



Curriculum Dates



<u>Autumn Term</u>	
Parents Evening	15.10.2025 & 16.10.2025
INSET Day	03.11.2025
Armistice Day	11.11.2025
Anti-bullying week	w/b 10.11.2025
Children in Need	14.11.2025
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	12.12.2025
<u>Spring Term</u>	
Careers and Aspirations Week	w/b 19.01.2026
Parents Evening	04.02.2026 & 05.02.2026
Safer Internet Day	11.02.2026
Chinese New Year Special Dinner	13.02.2026
Science Day	27.02.2026
World Book Day	05.03.2026
Mother's Day Sale	13.03.2026
Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)	20.03.2026
<u>Summer Term</u>	
St Georges Day	23.04.2026
National Numeracy Day	20.05.2026
Father's Day Sale	19.06.2026
Reception Sports Day	16.06.2026
Meet the teacher class swap	08.07.2026
End of Year Celebration	15.07.2026
End of Year Assembly	17.07.2026
Inset Day	20.07.2026



Merrylands Primary School and Nursery

Welcome to Reception



How we learn in Reception

Your child's days in Reception will consist of a balance between well-planned play activities, teacher led activities and child-initiated activities. At set times of the day children are involved in planned activities to develop the early learning goals, they are then given the opportunity to develop these independently during child initiated supported play. Most of the planned activities are linked to the theme for the half term.

Each day children participate in Phonics sessions, where, in a fun and interactive way they will learn about the sounds letters make in words and what they look like. They will quickly begin to blend these sounds together to enable them to read and write words.

Maths is taught through lots of practical exploration and teachers provide a wealth of opportunities for children to develop mathematical understanding both in indoor and outdoor provision.



Our themes

Family & Friends/Outside Inside

Your child's first half term in school is all about them settling into the rules, boundaries & expectations of Reception.

Knowing Yourself

This half term we will share stories about building self-confidence, it will also be full of learning about and celebrating festivals of winter and light.

Talents & Powers

This half term will focus on stories with a "magical" element and encourage children to think about their own special abilities.

Sowing a Seed

This half term will be all about growing—plants and people. There will also be a trip!

Celebrating Self

Through this theme, we will be exploring what we are good at and how we can value each others strengths.

Family & Friends/Outside Inside

This half term we will explore all things summery including the beach and trips to the seaside as well as bugs and mini-beasts.

Reminders

- Please name ALL children's belongings.
- Drink bottles must be filled with plain water only.
- PE will be once a week, usually on a Friday. Any change of day will be shared via Tapestry.
- Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed on PE days.
- PE kits must contain jogging bottoms, T-shirt and trainers. No shorts or plimsolls please.
- Phonics Homework will be shared weekly—evidence of tasks completed at home should be photographed and uploaded to Tapestry.
- Please ensure you have downloaded the Tapestry app and that you have notifications turned on so that you don't miss any important information.
- Please dress your child appropriately for the weather – warm coat, hats, gloves, scarves in winter please!



How to support your child's learning at home

Listen to your child read every day and record this on BoomReader.

Complete the weekly Phonics homework.

Support your child by finding a little time to ask them about their day at school – what did they do that was new today? What have they been learning about? What was their favourite thing that they did today? What didn't they like so much? In the early days, discussing their daily routine in the morning is helpful when settling into a new environment – let them know what is happening at school each day (P.E., what's for lunch, clubs, any trips or special events coming up?).

