



Benson C of E Primary School

Welcome

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Our School Vision

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Class Structure – 45 intake

1 x Nursery class

2 x Reception classes

3 x Year 1&2 mixed classes

3 x Year 3&4 mixed classes

3 x Year 5&6 mixed classes

The EYFS at Benson CofE Primary School...

- Willow Class – Nursery
- Beech and Elm Class - Reception
- All children in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) will learn alongside the EYFS Curriculum.
- Reception teachers will plan and assess with the Early Learning goals in mind.
- Teachers will use other non-statutory guidance such as Development Matters and Birth to Five Matters to assist with planning and assessment.



The curriculum:



Attending Nursery at Benson C of E Primary School

Your child will join either our morning session or our afternoon session, to attend up to 5 days a week.

Morning Nursery: 8.45 – 11.45am
(gate closes at 11.50am)

Lunch club: 11.45-12.15pm

Afternoon Nursery: 12.15 (gate closes at 12.20) – 3.15pm

8.45a.m. 12.15p.m.	Session begins with free flow play
9.15 1.00	Circle Time (<i>Registration etc.</i>) Small Group Time
9.30 1.15	Choosing Time (<i>Child Initiated Learning</i>)
10.15 2.30	Rolling snack starts
11.30 3.00	Funky fingers or Phonics Story time
11.45 3.15	Session ends

Example of a Reception Class school day:

- Doors open between 8:40 and 8:45 – External gates open from 8:30am
- Early Morning Jobs/ Registration and Lunch Order checks
- Phonics Small Group Time
- Literacy Group Time then Adult Led Activities and Enhanced Provision
- Play Time with Snack
- Maths Group Time then Adult Led Activities and Enhanced Provision
- Lunch including Play Time
- Topic Group Time **then Adult Led Activities and Enhanced Provision**
- Assembly/PSHE
- Home



Essential Equipment

Please ensure everything coming into school is named

- Book bag (not nursery)
- Water Bottle
- Coat and Wellies for outdoor learning
- Spare underwear and change of clothes
- Sun hat in summer. Warm hat and gloves in winter
- We encourage children not to bring toys into school, as they may be lost or broken.

Snack

- Fruit is provided for Snack each day, funded by the government.
- Milk can be ordered. Please sign up at www.coolmilk.com. Free for those under 5.

Lunch

- Reception – Yr 2 children are entitled to a free school lunch, funded by the government.
- Menu will be available on website to discuss at home.
- Meals are pre-ordered up to 24hrs before.
- Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch.
- Nursery Children must bring a packed lunch if they are staying for lunch club. Some families may be eligible for a free school packed lunch.

What to wear... NURSERY

Nursery Logo Jumper



Nursery Logo T-Shirt



Closed toe shoes/trainers



Named water bottle



Sensible bottoms/leggings



Lunchbox



Small backpack with change of clothes in



What to wear... RECEPTION

White polo shirt or collared shirt (short sleeved or long sleeved)



Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore



School logo jumper or cardigan



During warm weather – red gingham dress or playsuit (white socks can be worn)



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - school branded book bag



Black or grey socks or tights



Named water bottle



Black school shoes or trainers



PE kit – to be worn to school on PE days and/or if your child is attending an after-school sports club

Plain white t shirt or
school logo white t shirt



Black or navy
shorts/jogging
bottoms



School logo jumper,
cardigan or hoodie



Black trainers



Items with the school logo on can be purchased through the school website:
<https://www.bensoncofeprimary.org.uk/uniform>

