



Information for parents and carers

***Nursery, Reception and Year 1
2025 - 2026***



Welcome to our Nursery Reception and Year 1 class

Your staff members are;

Mrs Melanie Kirkbride - class teacher

Miss Chloe Burns - HLTA and Nursery lead

Miss Chantelle Hagri - TA with specialism in Early Language

Mrs Anna Moorhouse - STA with specialism in SEMH

Our staff all have their own specialist skills which makes them perfect to be working in a caring, comforting and supportive early years environment.



The school day

8.40 am Our school day starts at 8.40am this is when the doors open. *

Children are encouraged to come in as independently as possible and find their peg and hang their coat and bag. Children may be asked to find their name or picture to put at their peg to support independence. There will be table-top activities for nursery and reception children to access when they arrive.

Year 1 will be asked to come and complete a morning task. This could be reading, some speedy maths or spelling! **We ask parents where possible, to drop their year 1 children at the door after the first week please.**

8.50 am Parents leave We start to get tidied away for registration as **lessons start at 9am.**

9.00 am Phonics (Read Write Inc) lessons start. Children will be in different groups to learn phonics in line with their learning so far.

9.30 am - 12 pm - morning lessons (plus break and snack time)

In the morning sessions there will be maths, English, reading and break time.

For nursery and reception there will also be a lot of opportunity for play and child led continuous provision (using the resources in the classroom and any tasks set up).

Nursery morning session ends at 11.45. (Children can be picked up from the wooden gate at the side of the school past the library)



The school day (continued)

12 - 1pm lunchtime - children eat in the dinner hall. Lunches need to be prepaid and ordered online (please see the office for any advice) . Packed lunches can be brought (**we are a nut free school**). We store these in a box in class.

1pm - 3.15pm Afternoon lessons

Some of these lessons may involve all of our class (nursery, reception and Year 1) but **Year 1 children will access the full range of curriculum for year 1 as the National Curriculum states.**

We are planning so that the **themes that EYFS have, links to the learning of Year 1 and so we can still come together and share stories and learning where it is appropriate. There will be times when Year 1 are taught separately from the rest of the class - mainly for maths and English .** This will be so that we can start to embed routines that KS1 will need to have, in order to support their transition and learning through KS1.

In year 1 in (Autumn term especially) there **will still be play** - in the transition to year 1 it is important to ensure that we still use play to learn and short burst activities to lead them into longer sessions and differing expectations.

3.15 pm Home time - Children need to be collected from our classroom door. *

**We will be using the door that leads out onto the large school playground. There are a couple of reasons for this - but the main one is so that at the start and end of the day there are less people needing to come around to the exit near to where year 4,5,6 will enter and leave.*

You will find this door where the small EYFS playground is fenced off and leads onto the main playground.



Uniform and P.E (taken from our Uniform policy available on the school website)

PE kit, shoes, coats, lunch boxes etc are marked with your child's name and class, as this will enable staff to return lost items. Any items not labelled will be placed in the lost property, please ask at school office. All items of clothing, including coats and PE kit must be named.

Our school uniform consists of the following items:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey or black pinafore or skirt with black, navy or grey tights or white socks
- Red or white polo shirt
- Black school shoes (no trainers or sport shoes)
- For summer term and up to October half term pupils are able to wear grey/black shorts or red gingham dresses.

PE Kit - need to be left at school for the half term so they are in school each week

- navy/black shorts
- Red/ white round neck t-shirt with logo
- Back plimsolls or trainers for outdoor lessons (***no laces please unless children can tie and untie their laces independently***)

*dark coloured tracksuits may be worn in the winter months)

It is essential that all children change for PE lesson especially in EYFS as this is supporting their 'managing self'.

Jewellery - Jewellery is not encouraged and the school will not be responsible for any loss or damage. It is best if jewellery is not worn at all. However **plain stud earrings are permitted, but they MUST be removed for PE lessons. The responsibility for their care rests with the pupil.** For this reason, we encourage ear piercing to occur in the summer holidays, however, during the school year pupils must tape up their earrings if they are unable to be removed. Pupils must take responsibility for providing plasters/tape for this purpose. Other jewellery - chains, necklaces, bracelets and any hoop or drop earrings; are NOT permitted in school at all. Thank you for your support in this matter.

The graphic on the left side of the page features a stylized profile of a child's head in white. Inside the head, there is a circular logo for 'HENSINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL' with three cartoon children. Below the head, there are colorful brushstrokes in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue.

Food in school

It is normal in EYFS classrooms to have snack. Not only does this serve as a communal opportunity to sit and eat together, but it supports sharing, turn taking , pouring , managing self with eating and serving food and discussing likes and dislikes !

When the children arrive in the morning, they are offered bagels as a start to the day.

In the morning **Year 1 children will be given the option of fruit for their morning snack, as their morning routine will gradually change to include longer lesson times.**

Nursery and Reception children will be provided with snack each day where they can sit and share with each other.

We ask for a contribution to this so that we can make sure snack is varied. On a weekly basis (but not every week) there may be a selection of bread sticks, crackers, toast, rice cakes, fruits such a melon, grapes, strawberries and additional items like cheese, yoghurt and additional milk . On weeks where there are special occasions, we will change snack up to include some different items too.



Food in school- continued

We ask £1 a week per child contribution for snack time which can be paid on Parent Mail- please see the office regarding this.

Water

We have a water dispenser in class . This means that your child does not need to bring a water bottle. Your child can free pour water when they need a drink.

We do not have juice in school or to drink from drinking bottles as per the Early Years Framework -guidance regarding tooth decay and health (dilute juice might be served at school as part of a special treat but always heavily diluted and in beakers- this will be very rare!).

