

Welcome to Northaw C of E Primary School

Please find your pack and take a seat.

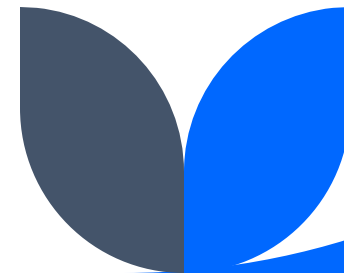


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Let's get started...

- I'm Miss Barker
- Lots of information today!
- Please ask questions.
- Acorns team cannot wait to teach your children 😊



Adults in Acorns Class

- Miss Barker - Teacher
- Mrs Nikolova - Assistant Teacher
- Mrs Stratton - Assistant Teacher



Daily routines

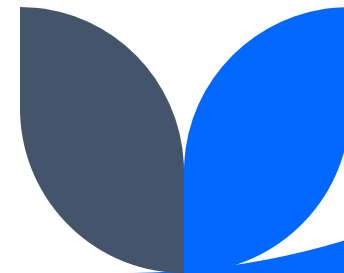
- 8.35am – 8.45am: Morning drop off at the BLACK gate. No parents or carers will be allowed into school. A TA who knows your child will be there for you to pass messages on to and will happily help children to transition if they are finding it hard.
- Children come into the classroom, organise their personal belongings and begin busy fingers activities.
- 10.25am: Snack time. A choice of fruit will be provided by school daily. There is a milk form in your packs if you would like your child to have milk.
- 11.45am: Nursery children go home, pick up from the BLACK gate.
- 11.45am: Lunch time for Reception. Menus are provided in your packs. -Nut Free, no chocolate or sweets. Children choose their lunch during morning registration. There are 3 choices, meat, vegetarian, jacket potato or sandwich/roll/baguette.
- 3.15am: Reception children's day finishes, please pick up from the BLACK gate.



What does my child need?

- Uniform
 - Look at school website for exact details
 - Second hand uniform: It's free to a good home and please take as much as you need!
- School Bag
- Water bottle
- Coat / sun hat / gloves and hat / scarf / raincoat
- Wellies to leave at school
- Change of clothes (including underwear) to leave on their pegs

Please label EVERYTHING!

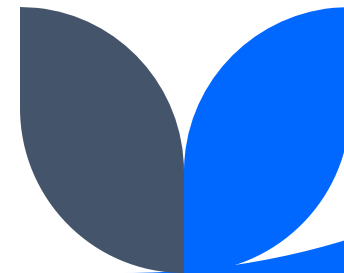


Practical details

- Monday – Library
- Friday – Forest school, please send children in wearing PE kit.

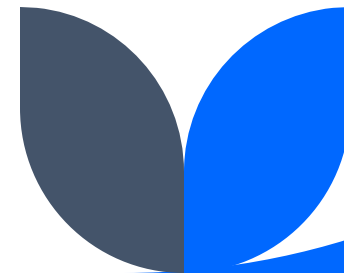
Reception only:

- Tuesday and Friday – PE, please send your child in wearing their PE kit on these days.



Absences

- If your child will be absent from school, please let Amy in office know (email or phone call).
- Please ensure you follow the school's illness policy. This is on the website. For example: Sickness and stomach upset is 48hours after an episode they can return to school.
- Preferably make dentist and medical appointments outside of school hours however if you do need to take your child, again please let the office know.



Website and Instagram



- Term dates
 - Class pages – photos
 - Curriculum information
 - Uniform details
 - Games for children to play
- And lots lots more!

A weekly newsletter is also sent out via email.

Instagram: See what we've been up to and get a glimpse into everyday life at Northaw C of E Primary School.
[@northaw_ce_primary_school](https://www.instagram.com/northaw_ce_primary_school)



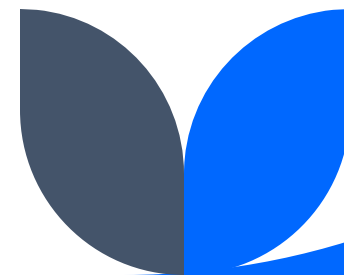
Stay and Learns

- Parents and Carers are welcomed into the classroom first thing in the morning.
- Once a month
- Different focus each month e.g. phonics, maths, fine motor
- They run from 8.45am till 9.15am
- A chance for your children to show you around the classroom and you to help them with their learning.



Tapestry

- Online journal
- At the start of the year in September you will receive a link to access your child's learning.
- Please comment and like.
- Feel free to add your own observations from home.



Home visits

- Home visits are being held in September: Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th.
- Please sign up today if you would like a home visit.
- These are a chance for us to get to know your child, your child to get to know us and for you to ask any questions or let us know anything you feel will help us to teach your child better.



Learning in Acorns

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding The World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Children will learn through a mixture of adult-led and child-initiated learning activities which take place within our indoor and outdoor environments.



6Rs

- Respect
- Reflection
- Resourcefulness
- Resilience
- Responsibility
- Reasoning

We are a Church of England School.

The children receive house credits for showing these values and receive certificates in going4gold worship.

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Phonics

- Phonics is the way we teach reading.
- We follow a program called “Monster Phonics”.
- It is very fun, active and lots of great videos.

