

Early Years Induction Meeting



Welcome to Headlands Primary School

This presentation aims to provide an introduction to Headlands Primary School and includes initial information which we hope you will find useful. Should you have any further questions, staff will be happy to discuss these with you.

At Headlands Primary School we work together to ensure that all children will reach their full potential in a happy, caring and respectful environment.

The information in this presentation will also be included in your information pack and on the school website.

The school website www.headlandsprimary.org.uk is kept up to date with the latest news and events and has lots more information about our school.

School Website

<http://www.headlandsprimary.org.uk/>



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A photograph of a table covered in colorful paint splatters. Several paintbrushes and a white cup of paint are visible on the table.

We believe
we make a difference

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Welcome to

Headlands Primary School



Working together to ensure that all children will reach their full potential in a happy, caring, safe and respectful environment.

We strive for educational excellence, with a strong focus on teaching and learning within a creative and rich learning environment. We promote a vibrant learning culture for children and staff, where we all work hard together as a strong team to make a difference.

We have a strong school ethos and values where all members are valued, honest, tolerant, have social responsibility, and promote high expectations of pupils in terms of learning and behaviour.

Transition

We have provided a designated section on our school website for parents who have children starting in Reception in September.

This can be found in the **'Key information'** section of the school website.

Then select, **'Admissions'**.

Next select: **'New Starters in Reception September 2026'**

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New Starters in Reception

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We are delighted that your child will be joining our school's Reception family in September and we are looking forward to getting, or in many cases, continuing to get to know them!

Starting school should be a happy and exciting time for both your child and for you. We know that you will have lots of questions to ask us and hope the information here will begin to answer at least some of those questions.

We hope that you are looking forward to September! We will do our very best to make you and your child feel secure and valued and ready for the start of the new school year. Our aim is to provide your child with the very best education possible and we hope that you will work with us, in partnership, to achieve this aim.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any further questions.

Transition

Within the 'New Starters in Reception September 2026' section of the website, you will find lots of advice about how to support your child with their transition to primary school for you to read and review at your leisure. This includes:

- Information about the class teacher and teaching assistants who work in Reception.
- Photographs to help your child familiarise themselves with the early years school environment.
- Information about the school day.
- Information about the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- A list of children's books to support transition.

Information to Share with Your Child

Welcome!
Adults who
Work in
Reception

The
Classrooms and
Learning
Environment

We Have Fun at
School

Things to Do
Together

Listen to a
Story, Read by
Our EYFS Staff

Transition

Liaison With Pre-Schools

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) leader has already been in contact with many pre-school settings to liaise with keyworkers to facilitate discussions about your child to help smooth transition. In addition, all pre-schools will be completing a transition record that will help provide useful information for schools to plan and facilitate a smooth transition.

PTA Summer Fair: Friday 19th June 3:45 - 5:15pm where you will be able to meet parents and teachers, as well as join in the fun! There will be a wide range of stalls, games and BBQ.

Transition 'Taster' Session on Wednesday 1st July

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Sports Day with a special New Starters race. This is held on Thursday 9th July 10.00am with a reserve date of Thursday 16th July 10.00am weather pending. Please park on the roadside giving consideration to local residents.

Teddy Bear's Picnic on the school field (weather pending) – Tuesday 14th July 2pm – 3pm.

Transition

At Headlands, we favour a fairly short transition to full time schooling. Many of our children are used to full days in pre-school settings or are already familiar with our own school staff and environment.

Below are the dates and timings for your child's first week in school. This information will also be available on a subsequent letter for you to refer to at a glance.

Transition Opportunities for New Reception Children in September 2026	
Monday 7 th September	Training Day
Tuesday 8 th September	Group A: 9:15am – 11:15am Group B: 1:15pm – 3:15pm
Wednesday 9 th September	Group B: 9:15am – 11:15am Group A: 1:15pm – 3:15pm
Thursday 10 th September	Groups A & B: 8:45am – 1:30pm (lunch)
Friday 11 th September	Groups A & B: 8:45am – 3:25pm

Thursday 10th September - Morning Session with School Lunch

On Thursday 10th September, all Reception children are invited to spend the morning in school with their class and to stay for a free school lunch. Alternatively, your child may choose to bring a pack lunch from home.

- On Tuesday and Wednesday please bring your child into the Reception classrooms via the Infant playground and help your child to settle with an activity.
- Thereafter, we will expect the children to be dropped off at the internal school gate where there will be a member of the EYFS team to meet and greet them. The children will then walk across the playground into the Reception classrooms. We find that this system enables the children to settle quickly, thus helping us to begin the day smoothly.
- Please use these transition sessions to familiarise your child with where their peg is located in the cloakroom. These are clearly labelled with a variety of colourful pictures to aid recognition.
- If your child will be staying for lunch, please locate where your child can store their lunch box in the cloakroom. Water bottles can be stored in the cloakroom too.
- Book bags can be placed in the boxes in the corridor.

Preparing Your Child for School



It's going to be so exciting at your new school!



What will you need?



**Please clearly label
EVERYTHING**



Clothing

Clothing: At Headlands Primary School, we ask that all children wear uniform and encourage them to maintain a high standard of appearance in school.

