm - 6.00pm | 4 - 11yrs

£12 per day

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Important dates

Term 1	3 September – 18 October, 2024
Term 2	4 November – 20 December, 2024
Term 3	6 January – 14 February, 2025
Term 4	24 February – 4 April, 2025
Term 5	22 April – 23 May, 2025
Term 6	2 June – 24 July, 2025

Inset Days

30 August, 2024
2 September, 2024
4 July, 2025

Bank Holiday

5 May, 2025

October Half Term	21 October – 1 November, 2024
Christmas Break	23 December – 3 January, 2025
February Half Term	17 – 21 February, 2025
Easter Break	7 – 21 April, 2025
May Half Term	26 – 30 May, 2025

Uniform

At Pilgrims' Way Primary School we want all children to feel that they belong, which is why a uniform is so important. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and that all items of clothing brought to school are clearly named.

Items with the school logo can be purchased from Barnums School Wear by phone (01227 365220), online or by visiting the shop at 14-16 William Street, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 5EJ

Barnums offer free delivery to school, shop collection or home delivery (charged).

Other generic items can be purchased from high street shops and supermarkets.

- White polo shirt (school logo optional*)
- Black skirt/trousers/tailored shorts/joggers/leggings
- Black/grey/white socks
- Plain black/grey tights
- Black shoes or plain black trainers
- Red and white gingham print dress (summer only)

Every child is allocated to a House Team which determines which colour PE Top they will wear. If you are unsure which team your child is in, please speak to the school office.

There are sample sizes available to try in the school office.

More uniform information can be found on our website. Payment plans can also be organised through Barnums.



Sweatshirt



Book bag
(Yr R and KS1)



Cardigan



Fleece



PE T-Shirts



Reversible Fleece

Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Polo Shirt	with logo	White	£7.00
Sweatshirt	with logo	Burgundy	£11.25
Sweat Cardigan	with logo	Burgundy	£13.85
P.E T-Shirt	with logo	4 House Colours	£6.99
P.E Shorts		Black	£4.99
P.E Bag	with logo	Burgundy	£5.99
P. E Joggers		Black	£7.99
Plimsoles		Black	£4.99
Bookbag	with logo	Burgundy	£7.99
Fleece Jacket	with logo	Burgundy	£15.99
Fleece Jacket	with logo	Burgundy (reversible)	£19.99
Cap	with logo	Burgundy	£5.99
Beanie	with logo	Burgundy	£5.99
Skirt		Black	£7.99
Pinafore Dress		Black	£14.99
Tights		Black	£3.99
Summer Dress		Burgundy	£12.99
Trousers		Black	£12.99
Pull Up Trousers		Black	£9.99
School Shorts		Black	£8.99
Pack of School Socks		Grey/Black	£3.99
Water Bottle		Burgundy	£3.99

