



Warden Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Welcome to Reception – Meet the team

Class
RB



Miss Barrett
Class Teacher



Miss Sutton
TA

Class
RH



Miss Hughes
Class Teacher



Mrs Edwards
TA

Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Flooks
Headteacher



Mr Antonious
Assistant Head



Mr Williams
Primary Phase Leader



Mrs Willett
Business Manager

Moments matter

518, 700

This is the number of minutes our children will be in school for, from Reception to Year 6 – and we make sure that every one counts.

Warden Hill Life



Our vision for every pupil

A photograph of five children in school uniforms (blue sweaters and grey skirts/trousers) standing on a balcony, looking out over a residential area with houses and green hills in the background. The children are seen from behind, leaning on a dark railing. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting.

*Where exploration starts,
where interests are encouraged
and the beginning of dreams realised.*

*Warden Hill Primary School:
Unlocking the potential in every child*

Positive experiences in the first year of school

Belong | Explore | Succeed

Parents as Partners

We recognise the vital importance of parents and carers in a child's developing stages. As a primary care provider, you are your child's first educators and we greatly value any input, opinions and information that you can share with us about your child's learning and progress.

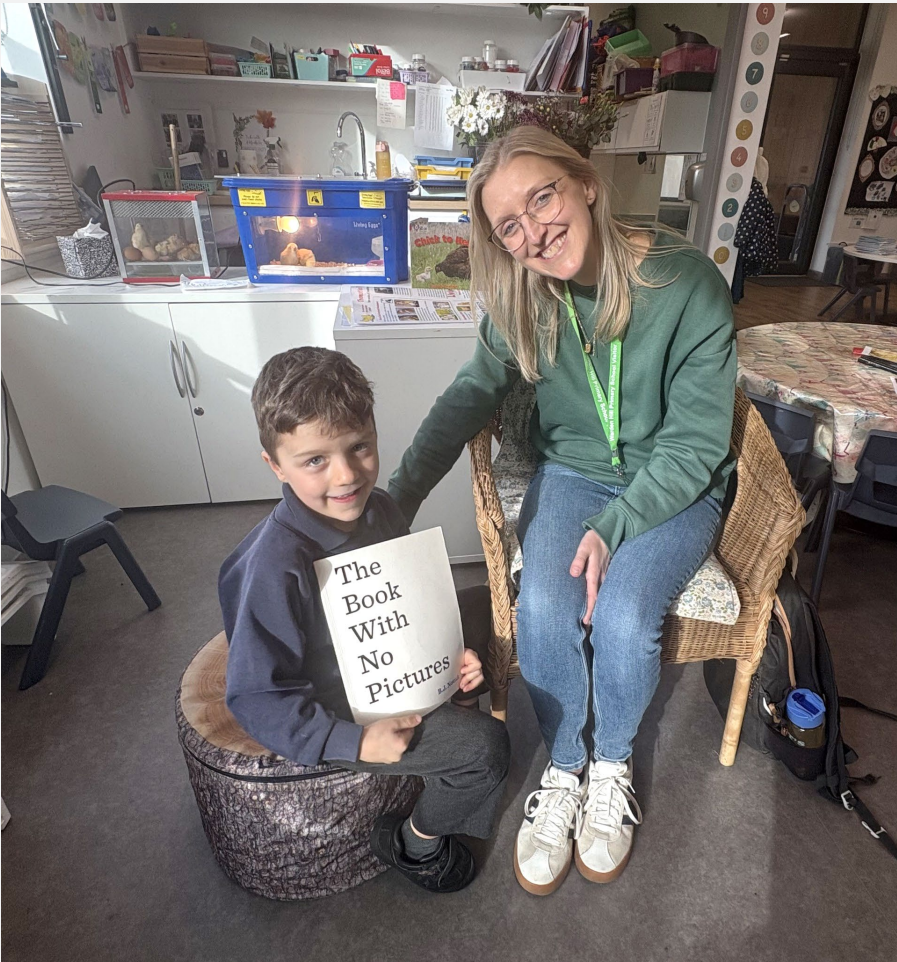
HOME VISITS

Home visits help strengthen our school and home partnership. They will last approximately 10 minutes. The children love that their teachers have been to their houses and often refer to the 'play date' throughout the year. Usually the class teaching assistant will engage in an activity/play with your child whilst the teacher talks to you about them and gets to know you as a family better.