We believe that a school uniform is important;

- It looks smart
- Wears well
- Contributes to a sense of belonging
- Gives a common purpose
- Fosters a feeling of pride

It is important that the children are dressed appropriately in the Early Years Foundation Stage, in clothes that can be removed and managed by the children and are suitable for creative (messy) activities. All children will do PE weekly and will be encouraged to dress and undress themselves independently.



Clothing

Boys

Autumn / Spring / Cool weather

Red sweatshirt or jumper
White shirt or T-shirt
Grey / black trousers
White or grey socks
Sensible, practical shoes

Summer / warm weather

White or red shirt or T-shirt
Grey / black shorts
White or grey socks
Sensible, practical shoes

Girls

Autumn / Spring / Cool weather

Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
White blouse or T-shirt
Grey / black skirt or trousers
White or grey socks / tights
Sensible, practical shoes

Summer / warm weather

White or red blouse or T-shirt
Red or grey summer skirt or shorts
Red and white summer dress (check or stripe)
White or grey socks
Sensible, practical shoes



Please provide your child with a spare pair of pants and socks in their P.E bags ... just in case!!

Please ensure that all clothing that your child wears or brings into school, is clearly named.

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Headlands Cardigan £12.50



Headlands Polo Red £7.85



Headlands P.E. T-Shirt with L... £6.50

Uniform items are available with the school logo from

<https://www.getbrandedworkwear.co.uk/collections/headlands>

The children take part in a weekly Forest Schools session.

Here is a list of suggested clothing suitable for Forest Schools activities.

*If you go down to the woods today ...
What will my child need for Forest School?*

<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
wellies 	wellies 
long socks 	x2 pairs of thick socks 
long sleeved top 	warm hat 
trousers or leggings 	scarf 
sun hat 	x2 pairs of gloves 
lightweight raincoat with hood 	warm waterproof coat with hood 
Please remember to apply egg cream before your child comes to school. 	layers 

Please be aware that **we will be out in ALL weathers** apart from high winds and storms! It is vitally important that your child is dressed appropriately so that they can get the most out of their experience.

P.E Kits

P.E. Kits: Children will also require clothes and shoes to be worn during Physical Education lessons and activities. Your child will need:

- Red T-shirt
- Grey/black shorts
- Red/Black Jogging Suit (optional)
- Black pumps for outdoor activities
- Don't forget to include a spare pair of pants and socks(just in case!!)



P.E Days

P.E will be held at least once a week, on a day to be confirmed at the beginning of the term. Please make sure that your child has their P.E bag in school at all times.

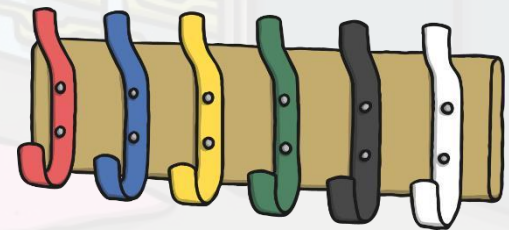


Trays and Pegs / Objects from Home

Pegs: Children will be allocated a peg in the reception cloakroom. This will have your child's name on it along with a small picture. Coats, P.E bags and any other bags should be stored outside the classroom on your child's peg.

Trays: All children will have a tray to store their personal property. These are located in each classroom and are clearly labelled with the children's names. These are useful for storing smaller items, such as, snacks, a small pack of tissues etc. They will also be used to store school items, such as your child's house point chart and their busy book. They are also useful for your child to store their artwork and other work generated at school.

We do not encourage children to bring toys in from home. They are easily lost and can be damaged.



Playtime

The Reception children will have their playtime with Key Stage 1 pupils in the infant playground.

Water Bottles

All children in the school are encouraged to drink water during the day. You can give your child a small water bottle to bring to school with freshwater in each day. These water bottles must be clearly labelled with your child's name.



Food and Drink

Lunch: At lunchtime your child can have a packed lunch prepared at home and brought into school, or a school dinner. Lunchtime usually lasts between 45 - 50min and is when the children eat their lunch and then play with their friends. All Early Years and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal each day. There will be a selection of different meals available each day for your child to choose from. Vegetarian/vegan options are always available. Please let us know if your child has any dietary restrictions or requirements (supporting evidence required).

Packed lunches should support our school's healthy eating policy. Please note that we aim to be a 'nut free' zone due to children at school with severe nut allergies. Also note that fizzy drinks are not allowed in school lunches.

Snacks: Your child can bring in a healthy snack if you wish. Fruit, vegetables and cheese are all suitable. All infant children receive a piece of fruit or vegetable each morning as part of the national School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

Drinks: All children in the school are encouraged to drink water during the day. You can give your child a small water bottle to bring with freshwater in each day. The water bottle must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Milk: The children also receive a daily carton of milk until the week of their fifth birthday. At this point, you have the option of buying milk for your child via Cool Milk for Kids (link available on the school website and leaflet in your child's book bag).

