

# EARLY YEARS





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## WELCOME TO WILLOWS

Willows is where our Early Years classes are based, for children who are 2 and a half to 5 years old. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, which has 7 key areas of learning.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development





Physical Development



Literacv



Maths

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Nursery aged children are between 2 and a half and 3 at the start of the academic vear.

Reception aged children are 4 at the start of the academic year.

Your child will be in a class that is suited best to their age and birthday, in order to ensure they can access the best learning for them.

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## DAILY ROUTINE

Although every day in Early Years is full of different fun and adventure, this is what a typical day looks like for each age group.

Nursery Aged Children	<b>Reception Aged Children</b>
8:00am – 8:20am: Arrival	8:00am – 8:20am: Arrival
8:20am: Morning mat session	8:20am: Morning mat session
8:40am: Indoor learning	8:40am: Indoor learning
10am: Snack	10am: Snack
10:20am: Outdoor learning	10:20am: Phonics
11:30am: Story	10:45am: Outdoor learning
11:40am: Lunch	12:10pm: Lunch
12:00pm: Sleep time*	12:30pm: Afternoon mat session
1:30pm: Wake up	12:45pm: Open door provision
1:40pm: Snack	1:15pm: Indoor/outdoor choice
2:00pm: Afternoon mat session	2:15pm: Snack
2:15pm: Indoor learning	2:30pm – 2:45pm: End of day
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\*If your child does not usually have a day time sleep, please discuss their routine with your class teacher ahead of their first day.

Early Years children aged 3 and up will also have specialist lessons including Music, PE and Forest School.

Reception aged children will be part of our Gymnastics, Skating and Swimming programme.

## WHAT TO WEAR

#### NURSERY AGED CHILDREN

- No uniform
- Clothes that you don't mind getting messy or dirty
- Suitable clothes for PE on PE days

### RECEPTION AGED CHILDREN

- School uniform
- House colour t-shirt on PE days



All children change their shoes when they arrive at school to indoor shoes, which need to be suitable for PE.

## WHAT YOU NEED













Rain boots



Spare clothes (in case of accidents or messy play)



Indoor shoes (appropriate for PE)



Gloves, hat, scarf



Sunhat, insect repellent, suncream



# **ROCKETS CLUB**

For parents who are unable to collect their children at 2:45pm, we offer Rockets Club to support later collection.

You can sign up to Rockets Club through Schools Buddy. There are two slots on Mondays to Thursdays, 2:45pm to 3:45pm and 3:45pm to 4:45pm. On Fridays, there is one slot 2:45pm to 3:45pm.

During the first session, children have the opportunity to participate in free play supervised by adults in the Rockets Room and other classrooms.

During the second session, we encourage the children to explore calmer activities through watching a movie or drawing and colouring.



## SETTLING IN

At BISB, we aim for children to feel safe, stimulated and happy in our Early Years phase and to feel secure and comfortable with all staff. We also want parents to have confidence in their children's well-being and ability to benefit from what our Early Years has to offer.

We aim to support parents and other carers to help their children settle as quickly and easily as possible, by giving consideration to the individual needs and circumstances of each child and their families.

Some children may need longer to settle into their new routines and therefore we might suggest your child begins on half days until they have adapted to the changes. This will be discussed with you before your child starts.

We advise that when your child first starts, you ensure that you drop them off on time and collect them at 2:45pm, so that they can become used to the initial class routine before joining Rockets club.



# SCHOOL SYSTEMS



#### FIREFLY

Used for reporting absences



#### SCHOOLS BUDDY

Used for signing up to Rockets Club



## LITTLE CHEF

- Sign your child up for lunch and snack
- If you want to cancel lunch, please use this system



#### SEESAW

- Messaging class teacher
- Photos of your child and their learning



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