



Welcome to Reception



Attendance Matters at Arden because...



When you're in school you...



Have fun



Make new friends



Experience new things

Achieve



Learn more



Develop new skills



Build your confidence

Self esteem



...have the best possible start in life!

Did you know...

0-2
DAYS OFF
99-100%

4-7.5
DAYS OFF
96-98%

9.5-17
DAYS OFF
93-95%

19-25
DAYS OFF
90-92%

27+
DAYS OFF
Under 89%
Under

35+
DAYS OFF
Under 50%

- 1 day off = 2 sessions.
- To have excellent attendance in a school year, a child can have no more than 2 days off.
- This = 4 sessions

- One week of holiday or 5 days = 10 sessions.
- To have good attendance at the target of 96% or more, a child could have no more than 2.5 (5 sessions) additional days absent for the rest of the year

- Two weeks holiday or 10 days = 20 sessions.
- This means attendance can never be more than in this range.

- The above does not include any sessions missed due to illness in the school year. So...
- 2 weeks of holiday and 2 weeks of sickness in the school year means attendance can be no better than this range. This is 20 days off (40 sessions). This is called 'Persistent Absence'

- Over 5 weeks off, nearly the same length as the school summer holidays.

- At this point, children have been off for more days than they have been in school.



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Meet the Team



Miss Smith
Class Teacher



Mrs Bayfield
Education &
Pastoral Assistant



Mrs Ottolanguì
Class Teacher
(Mon-Wed)



Miss Fisher
Education &
Pastoral Assistant



Mrs Rolfe
Class Teacher
(Thu-Fri)



July Transition

- Every year the school has an Open Evening where all current and new children and their families are invited to come and look around their new classrooms, meet the staff and explore the school. This will be on Tuesday July 8th 3:30 - 5:30.

Transition days

- Children new to Arden Grove - Thursday July 10th 9 - 11:30
- Current Arden Grove Nursery children- Friday 11th July 9 - 11:30

When your child is in Reception we want them to be...



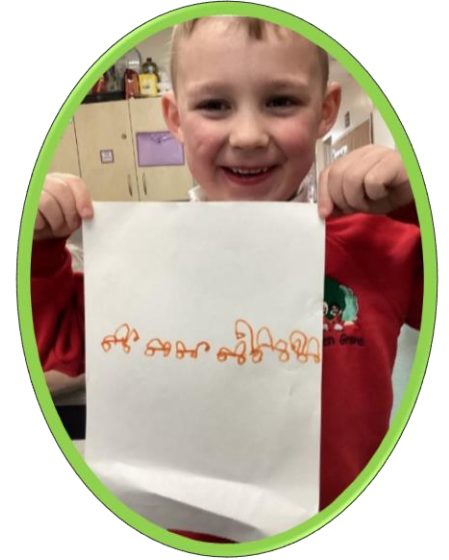
Confident



Independent



Safe



Happy



...and excited to learn!



What will Reception look like in September?



- In September we will have a two week settling in period. The children will do part time sessions up until and including Tuesday 16th September. They will start full time on Wednesday 17th September.
- We are going to make this look very similar to Nursery and Pre School in the first few weeks and our curriculum is play based.



Settling in Days

	Group A	Group B
Wednesday 3 rd September	Parent/teacher chats	Parent/teacher chats
Thursday 4 th September	Parent/teacher chats	Parent/teacher chats
Friday 5 th September	Parent/teacher chats	Parent/teacher chats
Monday 8 th September	am (8.30-12.10)	pm (1-3)
Tuesday 9 th September	am (8.30-12.10)	pm (1-3)
Wednesday 10 th September	pm (1-3)	am (8.30-12.10)
Thursday 11 th September	pm (1-3)	am (8.30-12.10)
Friday 12 th September	ALL CHILDREN IN FOR THE MORNING, LUNCH & PLAY 8:30-1	
Monday 15 th September	ALL CHILDREN IN FOR THE MORNING, LUNCH & PLAY 8:30-1	
Tuesday 16 th September	ALL CHILDREN IN FOR THE MORNING, LUNCH & PLAY 8:30-1	
Wednesday 17 th September ONWARDS	ALL IN FULL TIME FOR THE WHOLE DAY 8.30-3	



All About My Family

- We would love to learn all about your families and chat to the children about them in the first week.
- We would also love to have a few photos of the people in your family and any pets (your child can draw a picture too). It is really helpful for you to write a few notes next to the pictures or photos to help us to get to know your child.
- The children love to see photos of themselves and their families so we put a family photo for each child on the wall in the classroom and in a class photo album.





A typical day in Reception...

Doors open at
8.30 am



MORNING

Register at 8.50

Independent
activities

Phonics

Story Time & Snack

Playtime

Maths Session

Independent
activities

Rhymes & Songs

Lunchtime at 11.45

AFTERNOON

Register

Carpet time - Topic
Work

Independent
activities

Story time at 2.30

Home time at 3.00

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Tapestry

We use Tapestry in Reception to capture your child's learning. Tapestry is an online learning journey which you can access at home to view your child's learning and achievements. Parents/carers are also able to upload pictures and videos of the lovely things you do as a family outside of Reception. Time is then given for children to share their 'Wow moments' with their friends.





Family Learning

In Reception we recognise the importance of parent/carer partnerships and we will invite you into school to take part in lots of fun learning activities with your child and also being a surprise secret reader for the class.



Outdoor Learning

- Once a week each class has an outdoor learning session in our wooded area. On this day the children come to school in black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings and suitable footwear for climbing and the weather.
- The children love this session and really look forward to it.
- This helps them to develop their risk taking, determination, physical development and is really beneficial for their wellbeing





We follow the School Code in Reception...

Let's...

Always be **safe and kind** and take **care** of everything

Can I help you? Thank you Please

Always use our **good manners** wherever we go

Try to understand how our **feelings** work and use them well

I can do it!

Always try to do our **best** and always say "I can!"

Listen well, be **honest** and try to make **good choices**

Our Code

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Supporting Our Code

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Our Code

Learning to put things right!

Make time to:

Calm and talk



Clean up!



Make up!



Catch up or practice!



What to bring to school

A coat



Book Bag



Lunch



Full water bottle



- A small bag with a change of clothes inside.
- We will be doing P.E once a week and on these days your child will be allowed to come to school in their P.E kit. PLEASE DON'T BUY THE P.E KIT STRAIGHTAWAY as we don't start this until after half term
- **PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING CAREFULLY AND CHECK THIS REGULARLY.**

How to prepare your child for school

Please keep practising...

- Helping your child go the toilet independently (including wiping bottoms!).
- Trying to take jumpers and cardigans off, turning them the right way round and putting them back on again.
- Helping them to recognise their own name.
- Counting anything like counting the steps when going up the stairs.
- Using a pair of scissors (while you watch!).
- Play lots of board games, especially ones with number tracks eg





Did you know ...

"Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1-2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3-5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words."





“And at the end of the day your feet should be dirty, your hair messy and your eyes sparkling.”



Thanks so much for providing the children with the opportunity to explore the outdoor learning area. Jack is always so excited for a Thursday and told me all about him making a 'pretend chocolate cake' today with 'sand'!
I took a picture of his happy little grubby face ❤️

Love the photos of outdoor learning this week, really appreciate you posting them.
When Matilda got changed she was not only covered in mud but full of sand! She had the best time. Thank you for taking them out in all weather to experience all of nature. This is exactly what my princess needs and loves!



Thank you

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to [contact the School Office.](#)

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child better in September.

The Reception Team