



Riverside

Primary School & Nursery

EVERY CHILD A HAPPY LEARNER

**Welcome
to
Maple, Mulberry and
Orchard**

Meet the Team



Mr Daniels
Head Teacher



Miss Porter
Deputy Head



Ms Barnard
SENCo,
Assistant Head



Miss Palfrey
Assistant Head

Meet the Team



Miss Todd
EYFS Leader



Miss Coombes
Maple Class



Miss Martin
Mulberry Class



Miss Hall
Orchard Class



Mrs Austin
Maple Class



Mrs Coulthard
Mulberry Class



Riverside Primary School and Nursery



Vision

Every child a happy learner

Values

Strive for
excellence

Make the
right choices

Build
relationships

Priorities

An
ambitious
curriculum

Skills
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SCHOOL RULES



**Ready
Respectful
Safe**

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Foster a
sense of
belonging

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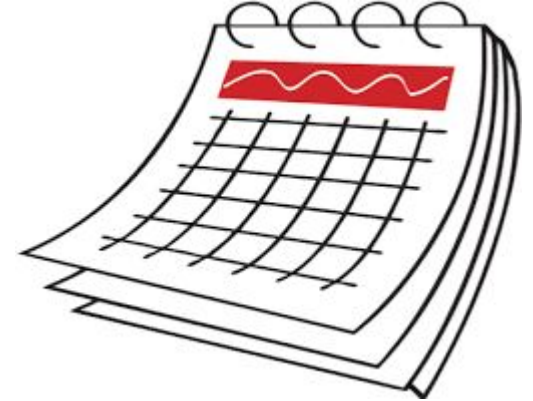
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School drop off and pick up



No cars on school site, please park and walk in to school

No parking in Donnington Gardens, park in the industrial estate opposite or use the North Town Road entrance

8:40am - doors open
3:15pm - end of day



Uniform

The uniform:

- Blue branded polo shirt,
- Blue branded sweatshirt,
- Black joggers or trousers,
- Black school shorts or black PE shorts (for warmer weather),
- Trainers

* Wellies *

The uniform is the same for both boys and girls.



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Please make sure that each garment is clearly named

Uniform from Goyals



School Uniforms & Sportswear

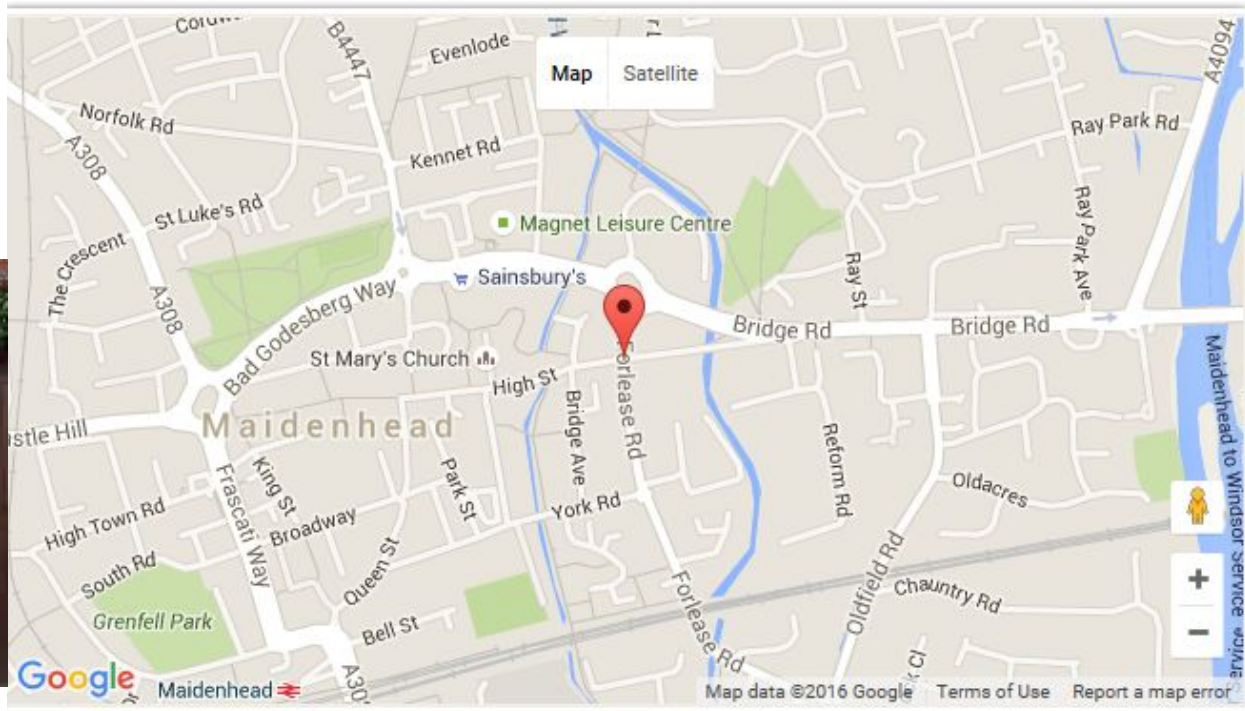
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Spare clothes