We are also happy to have things like birthday cakes on these special occasions -for those who want to supply them - **but please feel no pressure!**

We also understand that children sometimes have particular needs, intolerances or allergies regarding food.

We are happy to accommodate these needs - but please make sure these are highlighted on the admissions form that is filled in and given to the office and speak to a member of class staff- this is most important to make sure everyone is safe and catered for.



Toileting

We know that children are all at different stages of toileting. We actively encourage children throughout the day to go to the toilet for a wee or a poo.

We will send your child to the toilet to wash their hands and to 'have a try' too!

If your child needs to have a nappy or pull-up changed at school then we need you to make sure that you have informed us so that an intimate care plan can be put in place - also, if your child is still having instances of wetting or soiling and will need changes .

They need to have every day ;

- A change of clothes/ sets of - depending on frequency of changing
- spare nappies / pull ups / wipes

For help with toileting try the website ERIC (children's bowel and bladder charity) which has lots of information on potty training , stool holding and other toileting needs- link below.

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Other information

Reading books

We ask that children will bring their reading book everyday to school and bring it into class to be put into the appropriate box.

P.E Kit

This needs to be clearly labelled and in an easily identified bag that can hang on the child's peg for the half term.

Bikes and scooters

As our door will open from the main playground - bikes and scooters can be left in the bike rack (near the main entrance for years 2 and 3.

Toys

We understand that some children require objects/ items to support their own personal social or emotional needs but, where possible toys need to be left at home unless requested as part of a topic or lesson.

We can not be held responsible for the loss or damage of items, and it can cause upset for the children. We have lots of soft toys, puppets, cars, animals, dinosaurs and other resources in school that children can play with.



Assessment and reporting

There will be conversations about your child's learning throughout the year .

Year 1

Year 1 children will undertake assessments throughout the academic year. These will be used as a tool to assess what children have learned and remembered and what we need to work on further .

In summer term ,Year 1 will take part in a phonics assessment. This is a national statutory assessment that will be reported to you as part of the end of year report. It will be done just like their own RWI phonics sessions and so should not be any different to them completing sounds that they are used to.

EYFS

In nursery and reception there are no such assessments.

At the end of these years you will be given a report about your child's learning under the different headings.

- Maths - English - Communication and Language - Physical development - Personal and social education Expressive arts
- Understanding the world

At the end of Reception, the teacher takes part in assessing your child against each area of learning (taking part in the EYFS profile) and this is used to inform the year 1 teacher. You will have this in your end of year report .



Communicating with home

There are many ways we communicate with home .

Obviously, you are very welcome to speak to any member of staff at drop off or pick up, but please just be aware if it is something you might need to talk more at length about, then a message or meeting after school might be more fitting, just because these times can be quite busy!

Class DOJO

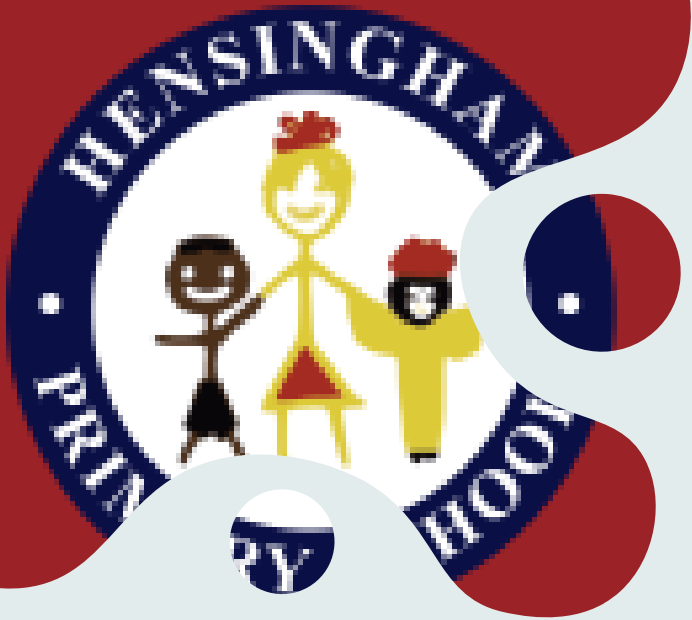
We use Class DOJO to put on photos, information, post about class activities, and also as a way to message parents and carers individually. Please make sure you accept an invitation, as then you can contact the staff in your child's class and we can let you know of anything and keep you up to date!

Parent Mail

This is our whole school system for contacting you. Letters, newsletters, information and things like trip payment and consents are all done through Parent Mail.

Tapestry?

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Term Dates

- Term starts on Wednesday 3rd September for Reception and Year 1 children. -
- *****Nursery children will start on Monday 8th of September

<u>Term Dates</u>	
Academic Year 2025 – 2026	
Autumn Term	
INSET days	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Autumn term begins	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025
Autumn term ends	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring Term	
Spring term begins	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026
Spring term ends	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer Term	
INSET day	Monday 13 th April 2026
Summer term begins	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
Bank holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
Summer term ends	Friday 17 th July 2026



Nursery

- Children will come into school using the same classroom door as the rest of the children .
- This door is located around onto the large playground- we will come out of this door into our own small yard for collection at the end of the day.
- Some children will stay for a morning session depending on the working code , and some children will stay for the full day.
- If collecting your child before dinner time, then collection time is 11.45 at the wooden gate at the side of the school building around from the carpark (the same gate it has always been!)
- If you have any queries about booking your child into school for additional hours, then please just speak to the office regarding this.
- additional hours to the ones already given need to be paid and booked on parent Mail in advance please.