



Willow Class Routines 2026- 2027

Welcome to Willow Class!



We hope that your child has a fantastic year in this class. Our aim is for the children to feel happy and safe, providing them with an environment where they can learn and make excellent progress. Routines help us to provide structure and a sense of security.

Who are the teachers in Willow Class?

Miss Barrowcliffe is the class teacher. Miss Hughes is our core teaching assistant who supports the class every day. If you have any messages or queries, you can talk to either myself or Miss Higher as we communicate constantly and have regular meetings.

What do children need to bring?

Your child will need to bring their water bottle and a change of clothes (these will stay on their peg until needed) each day. Reception children also need their book bag (which parents have to purchase) this contains their yellow reading record and any work or letters. Wellie boots on the labelled stand outside. Within Willow Class PE lessons are ran by Mr Bourne our PE coach, your child should come to school wearing their PE clothes. **Please** name your child's belongings, especially water bottles, jumpers, wellies, coats.

What is the morning routine?

Children will enter the classroom through the outside door at 8:45- 8:55am. Children attending Burrows Club will be dropped off by Burrows staff. Children will hang their coat and bag on their peg, say goodbye to parents outside then enter the classroom. Then sit on the coach reading a story or doing a specific morning activity lead by a teacher. After 8:55am the gate is shut, if you arrive late please take your child to the office as to not to distract from the 'Welcome time.' Assembly is at 9:00am so please ensure your child arrived to school on time.

What is the "Star of the Day"?

Children are rewarded for having a good day (in terms of consistent hard work, behaviour or following our school values) through Star of the Day. The Star will bring Brad (giraffe) and Dipper (axolotl) home then write about their "adventure" with the family in their diary. Lots of praise at home and maybe an extra treat reinforces their special achievement for your child. Please ensure you bring Brad and Dipper back to school the next day so another child can have the opportunity the next day.

What will my child be learning?

You will find a complete overview of each subject in our curriculum on the school website. There a knowledge organiser for the term's topic in the Willow Class page. There are also useful links to site and resources to support both Nursery and Reception children. Reception children will begin to bring some learning home, this links to either their current Phonics, Maths or handwriting work. These should take a few minutes but still supports the embedding of our learning and give you an insight into the kind of learning we are covering.

How can I support my child with their learning?

We understand that young children are often tired after a busy day at school and may well need some down time to relax and play. Some children love to chat about what they have done, and others prefer to keep their day private! However, it is worth persevering to find a regular few minutes every day to help your child practise their skills. You can do this reading our child's guided reading book with them. Book go from the start of October, as well as other home learning.

How can I get in touch through the year?

Quick question can be responded to at the classroom door in the morning and afternoon. If you wish to discuss queries or concerns in more depth, please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. You are welcome to send a note through the yellow record book. If you need a response the same day, please ask your child to show us the note straight away. You can also message through ClassDojo which will be responded to during school hours. If you have any admin or attendance queries it is always best to contact the school office.

Thank you!

Thank you for all our support; it makes a huge difference to your child's learning. If you have any further questions about class routines, please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss Barrowcliffe