



Welcome to Dove CE Academy



Reception Starters 2023



The Staff

- Principal: Mrs Emma Manby
- Office Manager: Mrs C. Lear
- Janitor: Mr T. Boot

Teachers

Robins: Miss Chelsea Swindail & Mrs Jourdan Turrell

Blackbirds Miss Jenna Redfern

Owls Mrs Georgina Taylor

Eagles Miss Jan Phillpots

Teaching Assistants (class based support)

Mrs A Walker, Mrs D Handy, Mrs C Coates, Mrs P Wilson

Lunchtime Supervisors

Mrs Z.Tatlow, Mrs J. Smith, Mrs M. Walsham,

Our School Day

Wagtails & Robins Timetable

	8.50 – 9.00	9.00 – 9.30	9.30 – 9.50	9.50 – 10.15	10.15 – 11.30	11.30 – 12.00	12.00 – 1.00	1.00 – 3.00	3.00 – 3.20
Monday	Write a sentence (picture stimulus)	Robins: Phonics Wagtails: Story time	Robins: Practice Reading Session Wagtails: Dough Disco	Hand Washing Snack Playtime	Continuous Provision Interventions	Robins: Directed Maths Teach Wagtails: Directed Maths Teach	Lunch (am Children to go home)	Robins: Guided Maths Activity Wagtails: Continuous Provision	Book of the Week Tricky Words Home time
Tuesday	Write a sentence (picture)	Robins: Phonics Wagtails: Story time	Robins: Practice Reading Session Wagtails: Dough Disco	Hand Washing Snack Playtime	Continuous Provision Interventions	Robins: Directed Maths Teach Wagtails: Directed Maths Teach		Robins: Guided Maths Activity Wagtails: Continuous Provision	Book of the Week Tricky Words Home time
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Thursday	Write a sentence (picture stimulus)	Robins: Phonics (CS) Wagtails: Story time	Robins: Practice Reading Session	Hand Washing Snack Playtime	Continuous Provision Interventions	Robins: Directed Maths Teach Wagtails: Directed Maths Teach		Robins: Guided Writing Wagtails: Continuous Provision	WOW Worship Home time
Friday	Write a sentence (picture stimulus)	Robins: Phonics Wagtails: Story time	Forest School					Robins: Guided Maths Activity Wagtails: Team Games	Celebration Assembly Home time

Dove Hub

(Before & After School Care)

A colorful poster for Dove Hub, featuring a smiling sun, flowers, and abstract shapes. The text is centered and easy to read.

Dove Hub
OPENING HOURS AND PRICING
JUNE 2023

- ✓ Monday to Friday 8.00 - 8.50am
- ✓ 7.30am start by pre-booking only
- ✓ Monday to Friday 3.20 - 5.30
- ✓ Early or late drop/collect charges apply
- ✓ Term time only
- ✓ Nursery to Year 6

Pricing

8.00am - 8.50am = £4.00
8.15am - 8.50am = £3.00
(pre-book) 7.30am - 8.50am = £6.00
3.20pm - 5.30pm = £8.50
3.20pm - 4.30pm = £6.50
early / late charges each 15 minutes = £2

FOR BOOKING CONTACT
DOVEHUB@DOVE.STAFFS.SCH.UK
01889 590203

Important Information

- **Attendance**

It is important that your child attends school everyday, unless they are unwell. Punctual arrival is also important to ensure that children do not miss valuable learning time. Please arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible.

- **Illness**

If your child is ill, please ring the school office to inform them before 9.30am, we will contact you if your child is absent and we have not heard from you.

- **Holidays**

Holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there is exceptional circumstance. You will need to complete a form to request a holiday from the school office.

- **Parking**

We encourage our pupils, where possible, to walk to school as part of a healthy lifestyle. If you need to drive please consider 'park and stride' – parking a short distance from the school and walking from there. Please do not park on the school car park this is for staff and visitors only.

School Uniform

School uniform can be ordered from <http://www.brigade.uk.com>



- Grey or black trousers/skirts or dresses
 - White polo shirt or shirt/blouse
- Purple jumper or cardigan
 - Black sensible shoes

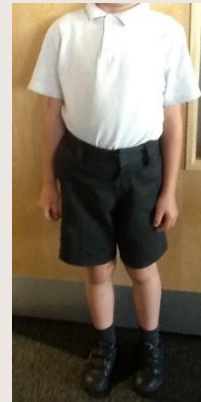
During Summer:

- Black/grey shorts
- Purple and white gingham summer dress



P.E Kit

- Black shorts
- White school P.E. T-shirt / white T-shirt
 - Plimsoles / trainers
- Black tracksuit bottoms and school jumpers can be worn in colder weather.



Please make sure all of your child's school uniform is named.

Snacks



Please provide a water bottle for your child to have in school at all times, making sure their name is on it. The bottle will be returned home each day for you to wash and refill with water for the next day.



Fruit is provided for all children in Nursery and Reception during morning break.