Nursery will learn:

- Exploring rhythm and rhyme
- Building listening skills
- Tuning into sounds around them
- Identifying initial sounds in words
- Orally blending and segmenting words

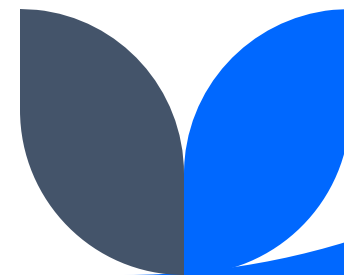
Reception will learn:

- What letters sound and look like
- Read and write digraphs and trigraphs e.g. sh, ai, ow, igh
- Blend and segment words
- Read and write sentences



Early writing

- Writing starts with mark making
- Children use their phonics skills to support writing. They sound out unknown words by segmenting the word into sounds.
- We celebrate every piece of writing the children produce so they feel proud and we do not worry if it is not spelt correctly at this stage.
- We encourage children to write freely and use the sounds they know. This means their writing may need a bit of translating.
- We work on letter formation and holding a pencil correctly.



Reading at home

- Library book
- Reading record book
 - This is for you to listen to your child read at home.
 - It is easiest if you make it part of your daily routine, a lovely time for you are your child
 - Please sign it daily to say how much has been read – a couple of pages is great!
 - Little and often is best.
 - Please send in daily as we listen to the children read these books too.
 - Some reading books have helpful activities, bits for adults to read or helpful questions to ask.
 - To begin with books will only have letters, or a few words in. Once children start to decode, we encourage them to answer questions including prediction and recalling key events.



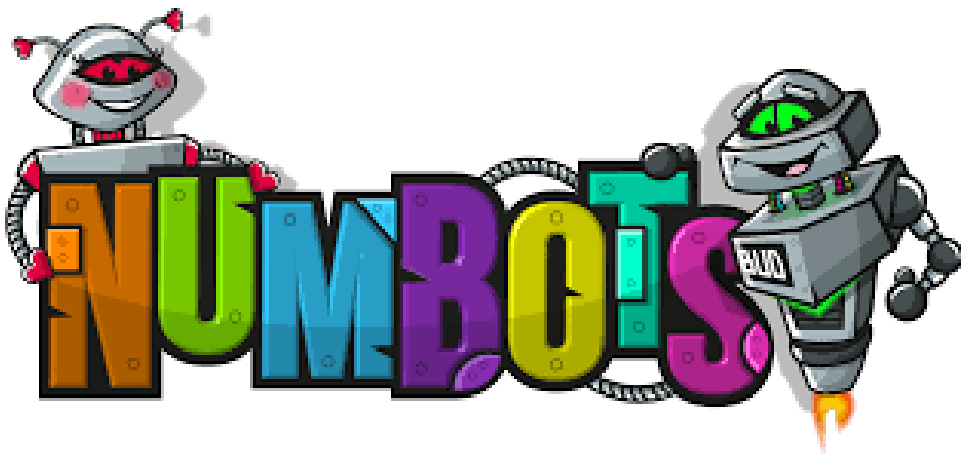
What can you do to help?

- Fill your house with a variety of books and share them with your child as much as you can. Read with your child and be a reader yourself so that your child sees the value of reading.
- Sing nursery rhymes and counting songs together
- Practise holding a pencil with your child
- Encourage your child to write their name
- Play counting games, eg snakes and ladders
- Talk about numbers and words when you are out
- Encourage the development of fine motor skills by getting creative
- Encourage your child to dress themselves – practice makes perfect!



Numbots and Monster Phonics

- Logins will be provided for Reception for Monster phonics ebooks and Numbots.



Slow Start to September

We understand that starting school is a big change. To ease this transition, we have a gradual start timetable for the first week of school:

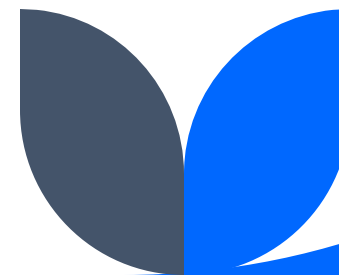
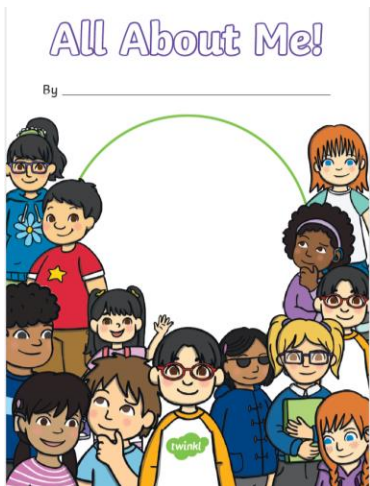
- **Wednesday 10th September** – *Group A* attends with drop-off between 8:35–8:45am and pick-up at 11:45am
- **Thursday 11th September** – *Group B* attends with drop-off between 8:35–8:45am and pick-up at 11:45am
- **Friday 12th September** – *All Reception children* attend with drop-off between 8:35–8:45am and pick-up at 11:45am
- **Monday 15th September** – All children attend with drop-off between 8:35–8:45am and pick-up at 1:05pm
- **From Tuesday 16th September** onwards – Normal school day begins with drop-off between 8:35–8:45am, and pick-up at 3:15pm

You will find out in your packs whether your child is in Group A or Group B.



What to do next?

- Read through the information pack.
- Fill in forms to return to Amy in the office.
- We will be in contact with you regarding home visit times before the end of the school year.
- Fill in “All about me” with your child.



Thank you for coming

We look forward to getting to know you and your family more soon!

Please do not hesitate to ask any of the Acorns team any questions which you may have. You can email or phone the school office and we will be happy to help.

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