



BUTTERFLY CLASS



Where do I go on the first day?

On your child's first day, kindly proceed to the Early Years class door through the wooden gate. Your child's class teacher, Miss Moore, along with Teaching Assistants Mrs Pearson, Mrs Khoury and Miss Holland will be there to welcome you.

What does a typical day in Reception entail?

In Reception, children thrive when they learn through play. A typical day includes daily phonics and maths lessons, followed by structured opportunities for children to extend their learning. In the transition pack you will find a full daily routine. As the children progress through the year, they will be given direct writing lessons. Each week the children will carry out PE lessons. You will be notified of when these days are at the beginning of term. For more details, be sure to visit our class page!



What if my child is upset at drop off?

Transitioning to a new school can be challenging, particularly when it comes to 'big school.' We are here to support your child and allow them the time they need to adjust.

Rest assured, we will keep you updated at the end of each day regarding your child's progress. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

What do I do if my child had an accident at school?

Your child's safety and well-being are our top priorities. If your child is involved in an accident, incident or is not meeting our behaviour expectations, the class teacher may speak to you at the end of the day or the School Office will call you to inform you.



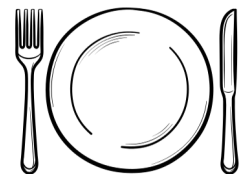
How do I know my child is eating and drinking throughout the day?

In Reception, all children under the age of five are entitled to receive 'free school milk.' We also offer a 'school snack' that typically includes bananas, tomatoes, satsumas and/or pears. We ask all parents bring in a named water bottle for your child.



How do I order a lunch for my child?

You will be able to order your child's meal through the Arbor App. You can order daily, weekly or termly.



What do I do if my child is unwell?

If your child is feeling unwell and cannot attend school, please let the school office know the morning of their absence. Should your child become ill during the day, we will reach out to you to organise an earlier pickup. We encourage you to bring your child to school whenever feasible, as any absence can disrupt their learning and the settling-in process.

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My child often has toileting accidents, what should I do?



Not a problem! Please send in plenty of spare, labelled clothing and we will make sure your child is changed when necessary. To help your child prepare for school, if they are not already doing so, please practice having them change independently to make this process smoother for them.

My child has lost their school jumper. Where should I go?



If your child has misplaced their school jumper, there's no need to panic. These items often find their way back to the child or are placed in lost property at Reception. We encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings. To assist in the process of returning lost items, please make sure that all clothing is clearly labeled with names.

How does reading work at Newlands

At Newlands Primary Academy, we use the Phonics programme Little Wandle. Phonics lessons occur daily, during which children learn essential reading skills. Additionally, we carry out reading practice sessions three times a week, selecting books that align with your child's reading ability. Your child will choose a bedtime story book from our library each week for you to share with them. Our expectation is that your child will read at home four times a week, with each session logged on Boom Reader. If you have not received a login to this within the first week of school, please speak to the office.



How can I see my child's learning and progress?

In Butterfly class, we use Tapestry to share your child's learning journey. This online platform lets you see videos and photos of their weekly activities. We also encourage you to post about your experiences at home. This could be their birthday, recent holiday or any school-related work they have done that they would like to share with the class.

Do you participate in show and tell?

In Butterfly class, we don't hold weekly 'Show and Tell' sessions. However we love to talk about their favourite things in class during occasional circle times so please feel free to send pictures on Tapestry.

Do you have trips planned this year?

We are very fortunate to be able to carry out several school trips in Early Years. You will be notified of any upcoming trips in advance and will be asked to make a voluntary contribution to help cover the cost. All dates will be shared with you at the beginning of the year.



Someone outside of regular arrangements is picking up my child?

If someone outside of your regular approved contacts are planning to pick up your child, then please send an email to the school office with their name, and date of pick up.

If you have any further questions

If you have a query or concern that has not been mentioned above, then please do not hesitate to speak to the School Office. You can contact the office on: office@newlandsprimary.chimat.uk