



Waddington All Saints Academy

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Parent Information Booklet Reception Year 2026-2027





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Welcome to Waddington All Saints Academy

Welcome from the Headteacher

A very warm welcome to our school. We are so pleased that you have chosen All Saints for your child's Reception year—thank you for placing your trust in us. We know that choosing the right school is such an important decision, and we feel truly privileged to be part of the beginning of your child's educational journey.

We believe that working in partnership with parents and carers is key to a happy and successful start to school life. You know your child best, and by sharing information and working closely together, we can support their learning and well-being in the most effective way. We operate an open-door policy, so you are always welcome to speak to us with any questions, concerns, or updates. Whether it's a quick chat or a more formal meeting, we are here to listen and help. By building strong, positive relationships, we can ensure your child feels secure, confident, and ready to thrive.

We also understand that starting school is a big step for both children and their families, and we place great importance on making this transition as smooth and positive as possible. Our carefully planned transition arrangements help your child become familiar with their new environment, routines, and staff, so they feel settled and confident from the very beginning. We take time to get to know each child as an individual and aim to make this exciting milestone a happy and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

We very much look forward to welcoming your child and getting to know them as they grow, learn, and thrive as part of our school community.

Best wishes,
Mrs Zoe Jepson
Headteacher



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Our School Vision

Our **DRIVE** for excellence in all that we do



"If they have wings, why make them walk?"

At All Saints, the safety, happiness and well-being of every child are at the heart of all we do. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment where children feel valued, supported and inspired to fly high academically, emotionally, socially and physically.

Through our '**DRIVE for Excellence**', we ignite a love of learning and a belief in every child's potential. We motivate and empower children to grow as confident individuals and responsible members of our community, developing the independence, resilience and curiosity needed to become motivated, lifelong learners. We encourage children to embrace challenge, take thoughtful risks and learn with increasing independence, equipping them with the essential skills they need for success in school and beyond.

We recognise that the **Early Years** are a vital and special time in a child's development. A strong start in the EYFS is essential, and we place great importance on building firm foundations for future learning. We focus on developing excellent social and communication skills, supporting children to share, cooperate and form positive relationships, while fostering self-control, kindness and respect for others.



Our School Values

Core Values



Respect



Kindness



Determination



Ambition



Enthusiasm

By embedding our core values alongside fundamental British values, we aim to create an inclusive and caring community where diversity is celebrated and every child feels a strong sense of belonging. Our children are encouraged to be confident, resilient and to always strive to do their very best – even when learning is challenging – so they can flourish now and in the future.

DFE Rise Reception Network Lead School

We are delighted to share that All Saints has been designated as a DfE Rise Reception Network Lead School. This recognition reflects the exceptional strength of our Reception practice, the expertise and commitment of our Early Years team, and the clear, positive impact their work is already having on children across our school. As a Lead School, we will support and work alongside other schools to share best practice in early years education, further strengthening outcomes for children both within our own community and beyond.





Getting ready to start school

Here are some things you could practise at home to help your child get ready for school.

Build independent every day skills like putting on shoes and coats



Start positive conversations about school and offer reassurance about all feelings



Share books together and talk about what's happening or how they are feeling



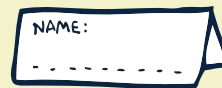
Promote healthy eating and trying new foods



Play games that practise listening, turn taking and following instructions



Make a name placemat to support name recognition and mark making



Practise counting objects and recognising numbers.



Follow guidance on appropriate screen time



Manage toileting independently



Stay active!
It develops children's core strength, co-ordination and good health



Set consistent routines, including night time and morning routines



Use cutlery



A Day in Reception

Our approach...