Communication with Parents



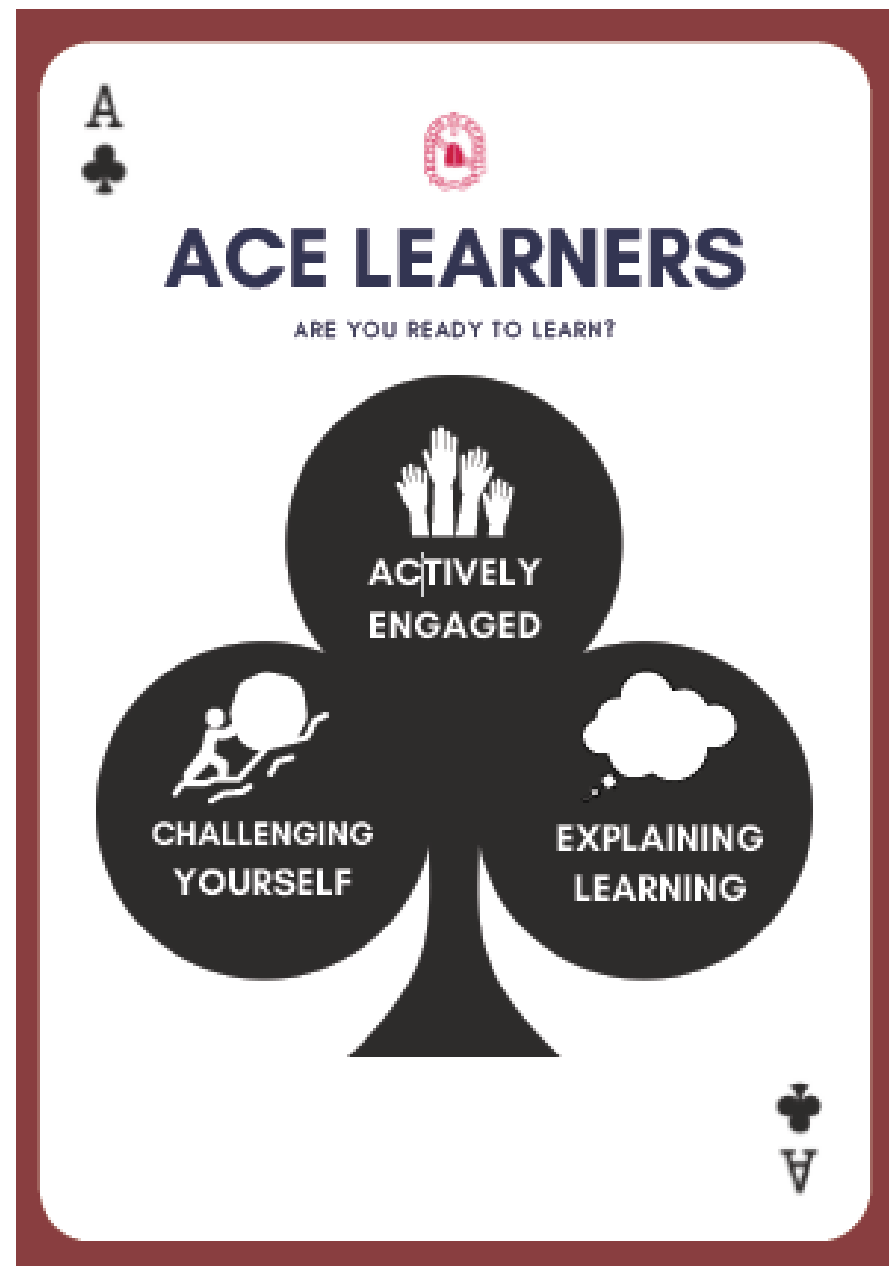
Tapestry is used to record track and share children's learning.

Photos and videos are taken, uploaded and shared with you. You can also add your own comments, photos and videos.

Take videos and photos to share with your child's class teacher.

- Class email address
- Termly newsletters from Class Teacher
- Regular website updates
- Whole school newsletter
- Parents evenings and open classrooms

Here at Benson School we are...



The wider school and community...



Ask the children about:

- ✓ Composer/musician of the term
- ✓ School trips
- ✓ Visitors
- ✓ Links with St Helen's Church
- ✓ Links with Benson Nature group
- ✓ School Representatives
- ✓ Sporting opportunities and events such as Oxford half marathon, inter-school tournaments and race for life.
- ✓ Clubs: Art club, Felting club, Irock.

Clubs:

At Benson we offer children the opportunity to take part in different after school clubs such as; football, hockey, netball, art club and singing club.

These change termly and are age dependent. You can find out more information on our website:

<https://www.bensoncofeprimary.org.uk/after-school-clubs>

Benson Buddies Wrap Around Care

We provide our own inhouse breakfast and after school wrap around care which is available to children from Reception to Year 6. More information is provided on our website:

<https://www.bensoncofeprimary.org.uk/wrap-around-care>

Nursery Admissions:

- Please complete a session request and enrollment form found on the school website or can be collected from the main office.
- State the sessions in which you would like, whether they are funded and when you would like your child to start.
- Admission times in the year are September, January and after Easter – dependent on availability.
- Admissions criteria are the same as the main school:
 - SEND (EHCP)
 - Sibling + catchment
 - Catchment
 - Sibling + not catchment
 - Other

Admissions: Through Oxfordshire County Council Website

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/infant-and-primary-school>

Admissions to primary school

Applying to start primary school for the first time.

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31st August 2023 need to apply for a primary or infant school place for their children.

How to apply

From Monday 3rd November 2026 you can [apply online](#) for a primary school place.

If you cannot apply online, you can request a paper application form from schools, nurseries and from the School Admissions Team.

The deadline for receipt of completed school applications is **15th January 2027**

If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools

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Timeline of the Admission Process

Key dates for applications	
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3 rd November 2026	Applications open.
15 th January 2027	Closing date for applications.
30 th January 2027	Last date for confirmation of change of address.
16 th April 2027	Offer letters sent by second-class post where needed and emails sent to those who applied online.
30 th April 2027	Closing date for late or amended applications Closing date to respond to offers made on 16 April and to join continued interests list
September 2026	Start of the school year.



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Any Questions?





