

WELCOME TO WILLIAM STOCKTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieve Excellence in our Early Years Foundation Stage and across our School



E – Enjoy & achieve

Y – Yearning for learning

F – Fun

S – Special





A Very Warm Welcome to William Stockton Primary School.

We look forward to beginning our journey together, a strong partnership between home and school helps your child to flourish.

We have tried to think of all the questions you may have about your child in our EYFS and provide you with the answers. Our priority at this point is that your child will have a happy start to their school life and enjoy each and every day they spend with us.

Our Vision in Reception and throughout our School

We at William Stockton Achieve Excellence in everything we do. We help our children to be safe, happy, healthy and prepared for the future.

OUR VISION

Achieve Excellence



OUR AIM

United we support and encourage success

Our Aims

Our aims and expectations are underpinned by those of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS) which covers the education of children from birth to five years old.

- ◆ Our standards are set to ensure that every child makes progress and no child gets left behind.
- ◆ Every child is included and there is an equality of opportunity for all.
- ◆ A working partnership is established between school and parents, professionals and other settings they may attend.
- ◆ An approach that ensures your child's care and learning is of a high quality.
- ◆ We lay a secure foundation for future learning.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Activities in Reception are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. The children will be supported in their learning by experienced and well qualified teachers and teaching assistants.

Planning for each term is carried out using a topic based approach, following the children's interests and responding to specific events.

Individual records called 'Learning Journeys' are kept by staff to record the activities your child participates in and undertakes, as well as their progress in specific skills.

There are 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) that activities are planned around: -

- ⇒ **Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)**
- ⇒ **Communication and Language (CAL)**
- ⇒ **Physical Development (PD)**
- ⇒ **Literacy**
- ⇒ **Mathematics**
- ⇒ **Understanding the World (UW)**
- ⇒ **Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)**



Welcome to Reception at William Stockton Primary School

Starting school is a big step for young children and their parents, and we want to make this time a reassuring and positive experience for you and your child. We aim to make the transition from home or nursery as smooth as possible and look forward to building a close relationship between home and school while your child is with us. By working together, we can ensure that your child learns and grows in an exciting , challenging, happy and caring environment.

Meet the Reception Team

EYFS Leadership Team



Mrs Gayton

RD



Mrs Davies



Mrs Stewart

RW



Mrs Williams



Mrs Wilson



Miss Ince

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of learning involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others. They will make friends, develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings. They will also begin to understand what is right, what is wrong, and why.

Physical Development

This area of learning involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive; and to develop their coordination, control and movement. Children must also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

Communication and Language

This area of learning is all about developing children's listening, attention, understanding and speaking.

LIFE AT SCHOOL

"Children's work shows that they make good progress in all areas of their learning"

(Ofsted 2018)



Literacy

This area of learning involves encouraging children to link sounds and letters to support them in learning to read and write. At William Stockton Primary School we use Read Write Inc to support the children with learning sounds.

Mathematics

This area of learning involves children in counting, sorting, matching, making patterns and working with numbers, shapes and measures. The children will develop confidence and begin to solve simple mathematical problems.

Understanding the World

This area of learning is all about using the children's natural curiosity to explore and make sense of the world in which they live to find out about people, places, technology and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

This area of learning covers art, music, dance, role-play and imaginative play.



The School Day

The School Day begins at 08:50am. This is an important part of the school day when children are settled together and have activities to complete together until 09:00am. Our aim is for your child to grow in self confidence and independence, therefore we ask for your support in encouraging your child to settle in .

“Children in the Early Years make good progress. This is because of the effective teaching in the early years.” (Ofsted 2018)

During this time you will be able to help your child write their name and take part in the activities available. On Friday’s until 09:15am, we have parent pop in’s where you can spend time with your child looking at their learning journey.

Your child’s education is very important and every minute counts!

If your child arrives after the register has been taken, they will be marked as late. They will be expected to ‘catch up’ on the work they have missed, which means they may have to stay behind at school, at an arranged time.

