

Welcome to Reception at
Aycliffe Drive Primary School

Reception Staff

Ash: Miss Cross and Mrs Norton

Elm: Mrs Barton and Miss Cross (Fridays)

Nursery Nurses:
Mrs Patterson
Miss Hoy
Miss Richardson

Teaching Assistant:
Miss Weeks

What will my child be learning?

There are 7 areas of learning:

Three Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

Four specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Outdoor Learning and Forest School

- At Aycliffe Drive we are passionate about developing the whole child, not just their academic ability
- Forest school is about using the outdoors to promote confidence, self-esteem and independence
- At Forest School there are no wrong answers. Children are able to take risks in a controlled environment and encouraged to move away from adult interaction, taking responsibility for themselves and others
- Activities are designed to help build children's confidence, concentration and independence with positive effects on their behaviour, social, emotional and physical skills both in and out of the classroom

Evidence shows that *“the main outcome of Forest School is the nurturing, support and development of self-esteem of participants, so that they have a sense of self-worth and value themselves.”*

All this learning takes place **indoors**
and outdoors

no matter what the weather!

Please remember to dress for the weather –bring a coat every day as we will be outdoors!

A typical day in Reception

8.20 to 8:30am – Fine motor

8.30am: Registration

Carpet: Phonics

Phonics Groups

Carpet: Literacy

Free flow and adult-led

Literacy activities

Carpet: Maths –number focus

11.30am to 12.30pm - Lunch

12.30pm: Registration

Phonics recap / Maths

Free flow and adult-led

Maths activities

Storytime / Singing

3.00pm – Home time

Parent Consultations

- We have two parent meetings per year, as well as parent workshops
- We discuss your child's progress and their next steps in learning
- We will post two observations per week of your child using a secure app called 'Tapestry'
- We expect all parents to add photos and videos of their child on Tapestry to build up a better profile of your child.
- Please do not post messages about absences/urgent information on Tapestry as it is not monitored all the time –email admin@aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk

Please ask if you have any concerns –
don't wait for a Parent Consultation!



Healthy School

- School dinners are free until the end of Year 2, and we provide daily healthy balanced meals. However, please check if you are eligible for free school meals as the school will receive extra funding which we use to benefit all pupils.
- Your children are given fruit and water every day at school.
- Children need to bring in a named water bottle from home.
- Birthday treats –pupils are allowed to bring treats for their friends to take home: individually wrapped cakes, sweets or chocolate, with the ingredients printed on.
- PLEASE ENSURE THERE ARE NO TRACES OF NUTS DUE TO ALLERGIES.

School Uniform

Winter Uniform

Grey/black skirt, pinafore dress

Black/grey trousers

White or red polo shirt

Red jumper or cardigan

Black shoes or black trainers

Red/white/black hijab (optional)