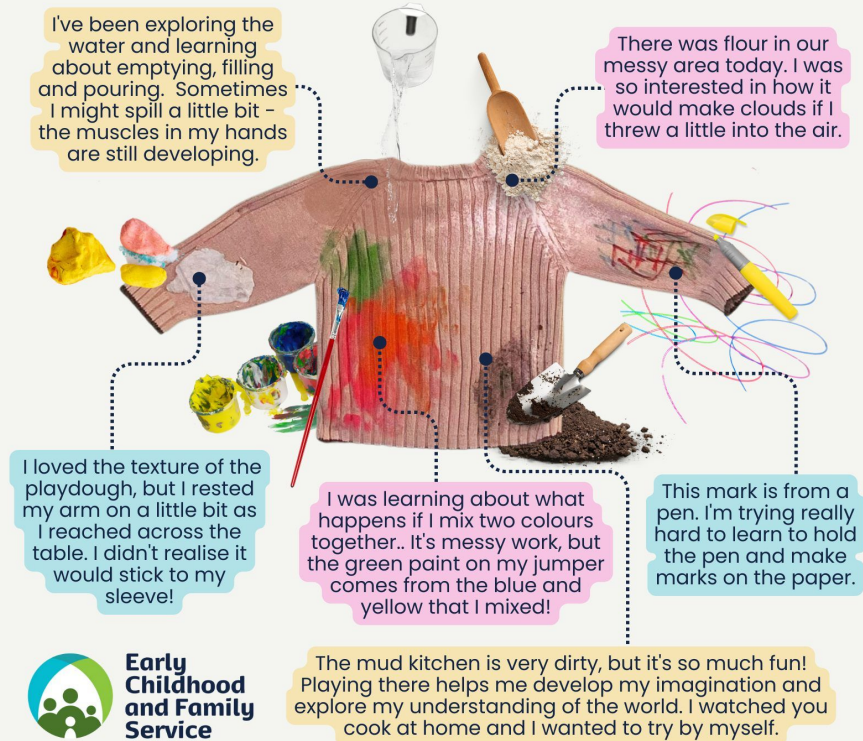
Children in in Early Years can get very messy in their learning through water play and messy play. At times children may have accidents, due to being in a new environment or because they are engrossed in their play. So it is important that all children **MUST** have a bag of spare clothes in school every day.

This includes:

- Top
- Bottoms
- Underwear
- Socks

If your child does not have spare clothes to change into we will call you to bring some in.

I'm sorry I got messy today but..





Amazing play, every day, for every child



Water, Milk and Fruit

Please send your child in with a named water bottle.

Every child has access to milk, water and fruit throughout the day.



School Dinner and Packed Lunch

A free school dinner is available to all children from Reception to Year 2.

All children will need to order their lunches online from 'The Pantry'.

Packed lunches should have a range of healthy items in and should come to school with your child in a named lunch box.

The school has a **NO NUT** policy, as we have several children with severe nut allergies. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads.

Crisps and chocolate should be limited.

Sweets and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.





The Pantry is the catering company that we use. They prepare fresh and nutritious meal every day. Parents book meals for their children online through The Pantry's portal.

EXAMPLE MENU					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT Meat Choice	Beef Pasta Bolognese (H)	Chicken & Pineapple Pizza (H)	Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Gravy (H)	Chicken Pie (H)	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce (H)
VEGETARIAN Choice	Rice & Chicken (H)	Margherita Pizza (H)	Vegetable Hot Pot with Potatoes (H)	Vegetable Pie (H)	Vegetable Soup with Chilli & Tomato Sauce (H)
PASTA	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (H)	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (H)	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (H)	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (H)	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (H)
JACKET POTATO	Chicken, Beans or Tuna (H)	Chicken, Beans or Tuna (H)	Chicken, Beans or Tuna (H)	Chicken, Beans or Tuna (H)	Chicken, Beans or Tuna (H)
SANDWICH	Egg, Cheese or Tuna (H)	Egg, Cheese or Tuna (H)	Egg, Cheese or Tuna (H)	Egg, Cheese or Tuna (H)	Egg, Cheese or Tuna (H)
VEGETABLES	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables
DESSERT	Ice Cream (H) or Fresh Fruit	Apple Flapjack (H) or Fresh Fruit	Vegetarian Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Sprinkle Cake (H) or Fresh Fruit	Sliced Fruit Wedges

Every day there are the following options:

- Meat;
- Vegetarian;
- Pasta;
- Jacket potato;
- Sandwich;
- Plus a salad bar.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.



Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfect!
Equates to 2 days off school each year	98%	Excellent
Equates to 13 days off school each year	93%	Good
Equates to 22 days off school each year	88%	Concerned
Equates to 32 days off school each year	83%	Very Concerned
Equates to 47+ days off school each year	75% or Below	Extremely Concerned

Reporting Illness

Please ring the school office if your child is unwell or going to be absent and give the reason why they will not be attending school.

If your child has vomited and / or had diarrhoea, they must remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode.

Appointments should be made out of school hours where possible

(e.g. doctor, dentist, optician etc.)



Keeping information up to date

Please update the school office and the class teacher with regards to any allergies, injuries and changes of circumstances as they happen, e.g. allergies to nuts and milk, or a change in mobile phone number.

If necessary, please make sure that the school has any medicine that your child might need, e.g. EpiPens, Antihistamine, Eczema Creams etc.



Early Years Curriculum

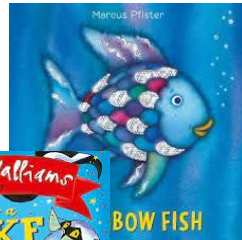
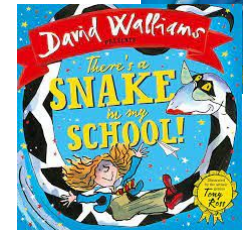
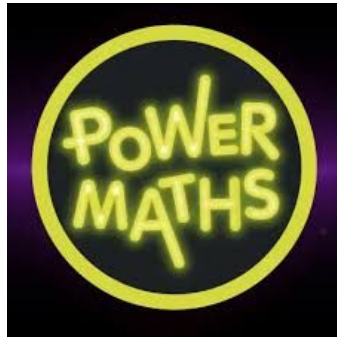
There are 7 areas of learning within the EYFS Curriculum and they are split into two areas:



Learning at School



Talk Through Stories supports vocabulary and comprehension so that soon they will be able to read the books for themselves.



Reading Books

- We will send home 'Riverside Ready to Read bags' to support children's reading at home, this is where your child will keep their reading book.
- We will send home a RWI book each week. These books will be at the correct level based on the sounds your child has learnt.
- Reading record – please fill in and sign every time you read together (5 -10 mins a night)
- Enjoy reading together, talking about the pictures and asking questions about what you can see.



Spelling

By the end of Reception your child will be expected to be able to spell some of the Reception High Frequency words. At Riverside we call these 'Red Words'.

I

said

This is Red Hat Rob.



"I will grab that cash box," he said.

a	can	go	look	said	was
all	cat	going	me	see	we
am	come	he	mum	she	went
and	dad	I	my	the	yes
are	day	in	no	they	you
at	dog	is	of	this	came
away	for	it	on	to	gone
big	get	like	play	up	run

DRAWING CLUB

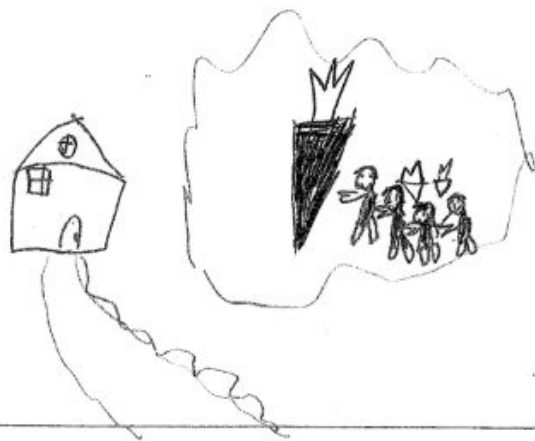


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Mr Benn likes
~~ice-cream~~ ice-cream.

ice-cream ice-cream

Drawing Club



The carrot is big and flesh.



The Sheep swim
in the fun pool.
they are happy
and they are
set

Drawing Club immerses children in the world of stories and imagination through drawing. It aims to enrich language skills, develop fine motor abilities, and nurture creativity in young learners. The club uses a variety of texts like picture books, animations, or even advertisements as prompts for drawing and storytelling, encouraging children to explore narratives and express their ideas visually.