We can bring in a healthy snack (fruit, vegetables) to have at afternoon play if our parents wish to send one.



Milk – children receive free milk until they are 5yrs old. If your child would like to have milk after they are 5 then you can pay for milk complete an online application at <https://www.coolmilk.com>

Please note of you are sending in grapes in a lunchbox or as an afternoon snack they must be cut into half to avoid a choking hazard.



Lunchtime



School lunches - children in Rec-Yr2 are entitled to a free school meal funded by the government.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch then please be aware we are a healthy eating school and children's packed lunches should reflect this. A typical packed lunch might include a sandwich/pasta, packet of crisps, then snacks such as vegetable sticks, fruit, yogurt etc and a drink.



Due to severe allergies we are a no nut school please do not send nuts into school for snack / in lunchboxes.



Medical Matters

- Any absence requires a telephone call/ Tapestry message before 9.30am.
- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hrs absence.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Asthma If your child has asthma please complete a form and hand in to the school office. Inhalers will be kept in school.
- Medicines prescribed by a Doctor which need to be given 4 times a day can be given by school. Please hand the medicine in and complete a consent form at the school office.
- If your child requires an appointment i.e. dentist, optician please make these outside of school time where possible.

Mixed Age Classes

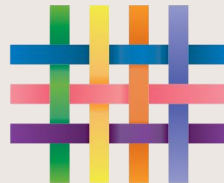
- Small schools like Dove CE Academy usually have to mix year groups.
- This has always been the case at Dove. All children are taught the relevant curriculum for their year group whichever class they are in.
- Classes are reviewed each year and you will be informed of decisions about new classes at the end of each academic year.
- Wagtails & Robins (Nursery & Reception) will spend their days mixed, with separate teaching time taking place.

Parental Involvement

- We hold a Celebration assembly every Friday at 3pm in the hall. Children share examples of work from the week and certificates are awarded for children who have demonstrated the school's Christian values.
- We hold a number of 'Family Learning Events' throughout the year, these usually have a topic focus e.g. phonics, art and craft and Forest School. Parents / carers / family members are invited to join their children at school and take part in learning events together.
- There is a member of staff on the school gate each morning, if you have any messages you speak to the member of staff on the gate. If you need to speak to the class teacher you can do this briefly at the end of the day, alternatively contact the school office to make an appointment.
- We ask parents to support their child's learning by reading at least three times a week at home. Home Learning sheets for Phonics & Maths may be sent home to allow you to see what your child has been exposed to that week.
- We hold a Parents Evening during the Autumn and Spring term to discuss your child's progress. Reports will be sent out in the summer term.
- Friends of the Dove work with school to fundraise for extra-curricular activities, school trips, extra resources for school. We hope you can support their events.

Tapestry

- We use Tapestry, an online learning journal to record pupils work and to communicate with parents.
- Pictures and comments about your child's work will be shared with you via this platform.
- As children often work in groups we require your permission for these images to be shared with other parents within the school.
- We also include photos from celebration assembly and other whole school events.
- You can communicate with your child's class teacher using Tapestry and comment on the work they post. This is a really nice way to get Parent's feedback on their children's learning.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

All About Early Years

- Activities in Wagtails & Robins are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. Weekly Plans are created with a story focus, but are heavily relied upon your child's interests.
- There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which activities are planned around:
 - **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
 - **Physical Development**
 - **Communication and Language**
 - **Literacy**
 - **Mathematics**
 - **Understanding the World**
 - **Expressive Arts and Design**
- Throughout the EYFS, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's reception year in school.

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

- This is a statutory assessment for all reception children in the country, covering Literacy, Communication & Language and Maths. It comprises short, practical activities for the children to complete with their teacher. The children will not be aware that they are completing an assessment and it is not something that they can prepare for in advance, so please do not worry!
- It is used to measure progress between entering reception and leaving year 6 and you will receive a summary of your child's assessment during the Autumn term.

Helping Your Child to Settle

These are a few ways that you can prepare your child for the first few weeks at school:

- Ensure that they can dress and undress themselves.
- Help them to master basic cutlery skills.
- Think about packaging in lunchboxes, for example, yoghurt tubes can be tricky to open.
- Help them to be independent with their toileting skills.
- Encourage them to sit and listen to stories.
- Help them to develop the confidence to communicate with new people.
- Practise sharing and taking turns.

Forest School



- At Dove CE Academy we have our very own Forest School. Forest schools are nature-based communities where trained practitioners nurture learner-led exploration and discovery, nurturing meaningful experiences for positive lifelong impacts.
- Children in Wagtails and Robins will take part in weekly Forest School sessions on a Friday morning.
- We will go out in all weathers, therefore can you please provide suitable clothing (puddlesuits, hats, scarves, gloves, wellies). All named and in a bag for their peg.





& Finally...

If you have any worries or concerns please come in and see us. We will do our best to help you 😊

If you have any questions please ask as we go along, feel free to call or email any time.

We look forward to welcoming you on
Tuesday 5th September 2023.