

Watling Meadows Primary Welcome Pack 2026



WELCOME

Welcome to Your Reception Journey

This welcome pack contains everything you need to help your child settle into life at Watling Meadows.

Supporting a smooth, happy and confident start to school.



**We're here to support
you every step
of the way.**

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Message from Our Headteacher

On behalf of everyone at Watling Meadows, I am delighted to welcome you and your child to our school community. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in September and beginning this important and exciting partnership together.



Starting school is a significant milestone for children and families alike. At Watling Meadows, we are committed to ensuring that each child feels safe, happy and valued from their very first day. We take great pride in being an inclusive school where every child is known well, supported appropriately and encouraged to develop confidence, curiosity and a love of learning

"We believe that strong relationships between home and school are central to children's success, and we are committed to working in partnership with you as your child starts their learning journey with us."

Welcome to Watling Meadows

Watling Meadows is a welcoming, inclusive primary school where children are encouraged to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.



We place children at the heart of everything we do and are proud of the caring, supportive environment we offer our school community.

We understand that choosing a school and preparing your child to start Reception is an important step. Our aim is to ensure that every family feels confident, informed and supported as their child begins school.



Our Vision and Values



At Watling Meadows, we are committed to:

- Creating a safe, calm and nurturing environment
- Ensuring high expectations for every child
- Promoting kindness, respect and responsibility
- Celebrating diversity and inclusion
- Working in partnership with parents and carers

Our values underpin daily life at school and help children develop the personal qualities they need to succeed both in school and beyond.

What's special to us...



School Rules:

We only have 3 school rules:

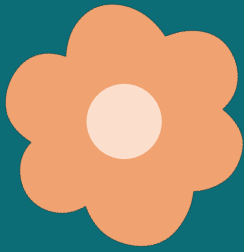
1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Be yourself

School Special Words:

Nurture – we care about our children and families

Grow– we will give them all the skills they need as they grow (and the school grows)

Aspire– we want everyone to be the best they can be and aim high.



Starting School

What to Expect in Reception



Reception is a crucial year where children develop key skills through a balance of structured learning and purposeful play.

Children will:

- Learn through exploration, talk, stories and practical activities
- Develop early reading, writing and maths skills
- Build friendships and confidence
- Learn routines that support independence and resilience
- Access indoor and outdoor learning daily

Staff carefully observe and support children to ensure learning builds on what they already know and can do.

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Transition into School

We work hard to ensure a smooth and positive transition into Reception.



Our transition arrangements include:

- Opportunities to visit school and meet staff
- Stay and play sessions for children and parents
- Information sharing with nurseries and previous settings
- Close communication with families to understand individual needs

Further details about transition dates will be shared in advance.





Safeguarding and Well-being

The safety and well-being of our pupils is our highest priority.

- All staff receive regular safeguarding training
- There are clear systems in place for reporting concerns
- Emotional well-being and mental health are actively supported
- Designated Safeguarding Leads are available to support families

We encourage parents and carers to speak to us promptly if they have any concerns.

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Inclusion and SEND

Watling Meadows is an inclusive school where all children are supported to achieve their best.

We:

- Identify and support additional needs early
- Work closely with families and external agencies
- Provide tailored support and pastoral provision
- Ensure children with SEND can access learning alongside their peers

If you wish to discuss your child's needs, the school's SENCo will be happy to meet with you.

Behaviour, Relationships and Expectations



We promote positive behaviour through strong relationships and clear expectations.

- Children are supported to understand routines and expectations
- Consistent, fair approaches are used across the school
- Positive behaviour is encouraged and celebrated
- Support is provided where children need help to regulate emotions or behaviour

Our approach helps children feel secure and ready to learn.



Learning and the Reception Curriculum

In Reception, learning is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage areas, including:

- Communication and language
- Early reading and phonics
- Mathematics
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Parents play an important role in supporting learning, and we provide guidance on how to help at home in simple, practical ways.

Practical Information:

Further information will be shared before September, including:



- School day times
- Uniform expectations– our supplier is Banner School Uniform Shop www.schooluniformshop.co.uk for logo'd items but please don't feel everything has to have a logo, plain items available from all the major stores is perfectly fine.
- Lunch arrangements
- Attendance and punctuality
- PE and curriculum activities

Most details are on our website
www.watlingmeadows.co.uk

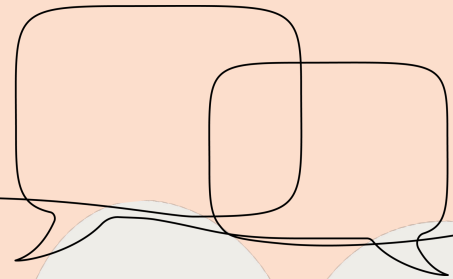


Communication with School

We value open and regular communication with parents and carers. You can expect:

- Regular updates from school
- Opportunities to meet staff and discuss progress
- Clear guidance on who to contact with questions or concerns

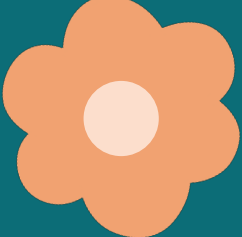
Our team is always happy to help.



Working in Partnership

We recognise that children achieve best when schools and families work together. We encourage parents to engage with school life, attend workshops and events, and share information that helps us support your child effectively.





Next Steps

Before your child starts school, you will be asked to:

- Complete admissions and school forms
- Attend transition sessions
- Share information about your child
- Contact school with any questions or concerns

Any questions in the meantime can go to hello@watlingmeadows.co.uk

We will be in touch soon!



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