Mystery Readers

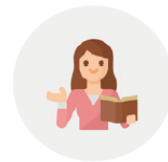
After October half term, we will start our 'mystery reader' sessions.



Independence



Recognise their own name in print



Listen when being spoken to



Know when and how to use a tissue



Wash and dry hands unaided



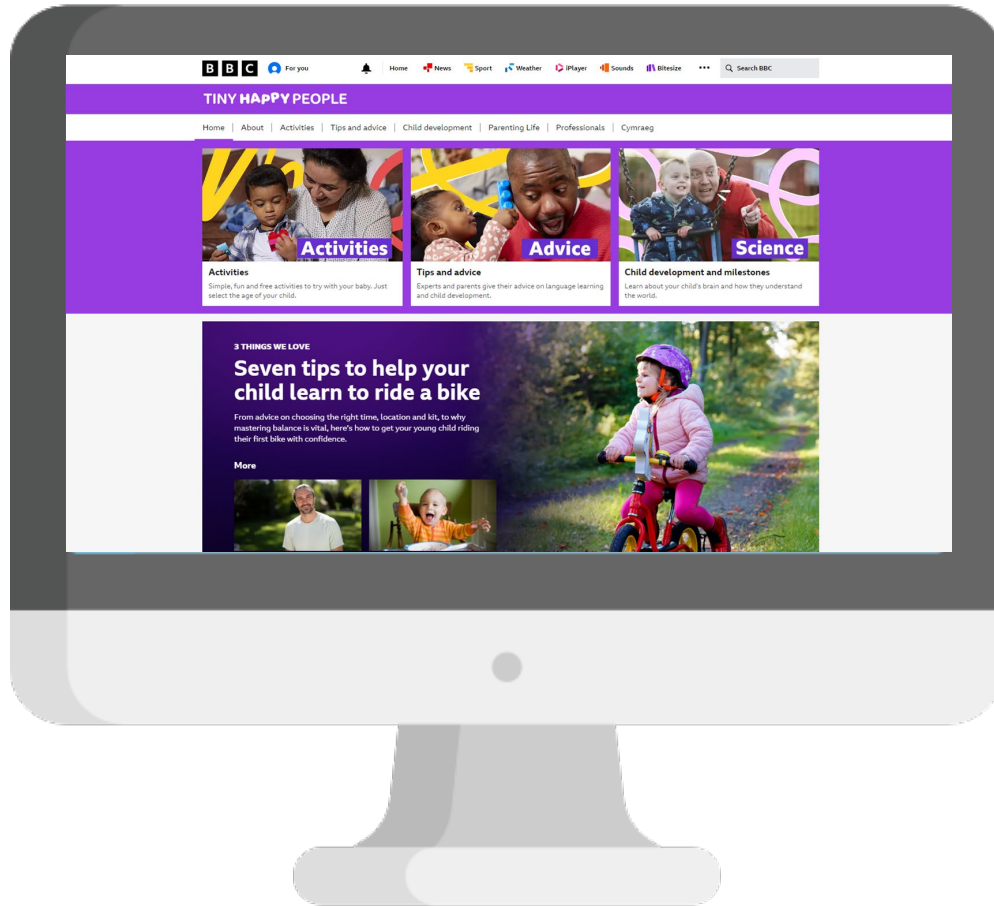
Know when to ask to go to the toilet, use the toilet properly without help, be able to flush it after use



Dress and undress for PE. Do up buttons and zips on school clothes, including coats. Put shoes on correct feet and do them up. Change shoes, wellingtons, PE pumps. Turn clothes so they are not inside out



Tiny Happy People!



www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people

Aspire Foundation

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/121403491018?utm_id=97758_v0_s00_e0_tv0



Aspire Foundation UK

21h ·

Would you like some practical tips to help make the transition to school smoother?

Do you want to know ways in which you can build your child's confidence for their upcoming change?

Come along and get some advice and tips from our Family Hub Staff at one of our Parent sessions on either:

 **Monday 22nd June, 1pm - 2:30pm**
 **Brockworth Children and Family Centre, GL3 4JQ**

 **Friday 3rd July, 9am - 10am**
 **Hester's Way Children and Family Centre, GL51 0ES**

Or bring your reception age child along to a Parent and Child sessions led by a School Nurse on either:

 **Thursday 30th July, 10:30am - 11:30am**
 **Noah's Ark Children and Family Centre, GL20 5HU**

 **Wednesday 12th August. 1:30pm - 2:30pm**
 **Gardner's Lane Children and Family Centre, GL51 9JW**

You can secure your place at any of the above sessions here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/121403491018>

**#startingschool #schoolnurse
#gloucestershire**



Ready for school sessions

Starting school is a huge milestone: exciting, emotional, and sometimes a little overwhelming for both children and parents!



