



EYFS Welcome Meeting

Bridgewater Primary School
2024-2025

Welcome to Bridgewater!



- Bridgewater Primary is an extremely popular, highly regarded, larger than average primary school providing education for over 400 pupils, including Nursery provision.
- At Bridgewater we are constantly striving to ensure our pupils enjoy the most positive and successful educational experience possible to enable them to be life-long learners.
- Bridgewater is a warm, happy and successful place. We were graded as offering 'Outstanding' provision by Ofsted in May of 2024.
- Visitors often comment on the calm and welcoming atmosphere and the smiling and polite pupils they meet.



Our Promise to You...



- To provide high quality education to all children.
- To create a happy, safe and secure learning environment where all children can achieve success.
- To establish positive relationships between the children, staff, governors and the school community as a whole.



Our Expectations



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- Support your child's learning
 - Complete homework, including reading with your child even from Nursery.
- Attendance
 - Attend school every day.
- Punctuality
 - Be on time, learning starts as soon as the children step through the doors. If they are late they are missing learning opportunities.
- Toilet-trained
 - Ensure that all children are fully toilet-trained before they start in September.
- Golden Rules
 - Children to follow our school's Golden Rules at all times.
- Uniform
 - Wear our school uniform with pride.



Funding For School

- Nursery parents: As you may be aware the government introduced an additional 30 free childcare for 3 and 4 year old children of working families.
- As a school, we only receive 15 hours early years funding from the government and the LA subsidises the remaining funds from our budget in order to provide full time places in our nursery.
- Parents can now help us claim the additional funding by applying for the extended entitlement hours through the Childcare Choices website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Pupil Premium funding – for Free School Meals – approximately £1455 per pupil

This means we can have a high ratio of staff to children, greatly subsidise trips and visits, update our continuous provision and learning environments, invest in the latest technology and purchase additional resources to aid teaching and learning.



2024/25 Classroom Structure



We have 26 full time places in Nursery and 60 full time places in Reception.

Year Groups	Teacher/Teaching Assistants
Nursery	Miss Davies Mrs Kay (Teaching Assistant) Miss Ford (Teaching Assistant)
Reception (2 classes in a 'unit')	Miss Tattersall Miss Cunliffe Mrs Cope (acting EYFS Leader) Mrs Freeney (EYFS Leader) Mrs Wroe (Teaching Assistant) Miss Boardman (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Houghton (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Saqlain (Teaching Assistant) Miss Blyth (Teaching Assistant)

EYFS Curriculum

Seven Areas of learning and development:

Prime Areas

- *Communication and language
- *Physical Development
- *Personal, social and emotional development

Specific Areas

- *Literacy
- *Mathematics
- *Understanding the world
- *Expressive Arts and design

Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage

Setting the standards for learning,
development and care for children from
birth to five

Published: 31 March 2021
Effective: 1 September 2021

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Development Matters

Non-statutory curriculum guidance
for the early years foundation stage

First published September 2020
Revised July 2021





Typical Day in EYFS

	Children will enter from the EYFS playground at the back of the school.
8:40am	Register, Wow reading, Morning Jobs
9:00am	Literacy
9:30am	Snack time
9:45am	Continuous Provision
10:30am	Phonics
11:15am	Lunch
12:00pm	Reading
12:15pm	Maths
1:00pm	Continuous Provision
2:20pm	Key Person & Topic
2:40pm	Story time
3:10pm	Home Time

At the end of the day children will be dismissed from their classroom doors.

Stay and Play Sessions

In preparation for September we have already spoken with pre-school settings and many parents of children. If you haven't spoken to a teacher already, **please do so this evening.**

Both Stay and Plays for new Nursery and new Reception will be on **Wednesday 4th September.**

The time of your session will be on the front of your pack.



Start Dates

To ensure a smooth transition for your child starting school we put in place a graduated intake.

Your start dates will be on the front of your booklet.

For current Bridgewater Nursery children going into Reception:
Wednesday 4th September

For all new to Bridgewater children:
Thursday 5th September
Friday 6th September
Monday 9th September



Your child will start in both Nursery and Reception **full time** (8:40am-3:10pm) unless discussed with Mrs Cope.

Uniform

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or grey trousers
- Blue Polo T-shirt or blue shirt and tie
- White or grey socks or tights
- Grey jumper or cardigan- My Uniform
- Black flat, sensible shoes
- No black trainers or pumps please!



ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST HAVE YOUR CHILDS NAME ON THEM!

- Jewellery **MUST NOT** be worn for school except for stud earrings and watches.
- PE Kits are only needed in Reception and are to be in the PE bag which stays on the child's peg.



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How You Can Help Your Child Be 'School Ready':

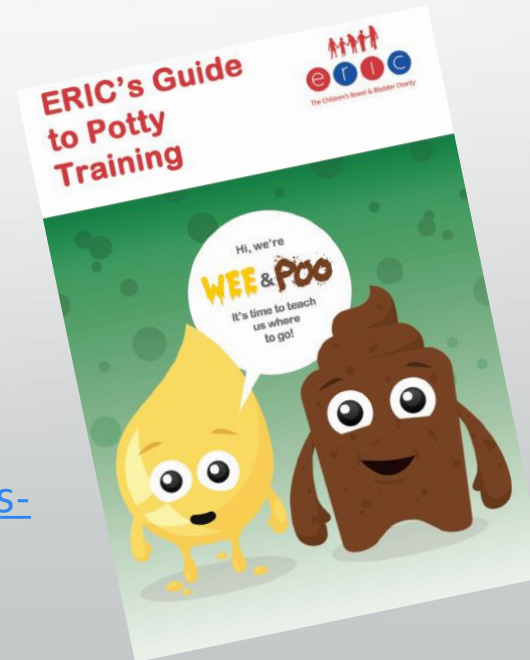
- Get crafty and decorate a keyring for their book bag.
- Encourage your child to talk, talking to them whilst at home and out and about.
- Share books, talking about the pictures, supporting their comprehension.
- Practise counting at any time, such as climbing the stairs, putting things in a shopping basket etc.
- Play simple board games to develop turn taking.
- Sing rhymes and songs together.
- Encourage your child to be independent:
 - to use the toilet and wash their hands.
 - to put their own coat on.
 - to use knife, fork and spoon at meal times.



Intimate Care

- Unfortunately we will not be able to offer intimate care.
 - This means that ALL children must be fully toilet trained upon their start to school.
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- For some further guidance on how to ensure your child is fully toilet trained by September please read these leaflets from ERIC.

<https://www.eric.org.uk/potty-training-resources-downloads-and-links>



- Thank you for coming and listening. We hope that you have a clearer understanding about next academic year and have confidence that we will make sure that your child is happy and making progress.

- **Please ensure that all admissions paperwork is returned to our school office as children cannot start school with us until this is completed and returned.**



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- Please check your EYFS booklet for other information and procedures.

- If you have any questions at a later date please don't hesitate to contact us at:

bridgewater.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk

Thank you again!