

North Heath Community Primary School

Reception 2026



Be Kind, Be Creative, Be Courageous



School Values

North Heath CP School School Motto and Values

Be Kind

Be Creative

Be Courageous

Vision Statement

We aim to nurture kind hearts, creative minds and courageous spirits - empowering every child to discover their unique talents, embrace opportunities and grow into confident, ambitious and responsible members of the community.



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The Foundation Stage

Welcome to North Heath CP School The Early Years Foundation Stage

Thank you for choosing our school. We aim to provide a safe, happy and stimulating learning environment, in which all children can achieve their potential.

In the Foundation Stage we learn through practical and stimulating activities which encourage independent and confident learners.

We hope our brochure provides parent(s)/carer(s) with all the information required for a smooth induction to our school and the Foundation Stage.

For any further information please contact us on
01403 254790
or visit our website at
www.northheathprimary.co.uk



A Typical Day

In Reception we learn through fun, practical activities and play

Every day is different in Reception. As part of a large school, it is important to have routines and structure, which we gradually introduce throughout the Autumn term. Routine provides stability, self confidence and promotes independent learners.



Once the children have completed their staggered induction programme from 3-10 September 2026, they will be expected to come into class by themselves between 8:40am and 8:45am. Registers will be taken at 8:45am. Any pupils arriving after this time must report to the main school office.

What is the routine on arrival to class?

Every day the children will...

- hang up their coats
- put away their water bottle
- choose a new story from the class library to take home and share with their family

They will then have time to explore their class with their friends.

A Typical Day



What happens when school begins?

The day always begins at 8:45am. As a class we have carpet time to take the register and look at the weather and date chart. We sing a song to learn the days of the week and months of the year.

Learning

During the morning the children will have a Literacy and Mathematics session where they spend time as a class learning through songs and interactive games. At North Heath we use a highly effective programme called Song of Sounds to teach phonics. Throughout the morning the children will work and play across the whole Reception environment. Through a balance of adult and self initiated opportunities the children will enjoy a range of practical play based activities to reinforce learning and develop skills.



Milk and fruit

Reception children will have a mid morning snack. They will either have water, provided in a drinks bottle, or semi skimmed milk provided by Cool Milk. Information regarding Cool Milk can be found in your welcome pack. Milk is free until your child's fifth birthday. Up to the end of Year 2 the children will be offered a piece of fresh fruit every day. This is currently funded by the Department of Health. As a little welcome gift, each child will receive a water bottle in their house colour, which they should bring to school each day so they can stay refreshed and hydrated!



A Typical Day

Lunchtime

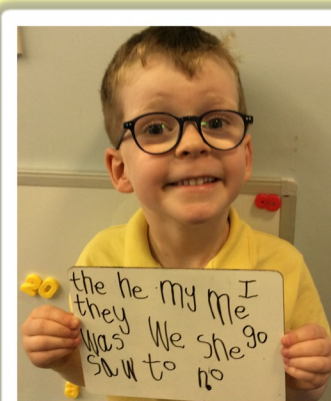
The Reception pupils begin their lunch hour at 12:00pm. All children will eat in the school hall. As the hall will be a new place for the children to familiarise with, our Reception teachers will take the classes to lunch. They will show them the routine until they are happy that all the pupils are confident and relaxed to do it by themselves. Hot lunches are provided daily. Information regarding ordering hot meals is included in your pack. If parent/s/carer/s do not wish for their child to have a hot meal, pupils will need a packed lunch and a drink in a plastic container. We promote healthy eating and ask for fresh fruit and sandwiches (or other carbohydrates) rather than processed foodstuffs and no cans (for safety reasons). Please put food in easy to open containers or slightly opened packaging to make it easier for your child at lunchtime.



In preparation for your child starting school, please help them to learn to use a knife and fork with good independence.

A Typical Day

The afternoons always begin with a story followed by a class activity. This ranges from PE, music, circle games, investigative walks around school and parachute games to whole class creative activities. During the week the children will spend time on the school running track to reinforce the importance of exercise and a healthy lifestyle as well as enjoying social time with friends. For the remainder of the afternoon, the children will continue to explore both classrooms and the Reception garden. Alongside their play, adults lead creative, imaginative and investigative activities to extend the pupils learning further. Once the pupils are fully settled, they will attend weekly whole school and Key Stage 1 assemblies.



