

Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School



Welcome Meeting

The Curriculum

<u>Areas of Learning and Development</u>			
<u>Prime Areas</u>			
Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional	Physical Development	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening, attention and Understanding• Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self Regulation• Managing Self• Building Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gross Motor Skills• Fine Motor Skills	
<u>Specific Areas</u>			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the Word	Expressive arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehension• Word Reading• Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Number• 'Numerical Pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Past and Present• 'The Natural World• 'People, Cultures and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Creating with materials• 'Being imaginative and expressive

Assessment

- We are required to assess the children in each of the seven areas of the EYFS throughout the year.
- We are also required to complete an initial baseline assessment one to one with each child within the first six weeks of them starting school.
- You will be informed of your child's achievements at Parent/Teacher interviews and as part of the end of year and snapshot reports.

What does my child need?

Each day your child needs to bring their book bag, a named water bottle and their lunch box if they are having a packed lunch (All children are entitled to a free hot dinner everyday). Please ensure that your child also has weather appropriate clothing such as sun hats for a hot day and warm/ waterproof things during the colder months. Children will also need to have a pair of wellie-boots at school for outdoor learning.



Pupil Premium

Free school meals

Is my child eligible?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. It's called universal infant free school meals. You do **not** have to apply to get these meals, but if you do receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still apply. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities.


If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the following benefits to get free school meals:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals.

Apply for free school meals

You can apply online for free school meals using your Norfolk Education Online (NEO) account. You can use the same account for 2-year-old childcare funding and school admissions.

[Apply for free school meals](#) 

PE

Your child will need a t-shirt (in their house team colour) and a pair of shorts in a bag. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed. We also ask that children have a pair of plain joggers and a plain sweatshirt or one in their house team colour for outside lessons. PE kit can remain in school and will be sent home each half term for washing. In Reception we get changed for PE as it is part of our curriculum.



School Uniform



Available to order through Birds Dereham or online.
Please ensure all is named.

Outdoor bag

- In Reception we spend lots of time exploring the outdoors in all weathers. Please ensure your child has Wellie boots in school at all times in a named bag which can remain on their pegs.



Reading



- In Reception a huge part of our learning is reading. Being a confident reader will support your child with **all** aspects of their future school life.
- We teach phonics every day and we read with each child one to one at least once a week but this is **The most important way** you can support your child with school life. **Read, Read, Read...**
- Children have a reading book sent home weekly and you will have a reading record also sent home. Please comment in the reading record just to make the teacher aware that your child has read at home, even just initials will show us they have read with you. We ask that you try really hard to read everyday even if only for 5/10 minutes. The best way for them to gain this fluency and confidence in early reading is to do it daily. There is a huge difference at the end of the year between those that read regularly at home and those who do not. Please help us to support your child with this.

Transition Visits

We are hoping that all children will be able to visit us three times during July (details will be in your pack).

This will give the children the chance to come and see the classroom, meet their teacher and teaching assistant and spend some time with a small group of children getting to know the school. We plan for the children to visit us with the children they are currently with at playgroup/ nursery.

If your child does not attend a local pre school we will invite them in with others so that they will have the chance to meet some of their new classmates.

Please let us know if your child is not at a local setting so that we can book them in for these sessions.

Starting School in September

In order for your child to settle into school in the best possible way, we ask that the children attend on a part-time basis for the first week of term.

Wednesday and Thursday 6th and 7th September

Half classes. Every child is invited to spend **one** of these mornings with us (We will let you know which) **8:40- 11:30am**.

Friday 8th September

All children are invited to attend for the morning session and lunch **8:40am – 1:30pm**.

Monday 11th September

All children are invited full time 8:40- 3:10pm

*Please speak with the office staff if your child will require a child care place during the afternoons.

Please ensure all forms from your pack are completed and returned to the school office ASAP if you have not done so already.

Please also send in a photo of your child to the office email address office@wattonwestfield.org

Please put your child's name and class in the subject so that they can be forwarded on to the correct teacher (We like to make a display of the children ready before their transition visits so they feel part of the class)

We are looking forward to seeing you all in September and starting your Reception journey.