



Welcome to Cherry Orchard



'Pupils at Cherry Orchard are proud of their school and are happy to be there. They have positive relationships with staff and work well with their peers. The school's values of equality, respect, understanding, courage, friendship and honesty are threaded throughout the life of the school. Pupils embrace differences and show respect for each other.'

'Pupils behave well in lessons and around school. Personal development and pastoral care are a strength. Staff know pupils well. They help them to become confident, resilient individuals. Pupils are enthusiastic to learn about different faiths and cultures represented in school.'

'Leaders are ambitious for all pupils...Leaders make sure no time is wasted in teaching pupils to read...Pupils study a broad and interesting curriculum...Leaders enrich the curriculum through a range of trips and visitors to the school...Leaders provide opportunities to develop talents and interests...Leaders work closely with parents and carers and partnership agencies to make sure that pupils get the help they need...They enable pupils to feel safe at school.'



Our School Motto

We care,
we learn,
we succeed.

Our Core Values



Courage



Friendship



Honesty



Respect



Understanding



We are a
Rights Respecting School





Becoming part of Cherry Orchard

Happy

Safe

High expectations

Growth mindset

Progress

attendance

Partnership

Communication

Celebrating diversity

Community

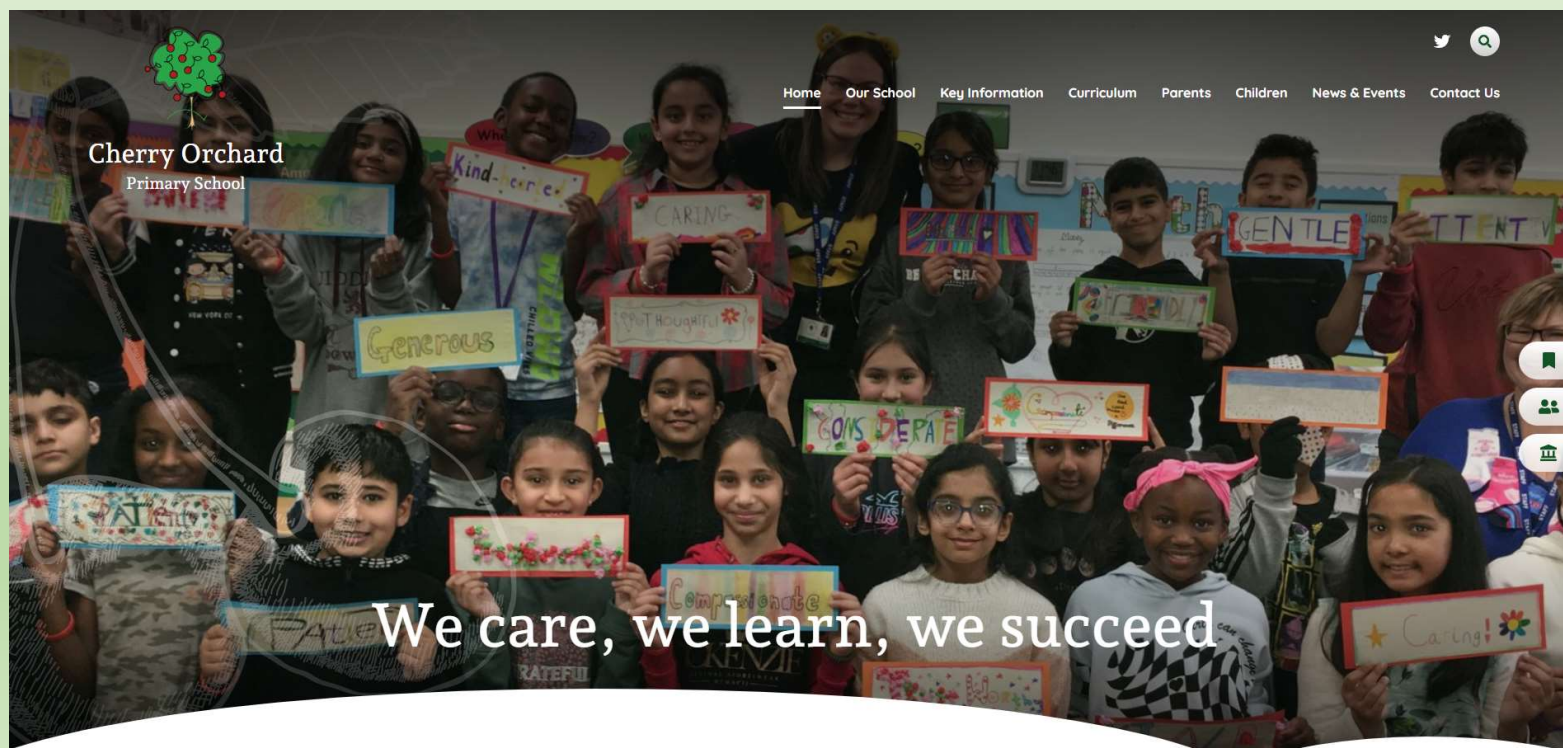
Active citizens



Our School Website

All of the information that you need to know is on our website.

