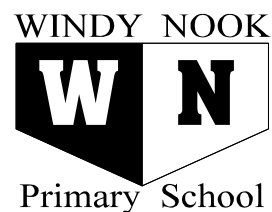




# ***Welcome to Windy Nook Primary School***



## **Reception Class Meeting**

**June 2026**

***Working together to give every child a happy, confident start at School***



## Meet the Reception Class Team

**Dragonflies Class:** *Teacher:* Miss Hill  
*Teaching Assistant:* Miss Foster

**Ladybirds Class:** *Teacher:* Mrs Ramanandi  
*Teaching Assistant:* Mrs Cole



## Aims of the meeting

- ✓ Meet the Reception team
- ✓ Understand the curriculum
- ✓ Prepare your child for school
- ✓ Key routines and expectations
- ✓ Transition information
- ✓ Classroom organisation



# The Curriculum

## Prime Areas (the foundations for learning)

The prime areas are the most important starting points, especially for younger children. They help children build confidence, communication skills and independence.

- **Communication & Language** – learning to listen, understand and talk
- **Physical Development** – moving, coordination and developing strength
- **Personal, Social & Emotional Development** – building relationships, confidence and managing feelings

These areas support everything else your child will learn.



## Specific Areas (building on the foundations)

The specific areas develop skills and knowledge once children are more confident in the prime areas.

- **Literacy** – reading, phonics and early writing
- **Mathematics** – numbers, counting and problem-solving
- **Understanding the World** – learning about people, places and the environment
- **Expressive Arts & Design** – creativity through art, music, role play and imagination

These areas help children explore, create and prepare for future learning.



# Getting Ready for School

**Your child will benefit from developing independence in:**

- ✓ Using the toilet independently
- ✓ Dressing themselves
- ✓ Taking turns and sharing
- ✓ Listening to and following simple instructions
- ✓ You can support this by building independence into everyday routines at home.
- ✓ Please keep the transition low key and calm
- ✓ Avoid referring to it as “big school”
- ✓ Keep conversations positive and relaxed
- ✓ A calm approach will help your child feel confident and secure



## Wellbeing & Support:

- ✓ Please tell us about any medical needs or allergies (we are a nut-free school)
- ✓ If you think your child will have toilet accidents, you are welcome to send a labelled spare set of clothes.
- ✓ Let us know about any important changes at home that may affect your child
- ✓ Staff will support your child as they settle into school routines

## School Expectations:

- ✓ Please only send water in bottles (no juice)
- ✓ Fruit is provided daily for snack time
- ✓ Term-time holidays are not authorised
- ✓ We have a strict no jewellery policy
- ✓ Good attendance and punctual attendance is essential for learning



## Everyday Uniform and Equipment

- White polo shirt with grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Blue jumper or cardigan (school logo if possible)
- Black shoes (Velcro is recommended to support independence)
- Dress children appropriately for the weather (coat, hat, etc.)
- All children need a Windy Nook Book School Bag.



## PE Uniform

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or joggers (depending on weather)
- Trainers or sand shoes
- Normal school jumper

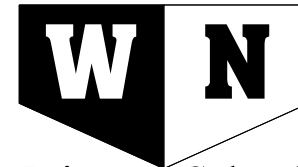
PE day is a Friday. Children need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit

Please label all items clearly





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Primary School

## The School Day

- School starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm
- School gates open: 8:35am.
- Children can arrive between 8:35am – 8:45am to ensure a calm start to the day

## Communication, drop off & Collection

- Please keep drop-off quick and positive to help your child settle
- Children will be collected from the classroom door by authorised adults
- You are welcome to speak to staff before or after drop-off and collection. But please wait until all children have been safely handed over before approaching staff
- For urgent messages, contact the school office

## Wraparound Care

- Breakfast Club: 7:45–8:45 (£2.50)
- After School Club: Until 4:30 or 6:00
- We have an online booking system.



## Lunch Arrangements

- All children receive free school meals from Reception through to the end of Year 2.
- School Lunch menu is available on the Gateshead Council Website.
- Children can bring a packed lunch if preferred.
- Packed lunches should be healthy, and an appropriate portion size for your child. Please remember we are a nut-free school.
- Please let school know if your child has any allergies. You will need to fill in documentation.
- Changes between school meals and packed lunches are allowed weekly. Mid-week changes are not allowed.



# Transition Sessions

**Transition Days: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

**Children not currently attending Windy Nook Nursery:**

- Please attend **both mornings from 9:30 AM to 11:20 AM.**
- If your child is unable to attend both days, don't worry. Please speak to us at the end of the meeting.

**Children currently attending Windy Nook Nursery:**

- Children who attend Morning nursery will attend their **usual nursery sessions.**
- Staff will arrange the **visits** during these days.
  
- Children will attend **both mornings from 9:30 AM to 11:20 AM.**
- Children can still attend afternoon session.



# Induction Week

*First Week of School – September 2026*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	8:45 – 11:30	Half-day
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	8:45 – 11:30	Half-day
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	8:45 – 1:30	Includes lunch

 *No flexible drop-off during induction week*

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Flexible drop off 8.35-8.45 End of school day 3.15	Full day
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## Paperwork

### Children not at Windy Nook Nursery

- ✓ You will receive a pack of forms to complete
- ✓ Please return these on your child's transition days

### Children at Windy Nook Nursery

- ✓ A new consent and collection form must be completed. Please return this on transition days
- ✓ If any details have changed, please collect an updated form before you leave today

### Returning Forms

- ✓ All forms should be returned during transition days
- ✓ If your child cannot attend the transition days, please hand forms in at the school office by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July



*Thank you for coming along to the Reception Class meeting.*

*We look forward to welcoming your child into school.*

*If you have any questions or anything you're unsure about, just ask.*