14-16 William Street, Herne Bay Kent CT6 5EJ
Tel: 01227 365220

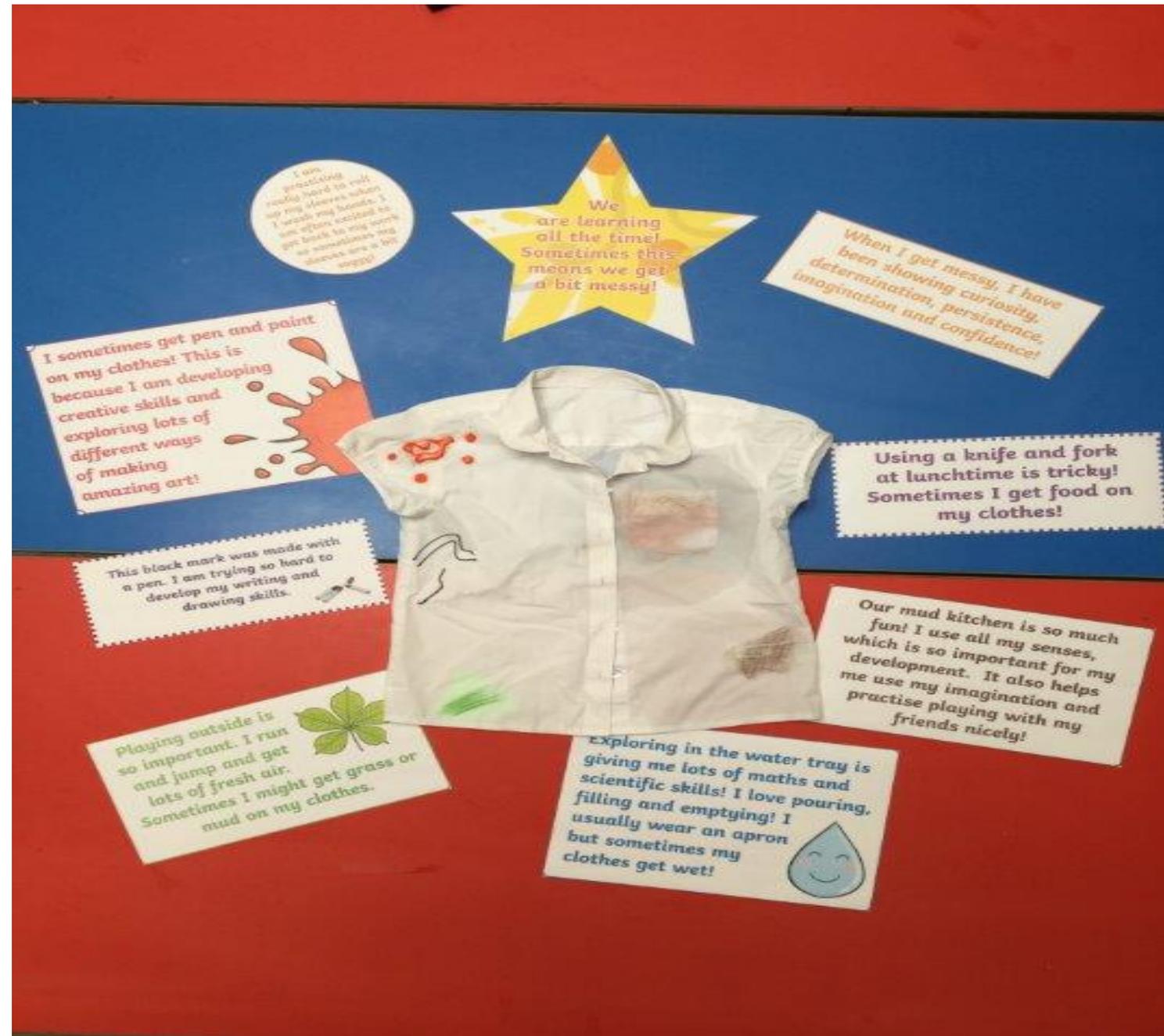
Email: barnumsschoolwear@gmail.com

Website: barnumsschoolwear.co.uk

Instagram: @barnums.schoolwear

Facebook: barnums schoolwear

All prices are correct at time of going to print and may be subject to change



Other equipment needed

Active playtimes

Children should have a pair of wellies/change of shoes in school at all times so they can take a full part in our active playtimes on the field.

Forest school clothing

Please make sure that your child has:

- A waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Wellington Boots
- Warm thick trousers (not leggings)
- A warm jumper
- A long-sleeved top
- A hat and gloves
- Children who already own waterproofs (such as all-in-ones or trousers) are encouraged to bring them in.
- All of these clothes will get dirty. Please do not bring in clothes which are expensive and cannot get dirty.



Water Bottle

Ensuring access to water and promoting a regular water intake throughout the school day is vital for concentration, as children are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability. Please provide your child with a named water bottle for school. We encourage them to drink frequently throughout the day. This will go home at the end of each day and should be returned with fresh water the next morning.

Naming items

It is important that all items of school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name. We encourage children to be independent and to look after their own belongings.

We do our best to help find lost items, however this is more likely to be successful if things are named.

Lunch in school

Hot meals are prepared daily in our on-site kitchen. They meet the government healthy standards and cost £2.50 per day. School lunches must be paid, in advance, via Parentpay.

Facilities are also provided for children to eat a packed lunch. We encourage parents to ensure that packed lunches are healthy and wholesome.

