

Benson C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are well rested. We are looking forward to seeing all the children on their first day. We wanted to let you know about some key information for the start of the Year.

Our topic this term is 'The wonderful World of Me'. For more details on the rest of our learning this term, please see the topic web on our class page or attached with this letter.

Tapestry-

You will receive an Information and permission letter about our online learning journal system. Please can you fill in the information required and return it to your class teacher by the 19th of September 2025. We will need this information to set up your account. You will then receive an activation link email which will enable you to access your account. If you do not receive an activation email by the 26th of September 2025, please let us know so we can send a new email.

Reception Baseline Assessment – This is a statutory activity-based assessment of children's starting points in language, communication, Literacy and Maths. During the next two weeks, children in Reception will be supported by their class teacher to complete short tasks using fun and practical resources. Click this link for more information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

P.E. - P.E will be on Wednesdays for both classes, starting next week. All children should come in on Wednesday already changed into their P.E kit. As the weather gets colder, please send your child in blue/black jogging bottoms rather than shorts.

Reading- Further information regarding changing books and reading groups will be sent later in the term and will be available on the class webpage.

Snack time - All children in Reception are provided with free fruit /vegetable snack on a daily basis so it is not necessary for the children to bring additional snacks for break times.



'Love one another, as I have loved you' John 13 v34.

Toys from home - We would encourage children not to bring toys into school, as they may be lost or broken. Please see the class teacher if your child requires a familiar toy to support settling.

School milk - If you would like your child to have school milk at snack time, please register them by following the link to Cool Milk [Lunches & Milk | Benson CofE Primary School](#) .

School Lunches – All Reception lunches are free of charge, but you will need to order your child's choices online. Your SchoolMoney account should be ready for you to order your child's lunches by Monday 8th September. The children will be able to choose their lunch options in class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Please note- When ordering online , you will need to click on the check out tab once you have selected the lunch to complete the order even though you do not need to pay for the lunch.

Reading with our favourite people-

We would love for you to send in a photo of your child reading their favourite book with their favourite people or pets for a class display. You can send them to the class email or hand in a copy of the phot.

Clothing items- Please remember to label all items of clothing, especially jumpers and cardigans as they are easily mislaid.

As always, if you have any concerns or need to make us aware of anything urgent, then do come and speak to us. We are normally available at the beginning or end of the day for a quick chat, or send us an email beech@benison.sch.uk or elm@benison.oxon.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

Reception team

Mrs White and Mr Morris