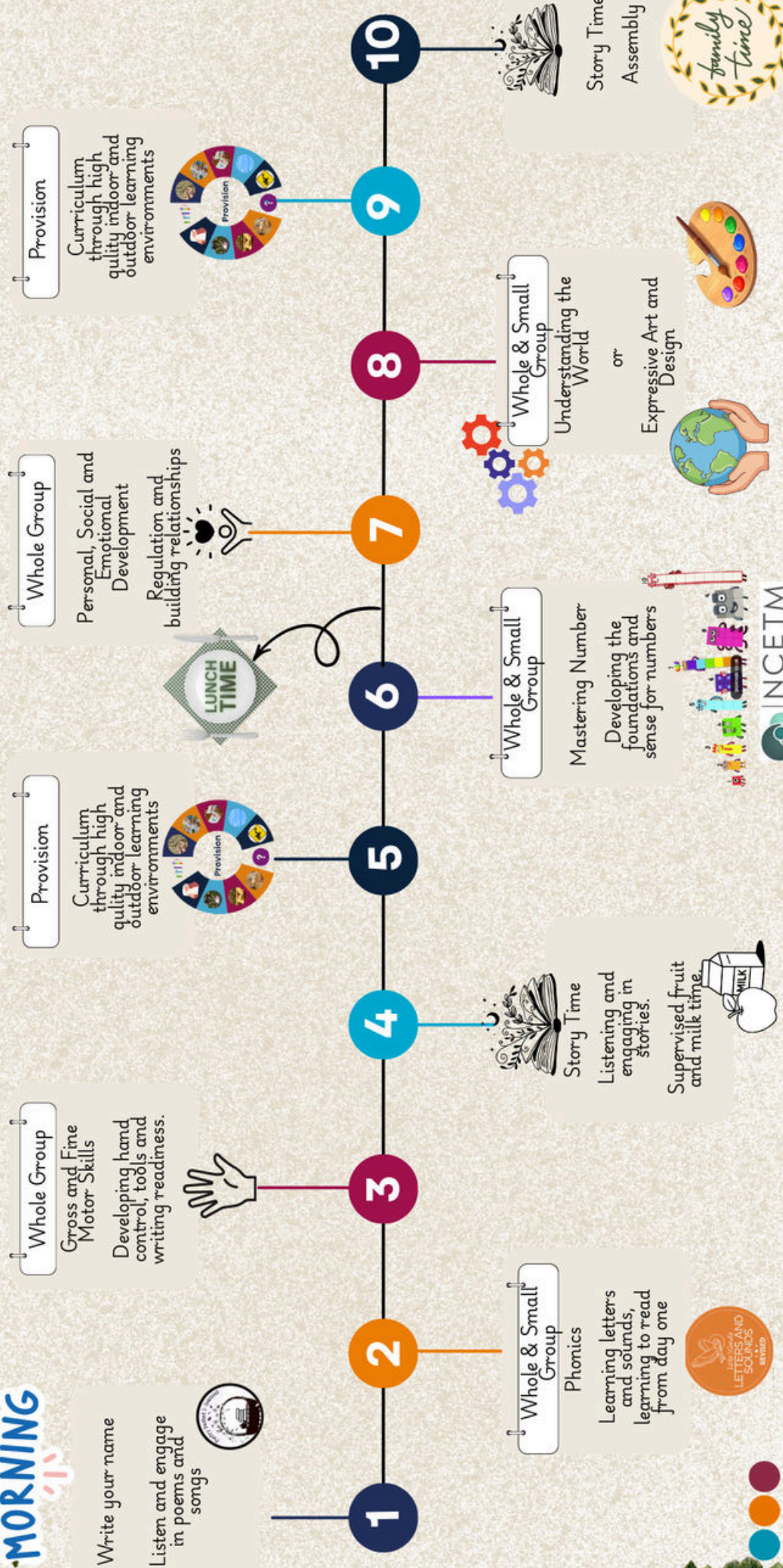
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Whole Group
Curriculum focused and explicit teaching.