Free School Meals

In Kent, 21% of children receive free school meals. If you are eligible and register your child will get:

- a choice of delicious, healthy hot meals every school day at no cost - this is worth £470 a year per child and recognised to improve behaviour and learning
- meals to cater for cultural, dietary, and religious requirements
- the chance to develop social skills by sitting with friends for a school meal
- a £10 food voucher per eligible child each week during the school holidays.

With your consent (given on admission paperwork) we will make an application on your behalf.

Universal free School Meals

If your child is in year R, year 1 or year 2 they are entitled to universal free school meals - all children in these year groups can get a free meal at school each day. We would ask that an application for free school meals is still made. If eligible it will ensure free school meals are place for when they reach year 3 and they receive the holiday vouchers.



A Healthy Packed Lunch



At Pilgrims' Way we have a growing number of our community who suffer from a severe nut allergy and require significant medication if they come into contact with a nut product. They can suffer life threatening consequences if they have a reaction which can result from a simple handshake or touching a table where someone may have had some nuts in their food.

If your child has packed lunch or brings a snack for break, please check that they do not bring in anything that contains nuts

Positive attendance for all...



School Attendance: A Guide for Parents & Carers

Kent County Council works closely with schools and other services to promote the regular attendance of children at school.



There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on whatever you choose.



190 DAYS
100%

Very best chance of success



183 DAYS
96%

Off to a flying start



179 DAYS
94%

Less chance of success



175 DAYS
92%

Harder to make progress



**MORE THAN 19 DAYS' ABSENCE
LESS THAN 90%**

Persistent absence, not good for your child

Attendance

Persistent absence

Any child with attendance of 90% or below (regardless of the reason for any absences) is considered to be a persistent absentee by the government. This equates to missing ½ a day of school every week.

Do you know what your child's attendance percentage is?

If your child is persistently absent, the school might organise a meeting to find out what could be causing the absences and what is needed to help make things better. This may result in the creation of a parenting contract or referrals to services such as Early Help and Preventative Services, who may be able to provide your family with additional support.

Advice for schools

The school might also contact the PRU, Inclusion & Attendance Service at Kent County Council for advice and in cases of severe or persistent absence.

All the information covered in this leaflet is available at:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-attendance

Your responsibility

You have a legal duty to ensure your child receives a regular education at school or otherwise, which will help give them the best possible chance of success in life.

If your child is of compulsory school age and registered at a school, but absent without good reason, the school may choose not to authorise any of those days. This could result in the council taking action against you for each child absent, including:

- A fine (fixed penalty notice)*
- Attendance Prosecution through the Magistrates' Courts which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000 or a parenting order being issued.
- An Education Supervision Order (ESO) through the Family Courts.

* Your child's school may apply for the council to issue a fixed penalty notice to you if:

- Your child goes on holiday without the headteacher's permission.
- Your child is absent or late without a suitable explanation, or none is provided.

Each parent can receive a £120 fine for each child reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. If the fine remains unpaid after 28 days you may be prosecuted which could result in a larger fine.

www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance

Attendance matters

Too ill to attend school?

Children can attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat). If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness, ask your child's school, GP or pharmacist for advice.

Medical appointments

All routine appointments should be booked outside school hours. If your child is absent for medical reasons, your child's school may ask to see 'medical evidence' (e.g. copy of a prescription, medicine packaging with a label or appointment card). If you are unable to provide this, the school might not authorise the absence.

Absence during term time

Your child must not be absent from school:

- For day trips / birthdays / holidays
- If weather is bad or you are running late
- To care for other family members
- Due to the illness of a parent or sibling.

The school will only authorise an absence in very exceptional circumstances, such as in the event of a family emergency.

Reporting absences

It is a parent / carer's responsibility to notify school with the reason if their child will be absent.

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/back-into-school/resources-for-families/

Every day counts

Punctuality

Arriving late to school is unsettling for your child and can be disruptive for their teacher and other children in the class. It is important your child arrives on time. If your child arrives late, this will be marked in the register. If your child arrives very late, this may be recorded as unauthorised absence for the whole morning. Be sure you know the times the school marks pupils as late.

Minutes late per day	Equals days-worth of teaching lost per year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

The curriculum - EYFS

★ What Will My Child Be Learning?

