

Early Years Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Routines and Expectations

- Morning Nursery – doors open at 8.30am and the session ends at 11.30am
- Afternoon Nursery – doors open at 12.15pm and the session ends at 3.15pm.
- Reception pick up and drop off: at the entrance at the side of school. Doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. At the end of the day, doors open at 3.15pm. Please queue considerably and be patient as we dismiss the children safely.
- As safeguarding is so important, please ensure that you have informed the school office and staff on the door (before the end of the school day) of any unfamiliar adults that are not recognised by the class teacher who maybe picking up your child.
- As safety is our priority, if you would like to speak to the class teacher, please ensure that you wait until all children are dismissed from our Reception door at the end of the day.
- Children are welcome to bring a water and juice/squash bottle into school. However, **only water** is to be consumed within the classroom.
- **P.E. days for Reception children will be on Mondays and Wednesdays.** On these days children will need to wear their PE kit to school. Please ensure that **earrings are removed, long hair is tied back and no jewellery is present.**
- Please ensure that ALL uniform, including PE is clearly labelled. (Please check regularly as sometimes labels wash out)
- Earrings need to be a plain stud.
- Owllet cards (badges) are available to download from the school's website.
- Please ensure that you order school dinners for the following week.

Reading at Mount Pleasant

Reading is at the heart of all we do. We endeavour to promote a love of reading throughout the school. It begins with high-quality phonics teaching (which we will be starting very soon!). Your child will have a daily phonics lesson and take part in activities every day where they can practise what they have learnt. We will be holding a Parent Phonics Workshop where you will learn all about phonics and how and why we teach it along with taking part in some activities with your child – look out for the date soon. **Reception children will have a reading record to share and showcase their reading routine outside of school. We ask that parents write in these regularly. Reading is a key skill and we firmly believe that children who read well, do well.**

Our vision: Believe it, Achieve it

Our key values: Relationships, Respect, Resilience

Our rules: Kind words, Kind actions

Our expectations around school:

Be Polite, Peaceful, Purposeful



The team in Early Years this year is:



Mrs S Jones
Phase Leader
Teacher



Mrs C Jones
Teacher



Miss S Huntington
Teacher



Mrs J Webster
HLTA



Miss E Humphries
TA



Miss D Bowers
TA

Changes to Mount Pleasant Learning Adventures

As a school we are constantly reviewing and updating our curriculum to ensure the needs of all our pupils are met. We aim to provide a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum from Nursery to the end of Year 6. This includes ensuring our children have a wide range of experiences to enrich their learning both in and out of the classroom.

During the academic year 2026-27, staff and curriculum leads have been working hard to ensure our evolving curriculum develops the skills and knowledge needed to create passionate and excited life-long learners. One of our key developments is to reduce the number of Learning Adventures enabling children to spend more time developing a deep understanding of key topics.

On the curriculum overview, you will see how our Learning Adventures fit within the school terms. We have ensured that we cover all objectives from The Early Years Framework, as well as offering visits and after school clubs to make learning even more memorable.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

At Mount Pleasant we take the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils very seriously. Our Safeguarding team can also offer advice and support on a range of issues or give you ideas on where you can access further support.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, please see a member of our Safeguarding Team or report it to Children's Services 0300 555 0050 (9am – 5pm) 0300 555 8574 (out of office hours) or in an emergency dial 999

Safeguarding Team

Mrs Grinsell



Mrs Jones



Mrs Priest



Nut Free School

We would like to remind you of the following points to help minimise the risks for our children with serious allergies:

- Avoid giving children peanuts/nuts in school packed lunches
- Avoid giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars obviously containing nuts or labelled "may contain nuts" in school lunches
- Children must not share their lunch
- Children will be given fruit as their daily snack

Home Learning

It is our aim for all the children to be settled into their new school life before starting home learning. At the moment, making relationships along with learning the rules and routines are the priority. Reading to your child, playing games and talking to them about their day will all be beneficial before we start sending books home! You will learn more about this as we invite you to our Parent Phonics Workshop on Thursday 16th October from 2pm. This will give you the chance to learn about phonics and complete some activities with your child.