Small Group
Curriculum discussion and group activities

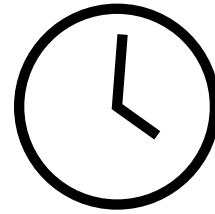
Enhanced and Continuous Provision
Curriculum through resource stimulus, interactive displays, high quality indoor and outdoor provision



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03:20pm



The school day

The main school gates open daily at 8.40am. Learning Support Assistants greet children at the reception playground gate from 8:45am, the children then walk into their classrooms independently where the teachers are ready to receive them and learning begins promptly at 8:50am.

The gates close at 8.50am. After this time, children come into school through the office.

At the end of the day, the play ground gates open at 3.20pm for the children to be collected.

Year group	Arrival	Departure
Reception to Y6	8.50am	3.20pm
Lunchtime		
Reception and KS1	12.15pm	1.15pm
KS2	12.25pm	1.25pm

Attendance

Regular school attendance is really important for your child's learning, development, and wellbeing.

In Reception, children build key foundations in early literacy, numeracy, and social skills that support all future learning. Attending school every day helps children feel settled, confident, and part of the class community, while also allowing them to develop friendships and routines. Even small amounts of missed time can make it harder for children to keep up with new learning experiences and activities. By ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time, you are giving them the best possible start to their educational journey.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please give the office a quick call by 9:30am to let us know. This helps us keep our records up to date and ensures we know your child is safe. Thank you for your support!



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Lunch Time

Universal Free School Meals

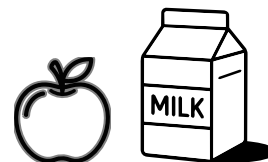
The government is currently funding schools in England to provide every child in reception, year 1 and year 2 with a nutritious meal at lunch time. The aim is to improve academic attainment and save families money.

To take up this entitlement please order your child's meals as normal through Good Looking Cooking.

www.goodlookincookin.co.uk

Children are able to bring a packed lunch into school if they prefer.

Snacks, fruit and milk



Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils and we would like to invite you to register your child at www.coolmilk.co.uk. School milk is free for all under-fives and is subsidised for pupils aged five or older at around £15.00 term

Children in reception have a fruit and milk break during the morning session. Free fruit is provided. Reception children do not need a snack.





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School Uniform

- **Red sweatshirt/cardigan** with the Waddington All Saints Academy logo
- **White** shirt/polo t-shirt
- **Grey or black** trousers/shorts/pinafore or red and white gingham dress
- Plain **black shoes** or plain black leather ankle boots.
- A named waterbottle
- A small rucksack - if needed

P.E Kit

P.E kit should be brought to school, on a Monday in a small draw string bag. They will be sent home on a Friday.

- **Black** shorts (for indoor or outdoor use)
- A **white** round neck t-shirt
- **Plain black** jumper/ fleece
- **Black** tracksuit bottoms or leggings (for use outdoors only)
- Trainers/plimsols
- Earrings must be removed for P.E, due to health and safety.

Options

- Book Bag
- Earrings- where needed must be small stud earrings

No other jewellery is permitted.

We ask for our reception children to bring in a spare set of clothes, in a named bag in case of an accident.

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.



Sweatshirts or cardigans should be purchased with the logo from Uniform Direct – details can be requested from the office.

We offer second hand uniform for no charge in the academy reception area. Parents/Carers are able to 'take what they need' from the rail



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Communication with parents

To ensure that communication runs smoothly, we request that all messages go through the academy office. If parents wish to get in touch with us about anything, they can send an email to office@waddingtonallsaintsacademy.co.uk or call on 01522 820099.

The office is open daily between 8.15am and 4.15pm Mon-Thurs and closes at 3.45pm on a Friday, for phone calls, but a message can be left on the answering machine outside of these times.

Messages from the academy

As an academy we use 'Teachers to Parents' as our main form of communication with our families. This is a service that enables us to send emails, text messages and updates to parents/carers. Due to limited numbers, this service is available for the primary parent only.

Seesaw

In September, we send all families information about how to download and access 'Seesaw'. This app is used for school to share learning with home and to set homework tasks.



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Celebration Assemblies

Flying High Celebration Assembly- every other Friday, the class teachers choose one child who has achieved something special in class to receive a certificate of recognition in assembly. Families are invited to attend and will receive an invite the week before.