The EYFS framework outlines seven areas of learning and development and educational programmes. There are three **prime** areas of learning, which are particularly important for your child's development and future learning:

communication and language

personal, social and emotional development

physical development

There are four **specific** areas of learning, through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied:

literacy

mathematics

understanding the world

expressive arts and design

Early years practitioners also use your child's needs and interests to plan challenging and enjoyable activities and experiences.

★ How Will My Child Be Learning?

The EYFS framework identifies the essential role of play in your child's development. It is through both child-led play and play guided by an adult that your child will develop confidence and relationships with others. Through play, EYFS practitioners will help your child to extend their vocabulary and develop their communication skills.

The EYFS framework identifies three characteristics of effective teaching and learning:

playing and exploring

active learning

creating and thinking critically

A greater focus on teaching specific skills will occur as your child progresses through their reception year, which will help them to prepare for year one.

The Curriculum – Key Stage 1 and 2

Our inclusive curriculum is designed to build resilient learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills to be responsible, effective and confident members of the community, locally and internationally.

It aims to build a thirst for lifelong learning through exposing children to broad and balanced opportunities. Our curriculum is carefully planned and sequenced so that new knowledge and skills build upon the prior knowledge of the children. There is a strong focus on retrieval practices to ensure that children are able to recall their previous learning and build on this, so that they are able to know more and remember more. Oracy forms a key part of all our learning, and classroom talk between adults and children and between the children themselves is embedded in our practice.

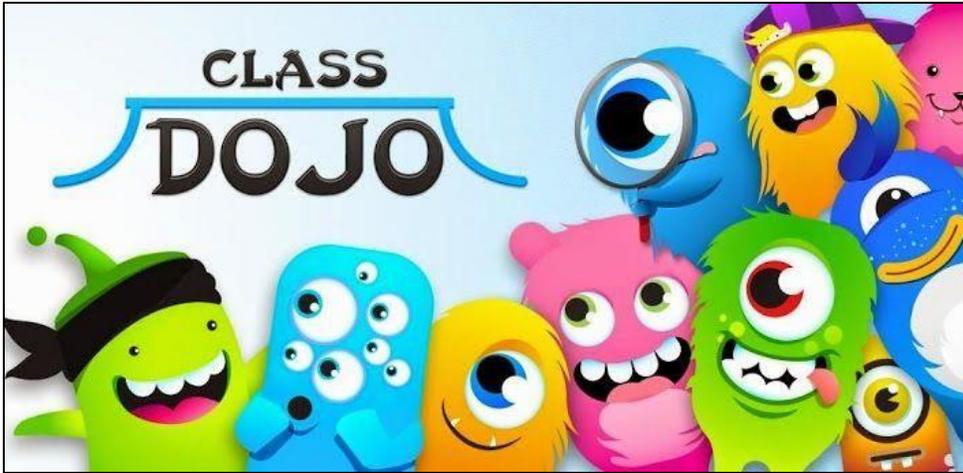
Whilst the content to be taught is set out in the National Curriculum Programmes of Study for each subject, our Subject Leaders drive the curriculum to reflect the school's local context.

There is high academic ambition for all pupils and our irresistible curriculum is responsive to our diverse and evolving community. Our curriculum gives opportunities to exemplify our school values, aspiring to transform life chances and support positive outcomes for all pupils whose voices are heard and who develop skills to tackle barriers that may limit them in fulfilling their future ambitions.

Each term we share a curriculum newsletter with our school community - staff, parents/carers and governors. It allows us all to build a shared understanding of what the children are learning and why. This information can enable better school/home support and deepen the children's experiences and understanding.



Staying updated



We ask parents to download the free ClassDojo app. This allows you to connect to your child's class and see what they have been up to as well as knowing about the positive behaviour points they are earning. It also allows you to follow the school story page.

Dojo has a messaging function so you can get in touch with linked staff members.

Dojo also allows translation to support parents.



We ask parents to sign up to ParentPay as this is needed for bookings (clubs and parents evening) and payments (trips, school lunches).



We ask parents to use this free app. It allows absence to be recorded and viewed. You can also ensure your contact information is up to date.