



WELCOME TO

Belswains Primary School

Wednesday 25th June 2025
5pm





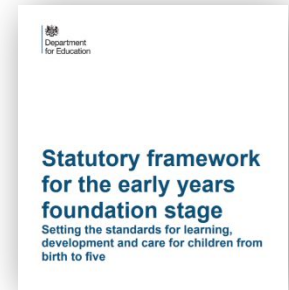
AIMS OF THE INDUCTION MEETING



To give you an overview of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and what your child will be learning.

To provide ideas we can effectively work together and how you can best support your child at home.

To help you understand what to expect from us.





MEET THE TEAM



Headteacher
Mrs Claridge



Deputy Head
Mrs Attanasio



Mrs Shoesmith EYFS
Lead and Robins Class
Teacher



Mrs Vassiliou
Sparrows Class
Teacher





MEET THE TEAM



Miss Hickson
Senior Early Years
Practitioner



Ms Dakin
Senior Early
Years Practitioner



Transition: A process not an event



Each child is different and some may take a little longer to settle

Our transition processes are based on the best interests and needs of your child.



We will work with you to help your child to settle and be confident in their new surroundings



GETTING TO KNOW YOU AND YOUR CHILD



We will do this by:

- Home visits and 1 stay and play session
- Information gathered from the previous settings and parents.
- Transition for each child carefully planned with you and the class teacher where needed.
- Opportunities to ask questions and share concerns





WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE LEARNING?



Prime Areas of Learning	Specific Areas of Learning
Personal, Social and Emotional	Literacy
Communication and Language	Mathematics
Physical Development	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design



The characteristics of effective for teaching and learning are:

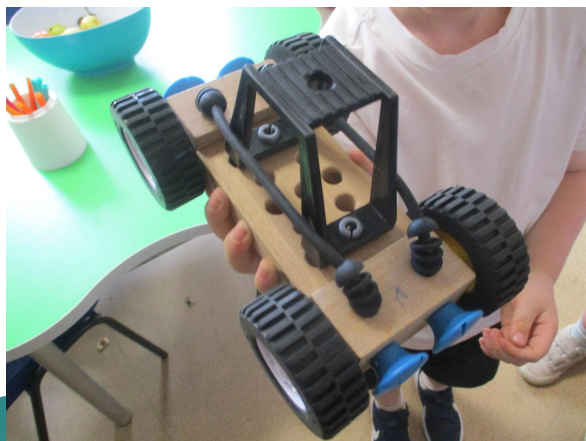
- **playing and exploring** - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'
- **active learning** - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- **creating and thinking critically** - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things



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HOW WILL MY CHILD LEARN?





RWI is used in Reception; children are first taught the pure 'set 1 sounds' so that they will be able to blend the sounds in words more easily. In School we call this 'Fred Talk'. We do not use letter names at this stage; we simply focus on the sounds that are used to sound out words. To view correct pronunciation of the sounds, use the link below:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J2Ddf_0Om8

At this stage, the children are not only taught the 'sound' the letter makes, but also how to form the letter, using a rhyme and picture prompt.

You will be sent specific phonics activities for your child to complete at home via Google Classroom each week. During the Autumn term these will be sound videos which recap the learning the children will have done at school.





DAILY ROUTINES



8.40 Arrival, registration and busy finger activities.
Activities led by an adult (doors close at 8.45)
Children are able to access snack
Child initiated activities supported by adults

11.30 LUNCH

12.30 Activities led by an adult
Child initiated activities supported by adults
Story

3.15 Home



HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD AT HOME?



Communicate and talk with your child



Enjoy physical activities together



Have fun exploring maths



Read, tell and make up stories together



Support your child to do things by themselves



Encourage your child to talk and play with others



WE SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME IN A VARIETY OF WAYS



Look out for:

- Parent consultations meetings
- Home learning suggestions including Read Write Inc videos to watch, homework grid, reading stories and asking questions.
- Parent/carer workshops (for example, how to support early reading Read Write Inc in September date to be confirmed)
- Information in biweekly newsletters and the school website class pages
- Home/school learning packs including sound mats, reading books and homework books
- Information on displays around school





UNIFORM



- White polo shirt or shirt
- Red cardigan, sweatshirt or jumper.
- Grey or black skirt or pinafore
- Grey or black tailored trousers (trousers made of jersey fabric are permitted providing they give the appearance of smart trousers, not leggings)
- Grey, white or black socks.
- Grey, white or black tights.
- Black shoes-these should be proper shoes ie not black trainers, crocs, or similar

- Summer Uniform: as above, or red and white checked dress, grey or black knee-length tailored shorts.
- Our Summer uniform can be worn from the return to school after the Easter break, up until October half term.





PE

- White t-shirt, black shorts which are suitable for school (including in length) and trainers (which can be any colour).
- Black jogging bottoms and a school jumper can be worn in winter for outdoor PE.

Jewellery

- Apart from 1 pair of stud earrings (1 earring in each ear), no jewellery should be worn.
- Earrings must be removed or taped over for PE lessons.
- We permit the wearing of a watch or fitbit, as long as the device does not have the ability to take calls, photos or videos.

Hair

- Hair should be a single natural colour.
- We advise that long hair should be tied back.
- All ribbons, slides, hair bands etc must be red, white or black and must be of a reasonable size.

