



Meet the Teacher
September 2025

Thank you

- ▶ The children have made a fantastic start to Reception.
- ▶ Thank you for your support.



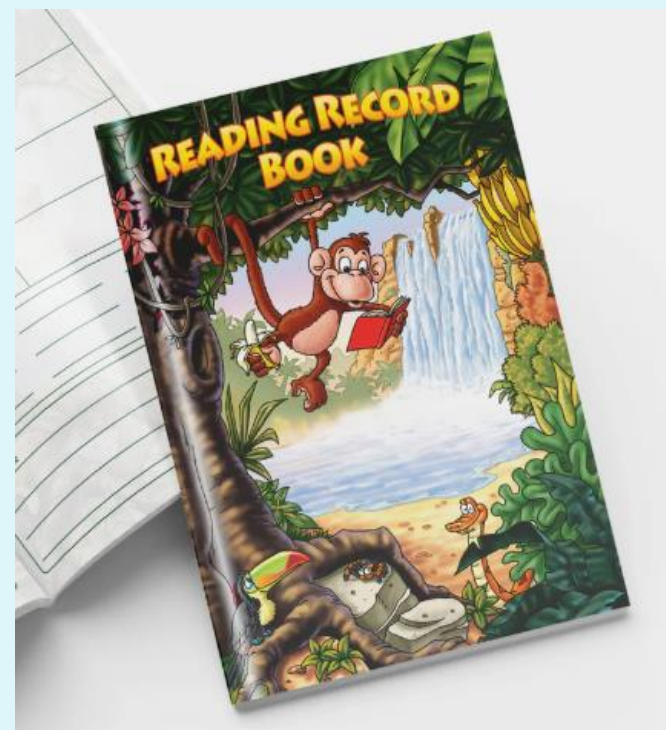


EYFS Reminders

- ▶ Make sure your child has their PE kit in school with them.
- ▶ Children are allowed to wear stud earrings but no hoops.
- ▶ All children are entitled to a free school meal.
- ▶ Children do not need to bring a snack to school. Fruit, toast and milk is provided.
- ▶ If you choose to send a packed lunch, please make sure it is healthy. Please limit sugary options.
- ▶ No toys from home to come into the setting.
- ▶ Seesaw App.

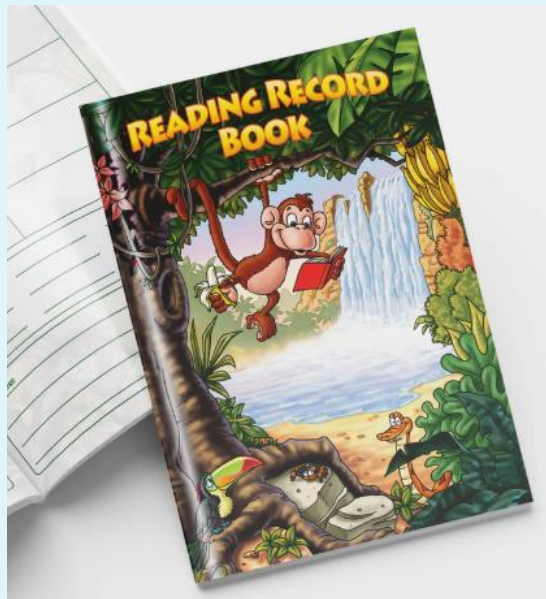
Reading

- ▶ Your child will receive a reading book and reading record. This needs to be in school with them each day.
- ▶ **Please make sure your child looks after and respects the books.**
- ▶ Read together 3 times a week and sign the reading record.
- ▶ Sharing books is incredibly valuable.
- ▶ We will also send home a library book as a reading for pleasure book. This is for you to read to your child.



Helping at home

- ▶ Reading Eggs
- ▶ Reading at home 3x a week.



Phonics



There are 26 letters in the alphabet but there are 44 sounds and over 100 different ways of spelling them.

This is why English is one of the most complex languages to learn!

Whole Scheme Sound Mat

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Phonics Terminology



Phoneme	the smallest unit of sound in words
Grapheme	the written representation of a sound
GPC (Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondence)	being able to match a phoneme with the correct grapheme and vice versa
Blending	joining individual speech sounds together to read a word
Segmenting	breaking down words into individual speech sounds to spell a word
Digraph	two letters making one sound e.g. 'sh'
Trigraph	three letters making one sound e.g. 'igh'
Split Digraph	two letters making one sound which are divided by a consonant e.g. the i_e sound in the word 'side'
Tricky/Common Exception Words	words that are not fully decodable such as 'the' and 'was'
Sound buttons	circles or spots that can be written underneath a sound to support reading
Sound bars	lines that can be written underneath digraphs or trigraphs to show that the letters make one sound
Mnemonic	a visual prompt to help children remember a sound



Phase / Level 2 Coverage



Level 2 Coverage

In Level 2, children will learn the first 24 GPCs (19 letters, 4 digraphs and an alternative pronunciation) and the first 5 tricky words for reading.