Learning at School

- The whole school follow Mastering Number. Maths models and key vocabulary are introduced.
- This is supported by practical activities ensuring experiences in number, shape, space, measure and problem solving.
- Daily opportunities for child initiated learning through play enhance the timetable.
- We offer 'Stay and Plays' to build a strong parent - teacher partnership.



Parent Workshops

Workshops will run throughout the year to enable you to support your child at home.

These sessions will include phonics, reading, writing and practical maths.



Foundation Stage Fund

We request a £5.00 voluntary contribution 3 times a year.
September, January and April.

This money is used to buy the following:

Ingredients so that playdough can be made weekly.

Cooking ingredients so all children can participate on a regular basis.

Miscellaneous items for messy play eg. shaving foam, bubbles, corn flour and food colouring for focus activities.



Your child comes first

You and your child may have questions about what starting school might look like...

Will I be with my friends?

What can I play with?

Where will I eat?

Where do I go to the toilet?



We have a visual timetable which we go through every day with the children. This gives a visual representation of what happens within a day so that the children know what to expect.

Transition in September will begin with morning sessions only, allowing your child to become familiar with the environment, adults and new friends.



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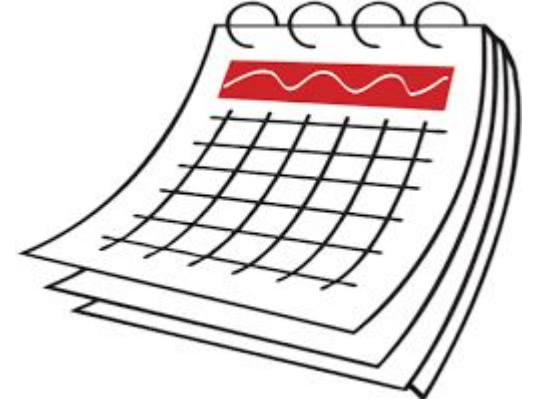
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Breakfast Club



There is a breakfast club available . It runs from 8 am until 8.45 and it costs £5.00 per day.

The club is held in the dining hall at the front of the school building.

Booking in advance is essential.

Financial support is available for Pupil Premium children. Please speak to the office to see if you qualify.

Leave treasure at home!



Toys
Jewellery
Money
Sweets



We ask children to leave personal toys at home.

Tick off as
you go. ✓

Starting School Checklist

Is your child ready to start school?



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

Toileting

- ☐ I can use the toilet alone, wipe myself clean and flush the toilet.
- ☐ I can wash and dry my hands on my own after using the toilet.

Social Skills

- ☐ I enjoy interacting with other children and adults.
- ☐ I can share and take turns.
- ☐ I like new experiences, including everyday life such as shopping, cooking, and counting objects.
- ☐ I can follow instructions and follow rules.

Self-Care

- ☐ I can wash my hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially before and after meals.
- ☐ I brush my teeth twice a day.
- ☐ I can wipe my nose.
- ☐ I am learning to cough and sneeze into a tissue or into my elbow.
- ☐ I can ask for help when I don't feel well.

Mealtimes

- ☐ I like eating a variety of healthy food.
- ☐ I can use a knife and fork.
- ☐ I can open packaging and wrappers by myself.
- ☐ I drink 6-8 cups of water a day.

Independence

- ☐ I have talked with my parent/carer about what school will be like.
- ☐ I know I can talk to someone if I have any worries at school.
- ☐ I can hold a pencil.
- ☐ I know my own name both spoken and written down.

Health

- ☐ Any health issues have been addressed by my GP.
- ☐ I am up to date with my immunisations/preschool boosters.
- ☐ I am registered with a dentist.
- ☐ I am physically active.

Routines

- ☐ I have a good bedtime routine which includes a bedtime story.
- ☐ I have set mealtimes, just like they do in school.

Getting dressed and undressed.

- ☐ I can put on and take off my uniform by myself, including doing buttons and zips.
- ☐ I can put my shoes on
- ☐ I can put on my own coat.
- ☐ I understand some parts of my body are private.

Just send a text message to:



07312 263283

For ChatHealth Health Visiting Support

If you have any concerns about your child being ready to start school, please get in touch with the Health Visiting or School Nursing Team via our ChatHealth service.

Just send a text message to:

07312 263194



For ChatHealth School Nursing Support

Do you have any questions?

You can email the school and we will answer them for you.



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