

Town Farm Primary School and Nursery



Reception Handbook 2026-2027



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Early Years Foundation Stage



This booklet has been produced to give you any additional information about Town Farm Reception. Please visit the school website for additional information and to view the school prospectus.

The Reception Staff Team

Mrs Barnes EYFS Lead and Rosen Class Teacher 	Mrs Bennett Donaldson Class Teacher 
Mrs Lawrence Nursery Nurse 	Mrs Kabir EYFS Teaching Assistant 

We are delighted that your child will be joining our school and continuing their educational journey with us. If your child has come from Town Farm Nursery, they will already know many of the staff and be familiar with the routines. For the children who are new to the school, all of the staff members are here to help support them in their transition period to the school setting. The transition to school is a huge change and can be an unsettling time for any child and their parents. We completely understand this is a huge step for the children to be taking to a formal school setting and have prepared a well thought out transition for them to be thoroughly supported for the change.



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School Uniform

In EYFS we now have one uniform that is worn each day (no separate PE uniform as our children are active every day. You can buy the school uniform from:

<https://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk/schools/183/town-farm-primary-school>



TFPS Long Sleeved Top



TFPS Short Sleeved Top



Plain Black Tracksuit Trousers
(Not leggings)



Plain Black Shorts/ Skort



Black Socks



Plain Black Trainers or Shoes
No Laces

Children will also need a warm waterproof coat (any colour), school book bag, water bottle, welly boots and their spare clothes bag.

All items must be named



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Early Years Foundation Stage Areas

Children experience seven areas of learning in Reception. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected. Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive.

Initially we focus on the three prime areas:

Prime Areas		
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language
Making Relationships Self Confidence and Self Awareness Managing Feelings and Behaviour	Moving and Handling Health and Self-Care	Listening and Attention Understanding Speaking

Then support the children in four specific areas, that build on the prime areas.

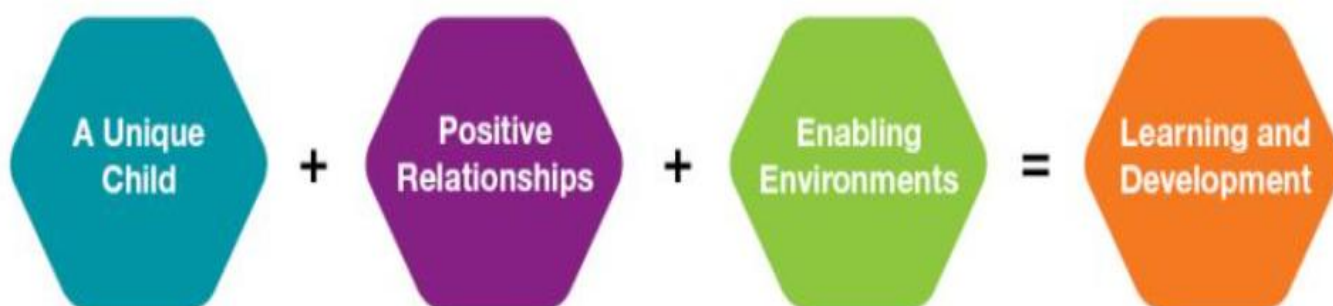
Specific Areas			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts And Design
Reading Writing	Numbers Shape, Space and Measure	People and Communities The World Technology	Exploring and Understanding Media and Materials Being Imaginative





Learning in Reception

In Reception we learn through focused teaching sessions on the carpet that are adult lead – our topics are carefully selected to inspire and engage our children and centre around high quality books. We also learn through play in both the indoor and outdoor classrooms – play is child lead and adults interact with the children to support, challenge and extend.



What can parents do to help

- ✓ Help your child become independent with toileting
- ✓ Drop your child promptly, children do not like arriving late and not going in with their friends
- ✓ Share the books that your child chooses from the library at home.
- ✓ Complete home phonics challenges – learning letter sounds etc
- ✓ Complete the home learning challenges with your child.
- ✓ Hand your child over to our experienced team, when you arrive in Reception, they will be able to settle your child quickly.
- ✓ Discourage your child from bringing toys to school.
- ✓ Share the observations on Tapestry with your child and upload significant moments from home.



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Lunchtimes

There are 2 options for lunch:



School Dinners	Packed Lunch
School dinners are funded by the Government for children in year Reception and Years One and Two. There is no cost to parents.	Parents provide these every day, please ensure they are healthy (no sweets chocolate etc) and must be <u>nut free</u> (including chocolate spreads that contain nuts).

Milk and Snack

We provide a fruit snack in the afternoon. If you would like your child to have milk you can register them on the website.



Attendance and Illness

Please phone the school and inform the office if your child is unable to attend and state the reason why. This must be done every day your child is not attending.

Please note that following sickness/ diarrhoea your child needs to have been clear of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school





How Our Learning Environment Looks Inside



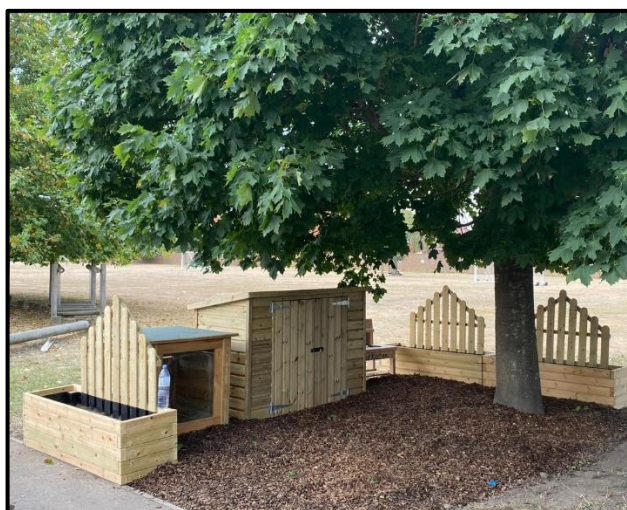
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How Our Learning Environment Looks Outside



If you have any further questions please speak to a member of staff.



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