Health

Health: It is important the school has up-to-date information about any medical conditions or dietary requirements that your child may have. This applies to all medication including inhalers and antihistamine prescriptions. School requires a doctor's letter for any dietary needs or to administer specific medication in school. We will only accept medication from an adult.

Medication: School staff will only administer prescribed medicines that must be taken more than 4 times per day (for example antibiotics, creams). When the medicine is required to be taken less than four times per day, please arrange for it to be administered at home. If you have any questions regarding whether school can accept and administer medication for your child, please contact the school office.

For information, please read our 'Administering of Medicine Policy' which is available on the school website.

For all medicine to be held on site, we will require a completed 'Agreement to administer medicine' (Form 3) along with any medication in the original packaging showing the prescription label. Form 3 can be found on the school website under 'Parents/School Forms'.

We do not administer medicine bought over the counter.



General Information



Holidays:

Holidays in term time are not authorized. Your child's first year at school is very important and routine and attendance will help your child settle into school life.



Wrap Around Care: Total Sports offer wrap around care at Headlands Primary School from Monday to Friday.

All booking is online via their website.

- Morning club runs from 7.30am- 8.45am
- Afternoon club runs from 3.30pm – 5.30pm



Parking:

The school car park is reserved for staff only. It must not be used to drop off and collect children.



Absence:

It is very important to inform the school by 08:30am every day of your child's absence, using the school email or leave a message on school phone 01904 762356. Please write/leave the child's name, class and reason for absence.

Collection Arrangements

At the end of the school day the children are dismissed from the Reception classroom. You will be able to access the Infant playground at 3:25pm.

It is vital that you inform us if someone different is collecting your child. Also, if you are delayed at the end of the day, we would appreciate it if you could contact the school office to let us know. We will telephone parents or an emergency contact if nobody has collected a child within 10mins of the allotted collection time.

Remind your child that they should always return to their class teacher if there is a problem after they have been collected, for example if they have become separated from you on the playground.



Daily Timetable and Important Dates

We have one reception class led by Mrs. Neville. The class will be supported by either a higher level teaching assistant or a teaching assistant. We also have two SEND teaching assistants who support a pupil with special educational needs.

We usually have a Reading and Phonics lessons throughout the morning. Proposed morning play time will take place between 10.30am – 10.45am. Lunchtime lasts approximately 45mins - 50mins in the middle of the day.



Daily Timetable and Important Dates

Throughout the afternoon, the children have the opportunity to learn about the other areas of the curriculum, including, Maths, Science, Technology, P.E, History, Geography, Art, Music, Drama etc.

Children participate in a range of whole class teaching sessions, small group work and individual tasks throughout the day. There is also a mixture of self initiated, adult directed and adult led sessions.

Important Dates: Important dates and events are included in our regular newsletters and can be found on our school website. Some important dates this term include:

Training Day – Monday 19th October 2026

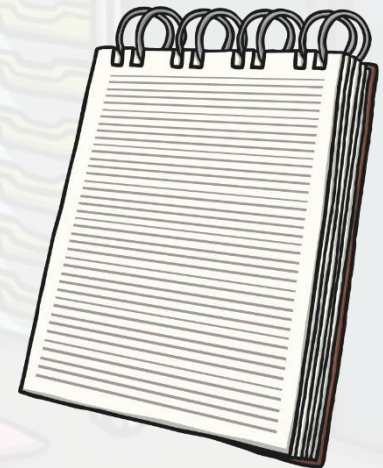
Half term – Friday 23rd October 2026

Christmas holidays – Friday 18th December 2026

Learning Journeys, Seesaw and Reports

Throughout the year, staff will use a programme called '**Seesaw**' to record your child's learning and development. It will contain samples of work, photographs and staff observations. These folders enable staff to track your child's progress and attainment, and also plan future activities. Parents are also encouraged to upload photographs, comments and observations recorded in the home environment to provide a holistic view of your child's learning and development.

Reports – We hold two parents evening throughout the year. There is an additional opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher throughout the summer term. An end of year report will be sent home at the end of the academic year.



Home Learning

We understand and value the support you provide for your child at home. Early years staff would love to hear about what you and your child have been doing at home. We encourage you to share your child's learning, achievements and experiences with staff, as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child.

Homework:

- We encourage all parents to participate in daily reading activities with your child
- Record 'WOW' moments at home on Seesaw or on special certificates to share in class

We also operate an optional homework task book, where children and parents are given a range of activities linked to our class topics and school learning to engage with.



We hope that this presentation is useful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

We aim to ensure that your children's experience in Headlands Primary School is a happy and rewarding one. We look forward to working with both you and your children.



General Information

Parent Teacher Association (PTA):

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a registered charity run by parents and teachers of Headlands Primary School.

They organise social and fundraising events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs, school discos, film nights and sponsored events. The money they raise helps to provide extra facilities to benefit the children. These events help to promote a friendly environment at the school.

The PTA depends on the support and involvement of parents to enable its events to run successfully. We are very lucky at Headlands to get a good turn out at all of our events and the money raised means that we can make a real difference.

If you are interested in getting involved in the PTA or you have a suggestion for a fundraising or social event then contact the school and your details/suggestions/comments will be passed onto the PTA.

