

Watling Meadows Primary School

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A Smooth Start for Reception 2026

Autumn Term Arrangements

Information for parents and carers about
Reception arrangements for the Autumn Term.



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What's happening?

We're excited to welcome our Reception children in September 2026.

During the Autumn Term, Watling Meadows children will be based within an internal room at Higham Lane North Academy while the new school building continues to develop.

This is a carefully planned arrangement to help children make a calm, safe and positive start to school life.

We know that starting school is a big step for children and families. We will work closely with you to make the transition as smooth as possible.



Our Autumn Term Base

What will the classroom be like?

Your child will be learning in a safe and welcoming Reception space within the school.

The Reception base will include:

- A clearly identified classroom area
- Space for learning, play and routines
- Access to outdoor play
- Dedicated toilet facilities close to the Reception base
- Staff support throughout the day

We will also continue to use our model classroom as our SRP quiet space during the Autumn Term.

This will help us provide a calm space for children who may need a quieter environment.





Arrival in the Morning

Morning routine

7:30am

Wraparound care opens.

Please do not arrive on site before 7:30am.

8:50am

Watling Meadows children arrive via the pedestrian gate on Wright Drive.

Staff will be waiting at the wooden gate to welcome and receive the children.

Registration opens. Children begin Wakey Wakey work.

9:00am

Registration closes and learning continues.

Please arrive at the correct time and follow staff guidance so that we can keep the start of the day calm and safe for everyone.



Lunchtime and Afternoon

11:40am

Lunch in the hall for children who are ready.

12:20pm

Outside play.

12:50pm

Back to class base.

Quiet option: We understand that some children may need a quieter space. Alternative provision will be made where needed.

Staff will support children throughout the day and help them follow routines confidently.



End of the School Day

Collection

The school day will finish at 3:00pm.

Staff will bring the children to the wooden gate for 3:00pm prompt.

Please arrive on time and wait patiently while staff dismiss children safely.

Our priority is to make sure every child is handed over calmly and securely.

Thank you for helping us keep collection safe, calm and organised.



Wraparound Care

Access for wraparound families

Wraparound care will open from 7:30am.

Please do not arrive on site before this time.

Parents and carers of children attending wraparound care will be given a phone number to call for entry onto the school site.

This number will be confirmed before the start of term.



Safe Entry and Exit

Keeping the site calm and safe

To support a calm start and end to the day:

- Families should use the pedestrian gate on Wright Way
- Staff will be available at the wooden gate
- Children will be welcomed calmly into school
- Collection will take place from the pedestrian entrance
- The site will be largely pedestrians only

Provision will be made for a drop off point for parents that need it
We want to encourage healthy walking wherever possible.

Please help us by following the agreed routes and staff guidance.



Please Be Patient With Us

Working together

These arrangements have been carefully planned, but we will only fully know how they work once children and families begin using them.

During the first few days, we will be watching carefully to see:

- how children settle
- how arrival works
- how collection works
- whether any routines need adjusting

We will listen to polite feedback and make changes if needed.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support.

“We will listen, learn and adjust where needed.”



Why This Approach Works

This approach helps us to provide:

- A safe and welcoming start for Reception children
- A clear daily routine
- Calm arrival and collection arrangements
- Access to school facilities
- A quiet space for children who may need it
- A positive first step into life at Watling Meadows

Our aim is to help every child feel safe, happy and ready to learn.



Next Steps

We will continue to share information before September.

This will include:

- Final wraparound access details
- Any updates to entry and collection routines
- Further transition information
- Guidance for families

Please keep checking:

www.watlingmeadows.co.uk



Contact

If you have any questions, please get in touch:

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We look forward to welcoming you in September.