All lateness and absence is recorded and is included in your child’s end of year report. ***Make every minute count.***



Admissions

If you would like your child to attend William Stockton Primary School, please take up our invitation to come and visit.

If you feel that our School will be a great place for your child to learn, grow and develop, then please contact Cheshire West & Chester School Admissions on Tel: 0300 123 7039



How can I help to prepare my child for school?

Here are some practical ideas that will help to prepare your child for school that you may wish to make use of:

- Sharing books, reading with and to your child.
- Visiting places of interest, talking to your child about them, encouraging them to ask questions. Places you may choose to visit: the library, country parks and local nature reserves, museums, on a bus, on a train, on the ferry.
- Making opportunities to play with friends.
- Playing with letters and numbers.
- Singing songs and rhymes including nursery rhymes.
- Opportunities to be creative including drawing, painting and getting messy.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school and building a strong positive relationship together.



UNIFORM

BOYS	GIRLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Grey or black trousers◆ White or blue shirt / polo shirt◆ Black sensible shoes (no trainers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Grey skirt or trousers◆ White or blue blouse or polo shirt◆ Blue and white dress for the summer◆ Royal blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan◆ Muslim girls may wear a Hijab

School sweatshirts and polo shirts are available from the Uniform Shop, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8AA.

Please make sure EVERY item of clothing has your child's name on it. Reception children have PE once a week. They wear black shorts and a coloured school T-shirt which needs to be purchased from school along with a reading folder.

Jewellery

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school for health and safety reasons, with the exception of small stud earrings. These will need to be removed for PE so we recommend children do not wear earrings on their PE days.

School finishes at 3:30pm—Please pick up your child promptly.

If you find that you may be late picking up your child, please ring school so that no undue worry is caused. If you are late, without informing school, we will contact you by telephone; if you are not available we will contact the person specified on the emergency contact form.



Children may only be collected from school by an adult who we have a photograph of. If someone other than this person is to collect your child, the class teacher must be informed in advance.

It is very important that we always have an emergency telephone number. We may need to contact you. If you change your address or telephone number please let us know immediately.

Attendance

At school we promote the importance of punctuality and good attendance as these greatly affect children's progress. **It is your legal obligation to ensure that your child attends school everyday.**

If your child is absent for any reason then you must let school know as soon as possible by telephoning **0151 355 1650**.

If you do not phone us, then a member of staff will contact you to ask for a reason for absence.

Children should only be kept off school when they are too ill to attend, and not for any other reason such as shopping, birthdays or ill family members.



If a child has sickness or diarrhoea, then they should be kept off school for 48 hours to prevent the spread of infection throughout our Foundation Stage Department.

If your child has to go out of school for a **dental, doctor or hospital** appointment you will need to show an appointment card.

If your child has to take **medication** during the day, parents may come to school to administer it. School staff are not permitted to give children medicine unless a medical form has been filled in and signed at the office by the parent / carer.

HOLIDAYS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING TERM TIME



Snack Time

Our school participates in the National Fruit Scheme where fresh fruit is provided free on a daily basis, for all infant children.

In addition to this, children in the EYFS are given a snack during the school day. Snack time is an important time of the day and is a pleasurable experience for the children. It is a time spent sharing good food with friends and staff. Our snacks meet the School Food Standards and include a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables. The children will sometimes help prepare snacks and enjoy the experience of cooking. If your child has any food allergies, please inform us.

Lunchtime

Your child will automatically be entitled to have a free infant school meal. The children have a daily choice of menu and their class teacher will help them choose a meal from the selection on offer.

This new Government scheme is a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience new foods and develop their independence in the lunch room. We actively encourage you and your child to participate in it.

Alternatively, your child can bring a packed lunch into school to eat. This should be as healthy as possible. Please do not include sweets, chocolate bars or other confectioneries. Also, do not send in glass bottles or fizzy drinks and please make sure your child's lunchbox is named.

