



Welcome to Reception at Bow Community Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs Clare Wilmott



Your child will be joining Foxcubs' Class.
Here is a look at our classroom.



Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome you and your child to Bow Community Primary School. We look forward to working closely with you over the coming years to ensure that your child really enjoys their time with us and achieves their best.

Foxcubs class teacher is Mrs. Fay, an experienced Early Years Teacher. She works closely with **Teaching Assistants Mrs. Sweetland and Mrs. Smith and Miss. Loader**.

Meet the staff




Mrs Anna Fay
Class teacher



Mrs Sweetland
Teaching Assistant

Parents as Partners

We recognise the importance of parents and carers role in a child's education and we greatly value any input, opinions and information you can share with us about your child's learning and progress. We use Tapestry, an online learning journal. Photographs and observations will be made of your child and you can access these on the Tapestry website using your login and password; other parents do not see comments about your child or photographs of your child. You can add your own observations from home by uploading a photograph and explaining what your child was doing, this can be an excellent talking point between staff and children.



Reading is very important. It is the key to all learning and at Bow Community Primary School we foster a love of all reading. We make a strong start to reading, starting our daily phonics session in the first week. Your child will take part in a Guided Read with an adult three times week. The book will be a printed mini-book from our phonics scheme and will go home on a Friday so your child can read it to you. Your child will also bring a reading book and a library book home to share with you. This will be changed every week.

The Early Years Curriculum is divided into seven areas of learning;

The first three areas are known as 'Prime' areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Developing independence, confidence, co-operating, sharing, taking turns and showing respect.

Communication and Language

Developing speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Physical Development

Learning how to use equipment, balance and co-ordination.

There are an additional four 'Specific' areas:

Mathematics

Developing counting, adding, taking away, problem solving, positions, shapes and patterns.

Literacy

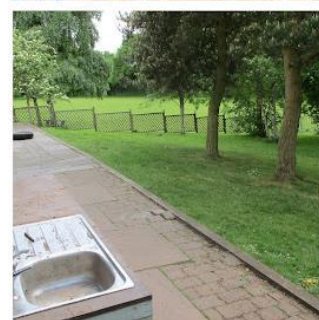
Encouraging the children to link sounds and letters and be able to read and write.

Expressive Arts and Design

Enabling children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials.

Understanding the World

Developing knowledge of the world around us including History, Geography, Science, ICT and Design Technology.





A Typical School Day

Children will be welcomed by Mrs. Fay every morning at the side gate at **8.50am**. The register is taken at 8.55am and children are marked late if they arrive after the register closes at 9.05am.

We encourage and celebrate good attendance at Bow Community Primary School. Good attendance at school means that your child is learning every day.

In the morning, we enjoy phonics, literacy and maths. Children have access to continuous provision where they get the opportunity to learn through play.

We join the rest of the school for breaktimes.

Children in have their lunch at 12.15pm until 1.15pm.

In the afternoon, as well as accessing the continuous provision, we work on our topic and science.

We gather together at the end of the day to have a snack, which is provided by the school. At breaktime, the children take a snack outside with them that they can bring in from home. We encourage a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit, chunk of cheese or crackers.

The school day finishes at **3.30pm**. Mrs. Fay will bring the children to the side gate to meet with parents or carers.

Other useful information

School Meals: Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive universal free school meals. This means that there is no cost to parents. Children can choose from the menu and place an order them via School Gateway. You will receive information about how to order at the welcome meeting.

We celebrate **birthdays** in class by singing Happy Birthday under the Birthday Lights!

Unfortunately, we do not encourage children to bring in cakes and sweets to school.

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Friday.

Please ensure that your child brings into school a PE kit with them, which should be labelled with their name.
for this session.



At Bow Community Primary School, pupils are required to wear the following PE kit:

- Royal blue t-shirt with school logo or white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Suitable sports' trainers

Please note, that **makeup** and **jewellery** should not be worn by pupils. Clothing with **Logos** on display are also not in line with our school uniform expectations.

Please name all clothes. We often have problems reuniting jumpers with their owners because they are not named. But during PE, we need to know whose t-shirt belongs to who!

Please send your child to school with a **named drinks bottle**. It is important for us all to stay hydrated and we have opportunities throughout the day to have a drink. **We encourage pupils to have water only in their bottles at school.**

Please could you also send in a pair of **named wellies** that will stay at school, so that we can access our outdoor area whatever the weather. A coat every day is essential too. Y



Preparing your child for school

It will make starting school much easier and happier if your child is independent and can do many things for themselves.



What should they be able to do?

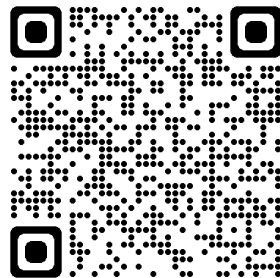
- Dress and undress themselves?
- Use the toilet independently and ask to go there?
- Tidy up after him/herself?
- Recognise their own name?

Please tell your child's teacher if

their name is abbreviated in any way.

- Feed him/herself?
- Share toys and equipment?
- Handle a pencil?
- Sing some nursery rhymes?
- Practice counting to 10?
- Listen well and follow simple instructions?

For information about the school, please visit the school website



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