Teaching Week	GPCs	Tricky Words for Reading
1	s a t p	
2	i n m d	
3	g o c k	
4	c k e u r	to, the
5	h, b, f, l	no, go, l
6	ff, ll, ss, 's' saying /z/	all level 2 tricky words
7	Recap of all Level 2 sounds	all level 2 tricky words

Level 2 Actions and Mnemonics

 <p>s</p>  <p>Make a snake's head with your hands and wiggle your body like a snake!</p>	 <p>a</p>  <p>Pretend to bite into a crunchy apple.</p>	 <p>t</p>  <p>Pretend to stir a teaspoon around a teacup.</p>	 <p>p</p>  <p>Make one hand into a puppy's head and pat it with your other hand.</p>	 <p>i</p>  <p>Flap your hands like an insect's wings.</p>	 <p>n</p>  <p>Make your fist into a nut and tap it.</p>
 <p>m</p>  <p>Yummy! Rub your tummy.</p>	 <p>d</p>  <p>Pretend to play your drum kit.</p>	 <p>g</p>  <p>Pretend to wrap your scarf like Gabi.</p>	 <p>o</p>  <p>Pretend to squeeze a juicy orange.</p>	 <p>c</p>  <p>Wiggle your finger like a caterpillar.</p>	 <p>k</p>  <p>Pretend to spread your hand like a kite and fly it in the air.</p>
 <p>ck</p>  <p>Make a duck's beak with your hands and pretend to pick up sticks.</p>	 <p>e</p>  <p>Make an egg with one hand and tap it with the other.</p>	 <p>u</p>  <p>Make one hand into an umbrella and sprinkle rain on it.</p>	 <p>r</p>  <p>Move your arms like a robot.</p>	 <p>h</p>  <p>Pretend to open the door of the house.</p>	 <p>b</p>  <p>Pretend to throw and catch a ball.</p>
 <p>f</p>  <p>Pretend to wave a magic wand.</p>	 <p>l</p>  <p>Pretend to lick an ice lolly.</p>	 <p>ff</p>  <p>Pretend to switch off the light.</p>	 <p>ll</p>  <p>Pretend to ring a bell.</p>	 <p>ss</p>  <p>Blow a kiss.</p>	

Every sound has a corresponding action and mnemonic which helps children to remember them. You can support your child by modelling the same sounds and actions at home.

Uniform



Light Blue polo shirt with school logo	Light Blue polo shirt with school logo
Grey trousers or shorts	Grey skirt or pinafore dress Regulation grey school trousers
Grey or White socks	Grey or White socks or tights
Royal Blue sweatshirt with school logo	Royal Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
	Blue and White summer dress

P.E

House coloured t-shirt

Royal Blue shorts

Black pumps

Each child has been allocated a house. This is included in the important information sheet.

There is a flyer on where to order the £15 set from. There is a discount in June.

Children will also require a reading bag and a pump bag. **Please do not send rucksacks or large bags due to limited storage facilities. Please also send a refillable bottle of water in each day.**

PE Kit



Each child has been allocated a house.



<https://www.lpes.uk/>

Uniform



<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/blackburn/st-annes-rc-primary/>



Wrap around care

- ▶ Please be reminded that we offer wraparound care from 8am—6pm in school between Monday—Friday.
- ▶ Breakfast club is charged at £2 per session and starts at 8am. Children will be offered a selection of healthy breakfast items.
- ▶ Afterschool club is now £2.50 per session and is open until 6pm. Children will be provided with a light meal (e.g. sandwiches).
- ▶ The afterschool sports timetable is below but there is also gaming and crafts that will be running if children do not wish to participate in the sports.
- ▶ You do not need to book, you will be charged via the App.

Wrap around care timetable



Day	3:15AM – 4:15AM	4:30PM – 5:30PM	5:30PM – 6PM
Monday	Football	Hockey	Wellness Zone
Tuesday	Football	Kickboxing	
Wednesday	Boxing / Kickboxing	Benchball	
Thursday	Boxing / Kickboxing	Boccia	
Friday	Dodgeball	Multi-Sport	



Other matters...

- ▶ Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child

Medical

- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by at least 48 hours absence from the last incidence of vomiting/diarrhoea.
- Please let us know if your child has any medical conditions.
- If your child has asthma, they will need an inhaler with a **care plan** from the GP.
- Head lice are common. Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Any absence requires a telephone call to the school office by 9:00am
- If your child requires medicine during the school day we would prefer it if parents came into school to administer it. However, it is school policy, whenever possible; to assist children and parents by administering medicines in school time if a Medication Policy form has been completed and handed to the school office. No medicines of any kind should be sent to school with children unless the school office has been contacted.

Other matters...

- ▶ In case of emergency, this will be used to contact you, so it is very important that you keep it up-to-date. You must contact us with any changes.
- ▶ It is vitally important that we should be informed of any medical conditions which may give rise to difficulties in school. For example: diabetes, epilepsy, heart disorder, rare blood groups, asthma, food allergies etc. However, we require parents/carers to provide a medical letter as evidence of any conditions, except asthma for which an inhaler in its box with a prescription label will suffice.

Thank you

- ▶ We look forward to a happy partnership in your child's first year at school and beyond.
- ▶ Useful website: www.stannesblackburn.co.uk
- ▶ Also check out our Facebook page.