Gloucestershire Health and Care
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Preparing for School

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Preparing for school

Starting school is an exciting milestone – for your child and for you. Find out how everyday moments at home can help your child feel confident and prepared, whatever stage they're at.

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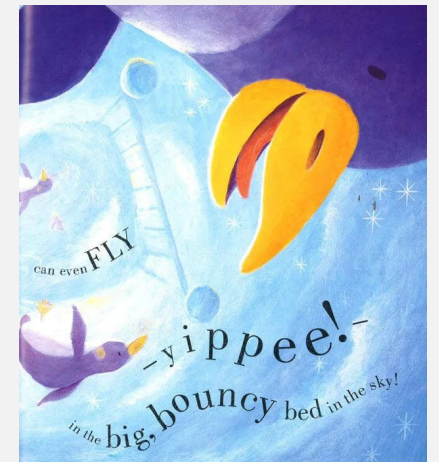
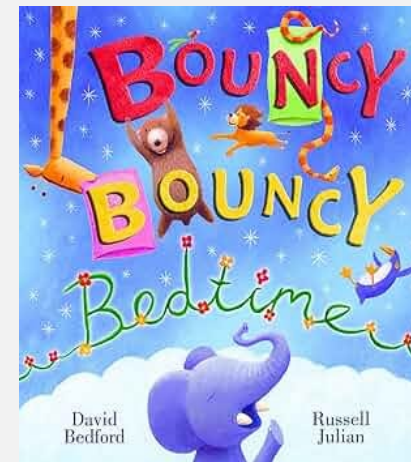
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The Power of Reading and talking about books!

“I wonder...



Starting School

Starting school can be a daunting experience. Below is a selection of books that might help introduce the concept of beginning school, as well as books to help discuss feelings.