Summer Uniform

Red and white summer dress

OR

Grey / Black short trousers



Reception Size – for polo shirts or shirts
24 or 26 inches

Please label all uniform with your child's name

P.E Uniform

P.E Uniform winter

White t.shirt

Black joggers

Black leggings

School jumper or cardigan

Sensible sports trainers



P.E. Uniform summer

White t.shirt

School jumper or cardigan

Black sports shorts

Sensible sports trainers

Sun hat



Reception Size – 24 or 26 inches

Please label all uniform with your child's name

Things your child will need for school

Book bag



Water bottle

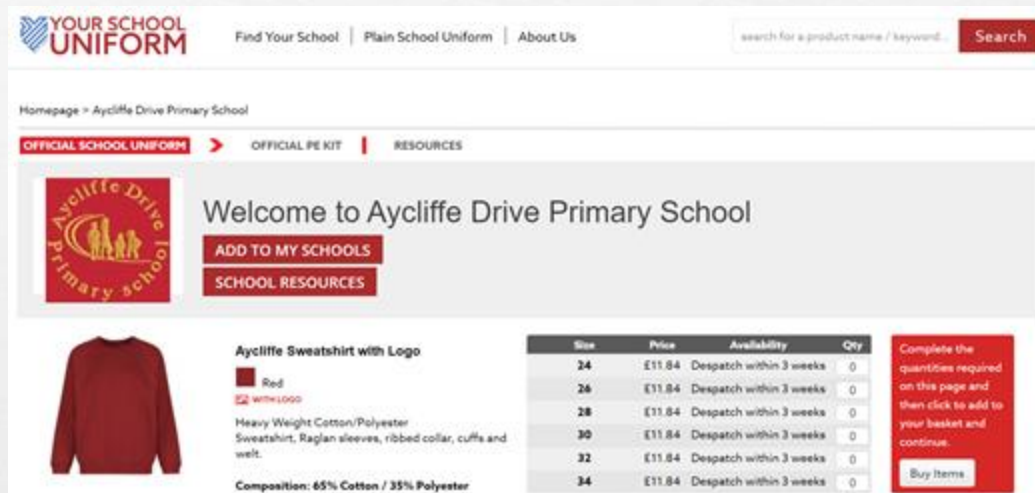


Book bags (£4.54) and drawstring bags (£2.20) are available from the school office

Ordering school uniform

You can order uniform from the following website

yourschooluniform.com



The screenshot shows the website interface for 'YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Find Your School', 'Plain School Uniform', and 'About Us', along with a search bar. Below the navigation, the breadcrumb trail reads 'Homepage > Aycliffe Drive Primary School'. The main content area features a red banner with the school's logo and the text 'Welcome to Aycliffe Drive Primary School'. Below this, there are two buttons: 'ADD TO MY SCHOOLS' and 'SCHOOL RESOURCES'. The product section displays a red sweatshirt with the school logo. The product details include the title 'Aycliffe Sweatshirt with Logo', a color selection for 'Red', and a description: 'Heavy Weight Cotton/Polyester Sweatshirt. Raglan sleeves, ribbed collar, cuffs and welt. Composition: 65% Cotton / 35% Polyester'. A table lists the available sizes and their prices:

| Size | Price | Availability | Qty |
|------|--------|-------------------------|-----|
| 24 | £11.84 | Despatch within 3 weeks | 0 |
| 26 | £11.84 | Despatch within 3 weeks | 0 |
| 28 | £11.84 | Despatch within 3 weeks | 0 |
| 30 | £11.84 | Despatch within 3 weeks | 0 |
| 32 | £11.84 | Despatch within 3 weeks | 0 |
| 34 | £11.84 | Despatch within 3 weeks | 0 |

To the right of the table, there is a red box with the text: 'Complete the quantities required on this page and then click to add to your basket and continue.' Below this text is a 'Buy Items' button.

Alternatively, you can also buy uniform from any of the main supermarkets.

Remember: these will not have the school logo.

More information can be found on our school website

<https://www.aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk/school-unifrom-and-p-e-kits/>

Lateness and Absences

Aycliffe Drive Primary School will not authorise any holidays during term time.

We aim for 96%



Things to help your child...

When your child starts Reception there are a number of skills that they should ideally have mastered:

Self-care:

- Go to the toilet by self
- Be able to wash own hands
- Put on own shoes and socks
- Put on coat and do zip
- Eat using knife and fork

Speaking, Reading & Writing:

- Show an interest in books
- Recognise and begin to write own name
- Talk about themselves, needs & feelings
- Ask and answer simple questions

Maths:

- Count to 10
- Recognise numbers to 10
- Write some numbers to 10
- Name simple shapes

Listening and understanding:

- Be able to tidy up
- Follow instructions
- Share and take turns
- Talk to other children

Activities you can do to help with starting...

- **Read and share stories daily** with your child and talk about them, what they liked/disliked, what might happen next, what the ending might be, gaining an understanding of story structure (beginning, middle, end)

- **A dice**

Use this with your child to help them become familiar with numbers to 6, learning the patterns and saying the number by sight (subitising)

- **A number line**

You can use this with your child to see what numbers come before and after numbers to 10 or 20

- **Letter formation (lower case)**

Use this to help your child to start recognising and forming letters.

- **Number formation**

Use this to help your child to start recognising and forming numbers.

- **Phonics Sound Mat**

Children will begin phonics as soon as they start in Reception. Our scheme is Floppy Phonics. Practise recognising the first sound in simple words such as 'sun' 'mat' 'dog' etc.

Thank you for choosing to visit our school today, we will now go into the classroom and see it in action!