

Welcome to Reception



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Welcome to Reception! We are very excited to welcome your child/ren to Wigginton Primary School. The following information is intended to give you a greater understanding of how the Reception classes operate.

Classes

We have two Reception classes that are taught predominantly by their own class teachers but all children have free-flow play time across our open plan classroom and outdoor area.

Starting school in September

What your child will need each day:

- A book bag to carry reading books and works of art. You can buy these online from our school uniform supplier (info on the school website) or from most supermarkets. **Please do not send your child with a rucksack as we do not have space to store them.**
- A PE kit containing trainers, a white t-shirt, navy jogging bottoms (shorts in the summer or on warmer days) and a navy tracksuit top/jumpers for outdoor games. Please label everything (both trainers). The children will come to school in their PE kits on their PE day.
- A drinks bottle clearly labelled with your child's name.
- A change of clothes in case of accidents. Please send this in a separate bag so that we can keep it on your child's peg.

Clothing

- Please label ALL clothing and shoes etc. as several children quite often have the same articles, in the same size and they often struggle to recognise their own!

Arriving at school and collection at the end of the day

The Reception entrance is by a small wooden gate on the Year 3/4 playground.

School starts at 8:50. If you are late and the classroom door is shut, you will need to take your child/ren to the school office and sign them in.

The end of the school day is at 3:05, the collection point is also on the Year 3/4 playground. It is really important that you let us know if someone else (family member, another parent) is collecting your child at the end of the day.

Lunchtime

The children stay in school for lunch, which is eaten in the school hall. All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school lunch (menu on the school website) but if you prefer, you can provide a healthy packed lunch, in a clearly named lunch bag/box.

Lunchtime for Reception is 11:45-13:00.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL SO WE ASK THAT YOU CHECK ALL INGREDIENTS LISTS ON ANY FOOD SENT INTO SCHOOL.

Any Questions?

Please don't be afraid to ask!

You can either:

- Email the main school office and the admin team will pass on the message, the team are happy to answer any questions or give you a call if needed.
- Catch a member of the Reception team, preferably at the end of the day but if it's urgent, in the morning.
- Send us a message on Tapestry

School Readiness

As part of our Early Years ethos, we in Reception feel that children's mental and physical wellbeing is at the forefront of all other aspects. Children learn best when they feel comfortable and at ease. It is for this reason that we suggest gentle, small steps to prepare your children for starting school. It is important to remember that every child is unique and all children will learn at a different rate. Children will do things when they are ready and we as a team are here to support children with these steps so please do not feel any pressure to rush through them. The links below talk about 'school readiness' and some things that you can do at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-school/zxpc8p3>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-primary-school>

<https://startingreception.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Starting-Reception.pdf>

FAQ

When will my child do full days?

At Wigginton, all of the Reception children do half days for the first five days. They will start school at 8:50am and then will need to be collected at 12:00 pm. You will drop off your child on the Year 3/4 playground and pick them up by the gates leading up to the school entrance. After the first five half days, your child will do full days (8:50am - 3:05pm). Drop off and pick up will be from the Year 3/4 playground.

What if I am running late to collect my child?

If you are going to be late, please ring the school office as soon as possible. You will then collect your child from the school office.

Can I park at the school?

The school carpark is for staff only.

There is limited parking around school but you can park on residential streets. We encourage children to walk/bike/scoot to school if possible. We have a bike storage unit near the main school gates for bikes and scooters.

Do I need to pay for school lunches?

School dinners are free for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. Children can also have a packed lunch.

Do I need to provide my child with a snack?

Please sign up to Cool Milk to ensure your child receives milk at school. Milk is free until they turn 5. They can still continue to have milk but it will need paying for. We offer fruit/vegetables to the children every morning for a snack. They do not need to bring in their own snack. Please send water in water bottles and not juice.

What do I do if my child is ill?

If your child is unwell, you will need to contact the school office as soon as possible. They will then notify your child's class teacher. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode. If your child is ill at school, we will contact you to discuss what is the best thing to do.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in September.

The EYFS team