Discipline

We have a Behaviour Policy throughout the whole school in order that the children can learn appropriate behaviour both in the classroom and around the school.

Each class has a set of 'Golden Rule's designed for safety and maximum learning potential, with a series of rewards for keeping the rules and set of consequences for those who do not.

Children are encouraged to follow our six 'Golden Rules'

- ◆ **Do be gentle**
- ◆ **Do be kind and helpful**
- ◆ **Do listen**
- ◆ **Do be honest**
- ◆ **Do work hard**
- ◆ **Do look after property**



Speaking to the Class Teacher

Each child has a Key Person who is the main point of contact at school. This person helps your child to become settled, happy and safe and ensures that their learning and care is tailored to meet their individual needs. If you need to speak to your child's Key Person or the Class Teacher you do not need to make an appointment. It is best to pop in at home time rather than first thing in the morning because at this time adults will be busy settling the class. If you ever have any worries about your child, please speak to the teacher / key person straight away.

Parental Help in School

We welcome parent's, grandparents and carers who are able to help in school in various ways. If you wish to help please speak to your child's class teacher.

At William Stockton School we value parental support and provide opportunities for parents to come into school. In reception we enjoy Story Times and Learning Workshops throughout the year. We also enjoy sharing our learning through class assemblies and parent pop ins.

We also welcome your support when we have learning outside the classroom opportunities such as school trips.

How can you help your child to learn

We aim to work in partnership with you to achieve the very best for your child, so any support you can give your child is greatly appreciated. There are many ways in which you can help your child before they come to school.

It is really important to try and make children as independent as possible. Let them practise dressing themselves; including fastening their own shoes and coats and allow them to be responsible for their own belongings. Please make sure your child can use the toilet independently, including flushing it after use and washing his/her hands.

Reading

We encourage you to read with your child every night. Your child should have a blue book bag and a Home Reading Record Book. We invite you to sign or make a comment to help support your child's reading at home. Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book regularly.

The local library also has a good range of books for children and we encourage a love for reading!

We encourage a love and respect of books and it is helpful if you spend time talking to your child about books and listening to them read. Encourage him / her to ask questions and try to say what is happening in the pictures. Whilst you are out and about, encourage your child to look at the print around them— in shops, posters, road names, signs etc.

Writing

Writing is actively encouraged and children's independent efforts are valued. The children are taught to form letters correctly and to use their letter / sound knowledge to build words and sentences. Please do not use capital letters except at the beginning of names as this can confuse your child. Writing patterns, colouring, drawing, using pencils and felt tip pens all help develop children's confidence and skills. Please praise and encourage your child for their early attempts at writing.

Each week the children will bring their own 'home challenge book' where they will be required to complete a short piece of homework, often writing. Please help your child to 'have a go'.

Maths

The children will experience lots of activities to help them count, recognise and order numbers and understand their value. You can help at home by counting, sorting, matching and making patterns using familiar objects around the house. You could also use appropriate language—large, small, big, little, same size, high, low, heavy, light, longer, shorter etc. Point out numbers around you when you are out and about—on cars, doors, price labels etc.

Safeguarding

We aim to take good care of our pupils. If you have any concerns about safety or other worries about a child or family, please let us know. Mrs Ackers is responsible for safeguarding and attendance and she is in on the playground everyday; before and after school to speak to you. Alternatively, pop into school and ask for her.

All of our staff have been trained in Safeguarding.

We expect all pupils in everyday, on time—every minute counts.

Your child will miss valuable learning time if they are late.

Please note: Mobile phones are not allowed in classrooms in the interest of the children's safety.



Finally

We hope that while your child is with us at William Stockton School it will be a happy and enjoyable time.

We look forward to seeing you at the various events that will take place, such as parents evening, sports day and fund raising events organised during the year, we hope you will enjoy taking an active part in your child's education and learning.

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