

Things we would like your child to be able to do



- ◆ Go to the toilet alone and wash and dry their hands.
- ◆ Put on and fasten their own coat.
- ◆ Dress and undress e.g. into PE kit including putting on shoes
- ◆ Listen to and follow instructions
- ◆ Be able to take turns
- ◆ Tidy up and put things away.
- ◆ Use a knife and fork to eat.
- ◆ Hold a pencil comfortably to draw.
- ◆ Recognise their first name.



Other ways to help at home



Read together – share a range of books together – rhyme, story and information books.

Play imaginative games and pretend with them. Let them lead the play e.g. shops or making dens and magical lands.

Talk, talk, talk! Encourage your child's language skills. Ask them lots of questions and allow them to answer you and other people as fully as possible.

Let them choose and encourage independence e.g. choosing appropriate type of coat and shoes for the weather.

Listen for sounds at the start of words.

Sing songs and nursery rhymes.

Help them to write their name. Help them to write their name with a capital letter at the start and the rest in lower case.

Use numbers in counting games and context at home or out and about e.g. helping count plates to set the table or number of yogurts into the shopping basket.

Begin recognising numbers to 10– point out numbers of personal significance e.g. "That's a 3, I'm 3"

Learn the names of shapes and colours. Look for them in the environment – house numbers, window shapes etc.

Swaffham Bulbeck Church of England Primary School



Information about the Early Years Foundation Stage

Teaching Staff in Reception class

Rebecca Doggett (Early Years Lead and Teacher)

Helen Warren (Teacher)

Sarah Knappett (Teaching Assistant)

Linda Jarvis (Teaching Assistant)

Ruth Kent (Teaching Assistant)

'Shine Brightly'



Times and Routines

- ◆ Doors open at 8:45 am, register closes at 8:50am. Children will arrive in school through the early year's classroom entrance which is located just off of our carpark.
- ◆ Lunch is at 12 noon
- ◆ School ends at 3.15pm – please collect children from the Early Years Entrance.

What your child needs to bring to school

- ◆ Every child will have a peg to hang their belongings.
- ◆ School bag containing:
 - water bottle– clearly named.
 - Spare pants/socks and trousers or skirt
 - reading books and reading records (When these are given out)
- ◆ PE Kit (see uniform list) Everything should be clearly named (including PE bag)
- ◆ A suitable coat for the weather.
- ◆ Wellies which can be left in school.



Please NAME EVERYTHING!

School Uniform

- ◆ Grey/black trousers/skirt/pinafore, blue polo shirt, blue sweatshirt or cardigan, white/grey/black socks, black school shoes.
- ◆ PE Kit– Yellow polo shirt, navy/black shorts, navy/black jogging bottoms and jumper (outside), spare socks, trainers/plimsolls.
- ◆ School uniform with the Swaffham Bulbeck Logo can be purchased through ...
 - <https://www.fostersschoolwear.co.uk/>
 - www.myclothing.com



Please NAME EVERYTHING!

Free hot meals



- ◆ Universal free school meals are offered to all children in Early Years and years 1 and 2.
 - ◆ School meals are logged via an app– you will be provided information about this when your child starts school.
- Snack & Milk**
- ◆ Children under the age of 5 are entitled to free milk.
 - ◆ Snack will be provided each day, this is usually apples, pears, bananas or oranges.

Support to Help Children Settle In During the First Term



Information session

- ◆ There will be a parents information session for you to attend prior to your child starting school with us.

Home Visits

- ◆ These are planned for the first few days in September. They provide us with the opportunity to see your child at home where they are most comfortable and settled and then the chance to meet us again before they come into school.

The First Day

- ◆ Children will have a staggered start into the EYC, starting with those who have already been with us a Wrens (nursery.)- letters will be sent out detailing dates/times.
- ◆ When children arrive on their first day, please bring them to the main school entrance.

During the first term

- ◆ During the first few weeks we will observe your children to find out what they know and can do. We will then use this information to help us plan activities to support your child's learning and development.
- ◆ You will be invited to discuss your child's progress & adjustment to school within the first term at parents' evening.

Buddies

- ◆ Each reception child will be carefully paired with one of our year 6 children who will become their buddy.
- ◆ The buddy will eat their lunch with them, help them at break and lunch times and even join them in class occasionally