Recommended Reads for Reception

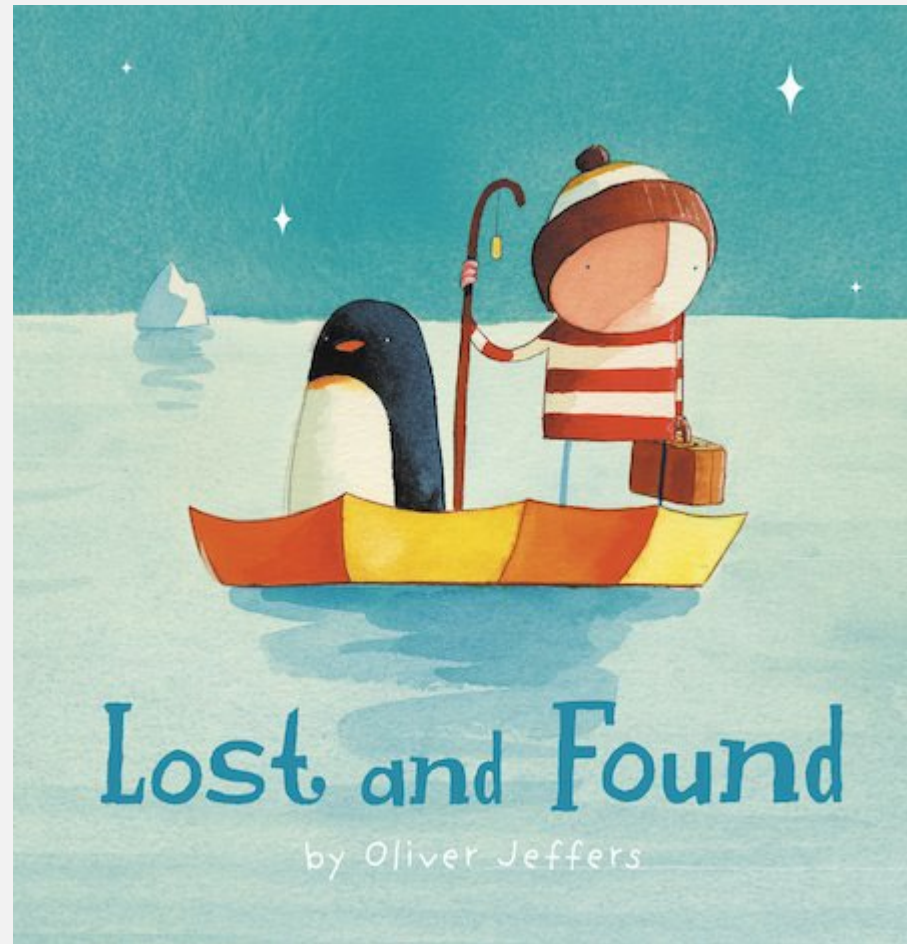
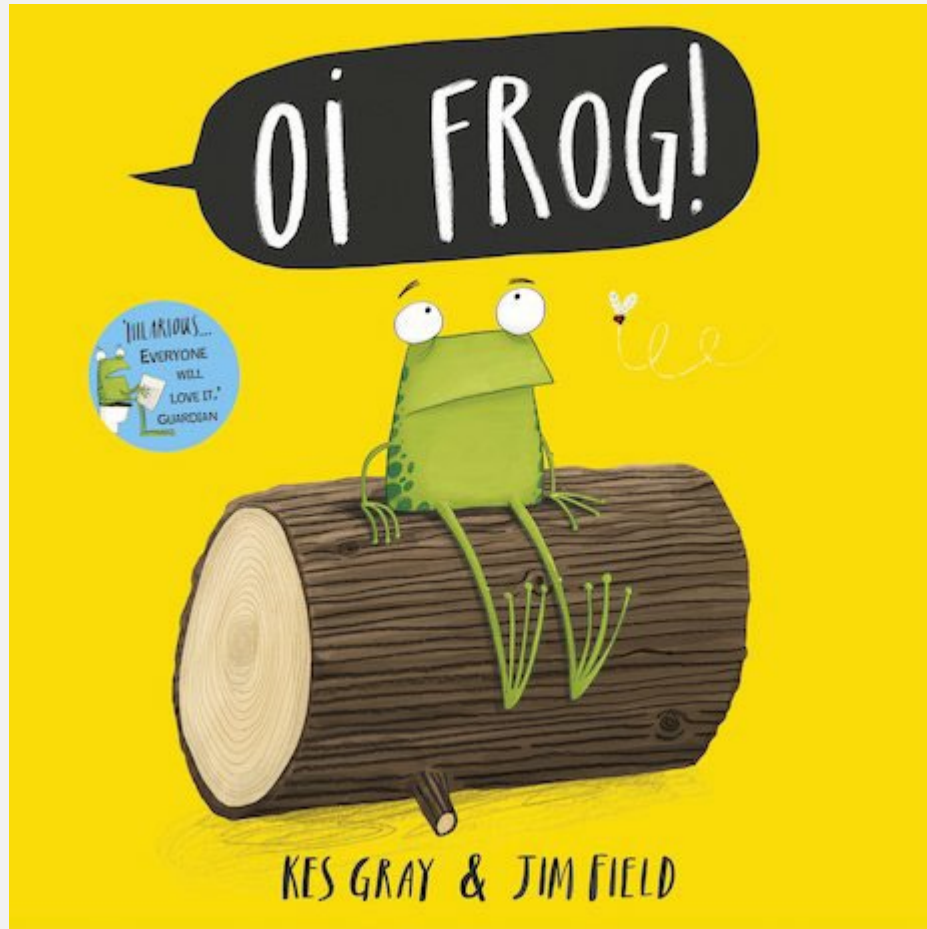


Nursery Rhymes

“Experts in literacy and child development discovered that if a child knows eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are four years old, they are usually among the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are in Year 3.”



Birthdays



Induction Programme 2026

Tuesday 8 September
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Reception Curriculum Evening

Discussing valuable skills to assist your child's learning throughout the year ahead, including information about the delivery of the EYFS curriculum. Please enter through the main school office.

Friday 11 September
8:45am – 9.30am

Reception 2026 Parents Coffee Morning with Mrs Flooks and SLT

An opportunity to socialise with other parents without preschoolers. Please drop off the children as usual and enter through the practical room doors.

Starting school in September

WEEK 1

The children will come in on a rotation according to their birthday for each of these days. Please come to the Playground and we will direct you from there.

WEEK 1	Pupils with birthdays	
	August 2021 to March 2022	April 2022 to August 2022
Wednesday 2 September	OFF	8:35am – 11.45am
Thursday 3 September	8:35am – 11.45am	OFF
Friday 4 September	OFF	8:35am – 11:45am

WEEK 2

From Tuesday, each group of children (according to their birthday month) will have one full day in school, before starting full time from Thursday 10 September. Drop off and pick up from the playground.

