



# WEST GRANTHAM

Church of England Primary Academy



# Welcome

We are delighted that you and your child are joining our school this coming September.

On behalf of the Staff, Governors, children and parents, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to our school community.

We hope that the information provided will answer many of the questions you have about your child starting school with us in September.

# Meet the staff



Mrs Thacker  
EYFS Lead and Class Teacher



Miss Addlesee  
Class Teacher



Mrs Desmond  
EYFS Teaching Assistant



Mrs Richardson  
EYFS Cover Supervisor

# Key Adults in School



Mrs Martin  
Executive Principal



Mrs Smyth  
Headteacher



Mrs Drury  
Deputy Headteacher and SENCO



Miss Weston  
Inclusion Lead



Mrs Douglas  
Office Manager



Mrs Mammat  
Attendance and Family Liaison Officer

# Transition

If your child does not attend our school nursery, we will be talking to pre-school and nursery settings, as we always do, to find out where your child is in their learning.

We also be carrying out home visits to find out about your child's preferences; things they particularly enjoy, find difficult, and to answer any questions that you may have.



Teddy Bear's Picnic: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2pm

Please come to the main Reception Area on arrival

# Transition Days

- ▶ Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 9.00am-12.15pm

Please come to main reception where a member of the EYFS team will meet you. The children will stay for lunch and be collected once again from the main reception.

- ▶ Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1.00pm-3.00pm



# The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

## Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

## Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



# Our Early Years Curriculum

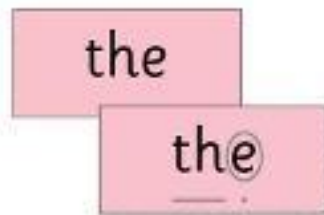
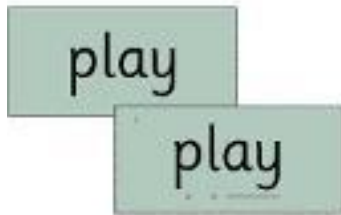
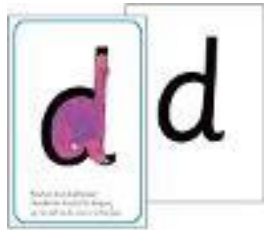
- Quality indoor and outdoor learning focusing on all areas of the curriculum.
- Fun and exciting topic based learning.
- Practical, hands on experiences.
- Mixture of child-initiated and adult led activities.
- Risk taking - developing resilience and independence.
- Enrichment and trips to embed learning.





# Daily Routine

- ▶ School starts at 8.40am. Please enter through the door in the main Reception area.
- ▶ A typical day in Reception will include:
- ▶ Phonics - we follow the Read Write Inc scheme of work.
- ▶ Continuous provision - inside and outside learning activities accessed independently by the children.
- ▶ Snack Time- children receive milk and a piece of fresh fruit daily. Please ensure you are registered with Cool Milk.
- ▶ Carpet time - all areas of learning are taught to the whole class throughout the week.
- ▶ Lunch- we are fortunate enough to have an experienced chef within our academy who uses a range of fresh produce daily to create a wide range of meals (an example menu can be found on our school website)
- ▶ Funky fingers activities
- ▶ Maths carpet time
- ▶ Continuous provision - inside and outside learning activities accessed independently by the children.
- ▶ Story and singing times.
- ▶ School finishes at 3pm.



Simple Sound Cards

CONSONANT SOUNDS

f l m n r s v z sh th ng nk

b c d g h j p q t w x y ch

a e i o u ay ee igh ow

oo ou or or air ir ou oy

Complex Sound Cards

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# What your child will need

- ▶ Waterproof Coat
- ▶ Sun hat and sun cream (weather depending)
- ▶ Spare Clothes if needed
- ▶ Named uniform
- ▶ PE kit
- ▶ A Book bag and water bottle will be provided



# In preparation for school

- Support your child to be toilet trained and use the toilet independently where possible.
- Encourage good hygiene and hand washing.
- Encourage your child to get dressed independently.
- Support your child to use a knife and fork.
- Support your child to learn how to share with others and take turns.
- Encourage independence skills for the school day i.e. carry their own bag into school.
- Encourage your child to recognise their name and belongings by labelling everything clearly (coat, jumper, book bag, lunchbox etc.)
- ‘Ditch the dummy’

# In preparation for school

- Sharing books together daily helps your child develop a love of books and stories.
- Develop fine motor skills by threading, using dough, small tweezers, rolling tissue paper or any other activities to let little fingers move.
- Play counting games.
- Recite nursery rhymes including number songs.

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss



# Class Dojo

Please ensure you register at your earliest convenience as all whole school and class specific information is shared via class dojo



If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to make contact.

School office: 01476 563963

Via Class Dojo