<https://www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk/>





Welcome to Reception

The Reception Staff



Miss Amphlett
Assistant
Headteacher/
RA class teacher



Mrs Robinson
RA teacher
(Fridays)



Miss Athwal
RA Teaching
Assistant



Ms Hussain
RH Class
Teacher



Mrs Kaur
RH Teaching
Assistant



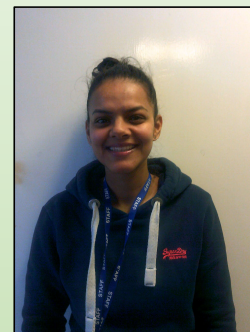
The Reception Team



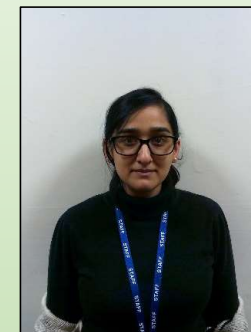
Mrs Power



Miss Divito



Miss Kasbia



Miss Kaur

People Who Help Us



**Miss Taylor
Head Teacher**



**Mrs Emery
Deputy Head Teacher**



**Miss Jaswal
SENCo**



**Mrs Gogna
Lead Lunchtime
Supervisor**

People Who Help Us

Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Carty Pastoral and Learning Mentors



Our pastoral team are here to support our children inside and outside of the classrooms.



Preparing for school

There is a Reception prospectus on our website with lots of ways to support your child with starting school. These are in your packs for you to read at home.



Ready, Steady, Reception!

Parents and Carers, help your child have the best start to their Reception year by working on these key skills at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional Skills

No longer use a dummy or bottle

Have a consistent, structured bedtime

Help tidy up and put things back

Use words to tell you how I feel

Wait my turn and take turns with others

Play with things safely and without breaking them

Know that my belongings are my responsibility

Leave my parent or carer and know they are coming back



Language & Listening Skills

Make a choice using my words

Talk about myself using 'I' rather than 'me'

Listen to a story from a book for a short period of time

Sit still on the carpet or floor and listen while others are talking

Follow simple instructions given by an adult

Recognise my written name

Know and sing along to nursery rhymes

Listen to and identify sounds around me



Physical Skills

Be able to dress and undress myself: shoes, socks, trousers, coats, jumpers, t-shirts, hights, zips & buttons

Be able to open my lunchbox or bag and open my food packaging

Go to the toilet independently: wipe myself, pull my clothes back up, flush the toilet & wash my hands

Have an effective pencil grip

Be independent at mealtimes: drink from an open cup, feed myself using cutlery, cut up my food with a knife and fork, carry a plate or tray

Wipe my nose with a tissue then throw it away

Hang my coat and bag on a peg

Line up one behind the other and walk in a line.





Ready, Steady, Reception!

Physical Skills



Be able to dress and undress themselves

Give opportunities to practise fastening buttons and zips. eg. On cushions, duvet covers etc.



Take own socks and shoes on and off to play in the sand or garden in the summer.



Get children involved in choosing their clothes for the day so that they are things they want to wear.



Allow children to dress and undress themselves in the mornings or at bedtime.



Use clothes with different fastenings when playing dress up or role playing.

Try the 'Batman' or 'Superman' methods for putting on their own coats.*



Always encourage them to "have a go" before offering help with coats, shoes etc.



*Put the hood on first then each arm in **OR** put the coat on the floor with the hood towards you, put your arms in and flip it over your head!



Practise putting on socks using scrunchies! Look!



These are some things your child might do with their Early Years practitioner. Help your child succeed by also practising them at home!

The Reception Classroom



*We are two classes.
Our layout is open-planned.*



Our Learning



We plan a curriculum that covers all 7 areas of learning. More information to follow in September.

Our Outdoor Learning Areas





The Hall





Things you need to know

Stay and Play

You are invited to attend a one hour stay and play session on **Wednesday 3rd July 2024**. Your allocated time will be on your letter in your pack. Children can come in their own clothes.

Transition in September

From the 3rd-6th September, Reception staff will be doing home visits. These will last approximately 20 minutes. Your date and time are in your pack.

Your child will start Reception on **Monday 9th September 2024. For this week (9th-13th September)**, your child will either do a **morning or afternoon session**. This is stated on the letter in your pack.

Reception children will start full time on Monday 16th September 2024.

Breakfast and After School Club

Inspired Kids Club provide this service, please speak to David Hall after the meeting should you require more information.



Things you need to know

Snacks

Children are provided with one piece of fruit for snack time. Your child can bring in their own fruit if they wish. The children are also encouraged to bring in a water bottle to drink from. This needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Lunch

Children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. There are usually between 2-3 meal options per day including halal and vegetarian choices. You will need to book and select your child's meal in advance via ParentPay. Your child can also bring in their own packed lunch. This must be in line with our packed lunch policy:

<https://www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk/our-school/healthy-school/4525-cherry-orchard-s-packed-lunch-policy.html>

If your child has any allergies, please ensure you have let us know.



Things you need to know

Homework

Your child will receive a book bag and a library book. Book bags will be sent home on a Friday and be returned on a Wednesday. Homework will be shared online using Google Classroom.

PE

PE will happen once a week. Your child's class teacher will let you know when this will begin during the Autumn Term.

Uniform

Please ensure all of your children's uniform is **clearly labelled**. We also ask that you provide a spare change of clothing (to be kept in school) in case of any accidents.

Non- uniform days

At the end of every half term, there is a non-uniform day. We usually ask for a donation for the food bank of these days.



Things you need to know

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. It became statutory for all schools from September 2021.

Our children will complete this within the first six weeks of starting school.

It is nothing for you to worry about or prepare for. It is for schools to measure the progress they make with their pupils from Reception to Year 6.

More information can be found by clicking the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf



Mornings and end of the day

08:50 – School opens (come around the back of the EYFS/KS1 building)

09:00 – Register is taken in classrooms

15:20 – End of the school day. Staff will dismiss children one at a time.



Any questions:

reception@cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk

**Please email any questions to the email
address above**