WEEK 2	Pupils with birthdays	
	August 2021 to March 2022	April 2022 to August 2022
Monday 7 September	8.35am-11.45am	OFF
Tuesday 8 September	OFF	8:35am – 3:15pm
Wednesday 9 September	8:35am – 3:15pm	OFF
Thursday 10 September	All Reception children in full time, 8:35am – 3:15pm	
Friday 11 September	All Reception children in full time, 8:35am – 3:15pm	

The School Day



School starts at
8.35am

Pick up is **3.15pm**
from the playground

Routines

Routine

It is important to establish a routine for school days. Please encourage your child to be as **INDEPENDENT** as possible.

Arriving at school **ON TIME** is key, as this helps the children start the day with **CONFIDENCE**.

If your child is upset, that makes sense. They are new around here, and getting to know the staff, the kids and the nursery takes time. Tell them that. That the “starting” bit is always the trickiest but as they make friends, learn the routines and build trusting relationships with staff, leaving their grown ups won’t feel so tricky. Their tears make sense. And after you say goodbye, we are really good at holding their tears and reminding them that you are coming back. Please always say goodbye to your child. Goodbyes build trust around separations and establish predictability. The first goodbye we will keep the separation really short, and we can go at their pace as they settle in. ♥ we don’t believe in one-size-fits-all when it comes to children.

The Psychologist's Child @the_psychologists_child



School Uniform

The aim of our uniform is to promote a sense of pride within our school, foster a feeling of belonging and community. It is practical, smart and makes our children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance. It sets a high standard of appearance for all, whilst clothing our pupils in practical, cost effective school wear.



Kit: PE

PE sessions will start at the end of September.

Children will be required to bring their PE kits in on these days.

Weather dependent children can wear:

- plain blue/black leggings/joggers
- Coloured PE top with school jumper on top
- plain blue/black shorts
- trainers/plimsolls in a separate bag

School kit reminders: What your child needs

Here is a list to remind you of what your child needs to bring with them to school each day:

- Book Bag
- Named water bottle (water only) school one
- Lunchbox (if your child is having their own lunch)
- Suitable coat (nothing too special as it is likely to get sandy, wet or muddy)
- If possible a named pair of wellies to stay **permanently at school**, as we play outside in all weathers.

All items need to be clearly labelled with your child's name

Absence

Aim for 100% attendance target

If your child is unwell e.g. sickness, diarrhoea – please do not come to school and report the absence to the school office.



Typical day

Maths session

Phonics session

Story time

Adult led activities

Child Initiated activities

Fine motor activities: “Funky Fingers”



Tapestry – Online Learning Journey

A fantastic way of capturing the children's learning and sharing it with yourselves.

WOW moments are recorded.

Photographs or videos that have been added by school are not to be shared publicly or uploaded onto social media. There may be other children in the photos too.

No limits to the number of observations you can add.

Half termly objective booklet gives you some ideas of potential observations.

On the Reception 2026 page tutorial video/guides and Tapestry letter previously uploaded will be available.

Login emails have already been sent out.



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Tapestry – Reception Online Learning Journey

Here at Warden Hill we will be using Tapestry, an online learning journey, to monitor and record your child's learning throughout the year.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

We use photographs and sometimes videos to capture their play and experiences, in order to create individual learning journeys. One of the advantages of using Tapestry is our ability to communicate with you about your child's learning and for you to tell us what your child is achieving outside of school by uploading photographs, videos or comments. You will be able to access the media we upload in school and find out about your child's learning during the week. At the end of your child's year in Reception you will receive a colour copy of their learning journey to keep and treasure.



How we let you know how your child is doing

How is my child doing?

We let you know how your child is doing (academically, socially and well being) in the following informal and formal ways:

Pick up from the playground – sometimes we will want to share with you something that happened that day.

Two face to face Parents' Evenings – we have one just before the half term in October – this is the how well they've settled in as well as progress they have made since the start of term. Second parents' evening will be around March/April time.

Reports - Statutory end of year report which covers all 17 areas of the EYFS curriculum and attainment in them.

How we support children's wider personal development



FAQs

How to get in touch:

Email admin@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk to book an appointment for any serious concerns or sharing of confidential information

Please let us know if any of your contact details change

Finally...

We are really looking forward to the year ahead, working together to provide the best possible start for the children embarking on their learning journey at Warden Hill.