At 3:15pm all children should be collected from the front playground. Hedgehog class will be collected by the main entrance and Rabbit class will be led out via the Year 1 garden. The end of the day is a very busy time and it is helpful if parent(s)/carer(s) step forward to collect their child in the initial weeks until staff become familiar with the person who regularly collects them. You MUST inform school if you are running late so that we can reassure your child.



Uniform

What will my child need before starting school?

Uniform

The colours of North Heath are grey and yellow. Pupils can wear grey trousers, skirts or dresses with a yellow polo shirt and grey jumper or cardigan. In warmer months grey shorts or yellow check dresses can be worn. Sunhats are also available from the School office for £3.50. Uniform with the school logo can be purchased from R J Osborne Limited and Broadbridges.

For further information visit their website
www.rjosbourne.com or phone 01403 731770
www.broadbridges.co.uk or phone 01403 259620



PE

For PE, the children will need a t-shirt in their house colour, black shorts and plimsolls (preferably slip-on). For cold weather, black tracksuit trousers can be worn.

Outdoor activities

We aim to use the Reception garden all year round, therefore pupils will need a waterproof jacket at school everyday.

Please ensure all items are clearly named



Illness/Medicines

What should I do if my child is ill?

- If your child needs to stay at home, please telephone school first thing in the morning.
- If your child is ill during the day, we will take good care of him/her. We will telephone you to take him/her home. Please make sure we always have at least two contact telephone numbers. We need to be updated immediately of any contact changes so we can best care for your child.



- If children are well enough to be in school but need medicines, parents are encouraged to visit school at lunchtime in order to administer them. Staff are only able to administer medication prescribed by a doctor on receipt of a signed Parent Agreement Form which are available from the office or website. Children should never have medicines in school, not even throat sweets.
- Please inform school if your child has headlice, worms or rashes.
- For information and advice on children's common illnesses please refer to our school website.



North Heath Community Primary School School Term and Holiday Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2026

START Tuesday 1 September
HALF TERM Monday 26 - Friday 30 October
END Friday 18 December

Inset Days: Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September

SPRING TERM 2027

START Monday 4 January
HALF TERM Monday 15 February-Friday 19 February
END Thursday 25 March

Good Friday: Friday 26 March
Easter Monday: Monday 29 March

Inset Day: Monday 4 January

SUMMER TERM 2027

START Monday 12 April
HALF TERM Monday 31 May-Friday 4 June
END Wednesday 21 July

Bank Holidays: Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May

Inset Days: Thursday 27 May & Friday 28 May

**The school has two Inset Days at the start of the year,
so pupils do not start until
Thursday 3 September**

Holidays are not authorised in term time. Please ask in the office for a leave of absence form should your child need to be taken out of school for other reasons.

Term Dates



Further Information

Further Useful Information

Friends of North Heath

You are all automatic members. Please volunteer, join in and get to know other parents/carers. Friends of North Heath help give us a community feel and their fundraising efforts can impact directly on the quality of provision for your child. You can make contact via the School office.

Reading

We will supply a plastic wallet so your child can bring home a book for you to read with him/her. You can buy a yellow school bag from the School office for £4.50.

We have a school library which enables pupils to enjoy a huge range of books and develop a love for reading. All pupils will have access to a class library and are exposed to a variety of texts and genres through lessons. Please read to your child every day and join your local library.

Before and after school care

A breakfast and after school club is available through the Rocketeers which is based in school. To get in touch, call 01403 371020 or email enquires@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk



Further Information

School hours

Please be prompt when dropping off and picking up your child.

If you have an emergency and cannot pick up your child on time, please telephone school on 01403 254790. If you want someone else other than yourself to pick up your child, please send an email to the school office.

Teachers will dismiss children from the front playground at 3:15pm. Whilst clubs are available for some children after school, we currently do not provide childcare beyond our legal liability.

Our door is always open and we are happy to talk about any issues regarding school or your child after 3:15pm. The mornings are a very busy time and we therefore ask that you email the school office if you have an important message for the teacher or wish to make an appointment with them.

office@northheathprimary.co.uk

We look forward to working together to give your child a good start to his/her schooling and are pleased to welcome you to our school.



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