Out of School Achievements Assembly- every other Monday we invite our children to bring in award, medals and trophies that they have received out of school. This is a lovely assembly, where we get to celebrate each child's interests and hobbies. Families do not attend this assembly.



Parental Engagement

We believe that children learn best when home and school work closely together, and we truly value the partnership we build with our parents and carers. By sharing experiences, celebrating achievements, and keeping communication open, we can support each child every step of their learning journey. Throughout the year, we offer friendly and informative parent workshops where you can see how we teach different parts of the curriculum and learn how to support learning at home. We also love welcoming parents into school to celebrate learning outcomes with us, sharing special moments and successes along the way.



Reporting to parents

We keep parents informed about their child's progress at three key points during the academic year. Parents' Evening meetings are held in October and February, providing an opportunity to discuss how your child is getting on and to share next steps in their learning. A written report is then sent home in July, celebrating achievements and summarising progress over the year.

If you would like an update at any point between these times, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher through the school office.



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Pastoral Support

Key Staff Contact- **Mrs Dudley**- Welfare Officer

Our Pastoral staff offers support to children who are experiencing a range of difficulties that have become a barrier to their learning, this may include: behavioural, friendships and attendance. Our main aim is to support these children to get back to their learning. To do this we use a variety of approaches which are tailored to individual need. This is often through one-to-one or within small group work to help them develop coping strategies, enhance motivation and self-esteem and raise their aspirations.

If you have any concerns in relation to your child, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and they will work with you to find the best way to support you child.

Support for families

Our Pastoral Team also work within the 'Early Help Process' to provide support, advice and information to families within the school community.

To access our Early Help Offer, please contact Mrs Dudley, through the school office.

Support for Service Families

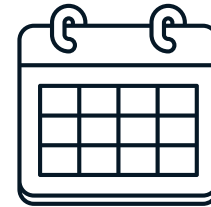
Key Staff Contact- **Mrs Simmons**- Military Support Assistant



At All Saints Academy we can have a number of Military Families. We utilise our Service Pupil Premium to provide our children with emotional support during key times of their lives and when they need it most- for example, when arriving or leaving All Saints or when a parent/carer is deployed.

Once a family are aware that a parent is going to be deployed we ask that they complete a 'Deployment Form' through our on-line teachers2parents system, this allows a parent to identify the level of need they believe that their child has. Once this form has been received in school it will be passed on to the Class Teacher and the Military Support Assistant (Mrs Simmons).

Please contact the office for a 'Deployment' form.



Term times

 L.E.A.D. Academy Trust Lead • Empower • Achieve • Drive		TERM DATES 2026/2027
Term 1 (Autumn 2026)	Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October	
	<i>(Staff Training Day: 1st & 2nd September)</i>	
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 26th October 2026- Friday 30th October 2026</i>	
Term 2 (Autumn 2026)	Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December	
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 21st December 2026- Monday 4th January 2027</i>	
Term 3 (Spring 2027)	Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February	
	Bank Holiday: Friday 1 st January <i>(Staff training Day Monday 4th January)</i>	
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027</i>	
Term 4 (Spring 2027)	Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March	
	Bank Holidays: Friday 26 th March and Monday 29 th March	
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 26th March 2027 – Tuesday 13th April 2027</i>	
Term 5 (Summer 2027)	Wednesday 14th April – Friday 28th May	
	<i>(Staff Training Day: Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th April</i> Bank Holidays: Monday 3 rd May and Monday 31 st May	
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 31st May 2027- Friday 4th June 2027</i>	
Term 6 (Summer 2027)	Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July	
<i>Summer Holiday</i>	<i>Thursday 22nd July 2027 – TBC</i>	



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If you have any further questions, please contact the academy office and a member of the team will get back in touch with you.

Email: office@waddingtonallsaintsacademy.co.uk

Phone: 01522 820099

Or

Visit our academy website- www.all-saints.lincs.sch.uk