Nail varnish or make-up should not be worn at school.

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LUNCHES



Children can order a free school lunch everyday or you can send them in with a healthy packed lunch.

- There are 4 lunch choices that the children can pick from everyday, these are: red (meat), green (vegetarian), blue (jacket potato with the choice of a topping) and yellow (roll). Halal options are available certain days of the week. Children will be notified in the classroom the days these are available.
- If you send your child in with a healthy packed lunch please remember that everything in it needs to be **nut free** as we are a **nut free school**.
- We will provide the children with fruit everyday which they can have as a healthy snack.
- If you would like your child to have milk everyday please sign up for this via Cool Milk.





If your child has a food allergy/intolerance (eg dairy) and will be having school meals, please complete a Special Menu request via HCL special menu. This must be approved and live prior to them starting so that the kitchen is able to prepare their meals safely.

<https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk/>





ATTENDANCE



Staff at Belswains Primary School want our pupils to enjoy school and thrive in all that they do. We are committed to promoting excellent levels of attendance and punctuality. Our attendance target is **98%** and our aim is for our pupils to exceed this level. We appreciate your support to ensure your child achieves this.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS IN A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 DAYS ABSENCE	19 DAYS ABSENCE	29 DAYS ABSENCE (A TERM MISSED)	38 DAYS ABSENCE	47 DAYS ABSENCE
180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION	
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child.	

ISL Attendance Team





SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS



Our SENDCO is Mrs Jones





KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



NO PHOTOS





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You...





HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU



Communication is so important. It plays a huge role in ensuring that you are regularly sharing information with us to best support your child.

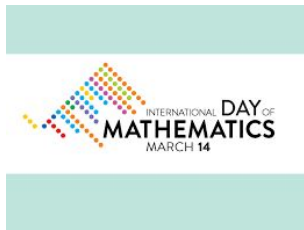
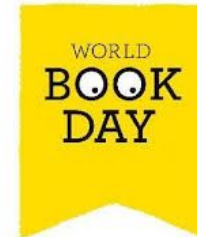
We do this by...

- Daily chats at drop off and pick up time
- Termly parent consultation meetings and a report in Summer term
- Stay and Play session
- Google classroom, logins and passwords will be sent out in the first week of term.
- Newsletters
- Email admin@belswains.herts.sch.uk *Our admin team will pass emails on to the class teacher.*
- School Website <https://www.belswains.herts.sch.uk/>





SPECIAL WEEK/DAYS



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL



Tick off the following activities over the summer to help you get ready for school



Find out what is going on at your local family centre



Visit some local parks



Join the local library



Explore the local woods



Practise washing your hands with soap, independently



Practise taking your coat off and putting it back on



Play a board game and practise taking turns



Practise your journey to school



Practise putting your uniform on and taking it off



Practise putting your school shoes on and try wearing them for a day



Practise carrying your food on a plate



Learn to sing a number rhyme



Share books with an adult



Share your toys with a friend



Try a variety of fruit prepare this yourself

★ WELL DONE! YOU ARE 'GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL!' ★

DJ'S PLAY PARK

Hemel Hempstead

RECEPTION SCHOOL MEETS 2025

£9.50 per child
Includes 1 child entry, 1 adult and squash

Galley Hill	28 JUL 25	1.30PM
Micklem	29 JUL 25	1.30PM
Pixies Hill	29 JUL 25	1.30PM
Holtsmere End	30 JUL 25	1.30PM
Gade Valley JMI	30 JUL 25	1.30PM
The Reddings	31 JUL 25	1.30PM
South Hill	31 JUL 25	1.30PM
Jupiter CFS	1 AUG 25	1.30PM
Hammond Academy	1 AUG 25	1.30PM
Kings Langley	4 AUG 25	1.30PM
Aycliffe Drive	4 AUG 25	1.30PM
Leverstock Green	5 AUG 25	1.30PM
Belswains	6 AUG 25	1.30PM
Nash Mills	6 AUG 25	1.30PM
Bovingdon	7 AUG 25	1.30PM
St Albert the Great	8 AUG 25	1.30PM
St Roses RC	11 AUG 25	1.30PM
Lime Walk	12 AUG 25	1.30PM
Yew Tree	13 AUG 25	1.30PM
Broadfield	14 AUG 25	1.30PM
Hobbs Hill Wood	15 AUG 25	1.30PM
Brockswood	18 AUG 25	1.30PM
Tudor Primary	19 AUG 25	1.30PM
Chambersbury	20 AUG 25	1.30PM
Hobletts Manor	21 AUG 25	1.30PM
Oakleaf	22 AUG 25	1.30PM
Maple Grove	26 AUG 25	1.30PM
George Street	27 AUG 25	1.30PM
Two Waters	28 AUG 25	1.30PM
Boxmoor	29 AUG 25	1.30PM

Book online & use code SCHOOLMEET
booking fee applies

www.DJsPlay.co.uk



FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAY Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (School closed for pupils)

Start of term: Thursday 4th September 2025-Children return to school

Half term holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 - 31 October 2025

INSET DAY Monday 3rd November 2025 (School closed for pupils)

Tuesday 4th November 2025-Children return to school

Last day of term: Friday 19th December. School closes at 1.30pm

Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026



QUESTION TIME



No question is a silly question...



If anyone has anything they would like to ask
please feel free to

