



Welcome to Bushey Heath Primary School

Supporting Smooth Transitions *for you and your child*

2rd July 2026

Aims



To give you an overview of
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
and what your child will be learning



To provide ideas we can effectively work together
and how you can best support your child at home



To help you understand what to
expect from us



Meet the team



Early Years Lead & Class Teacher



Mrs Sutherland

SENCO



Miss Allett

Miss C LSA

Miss Cross LSA

Nursery to Reception



- As your child moves into Reception, you may notice a few changes from what you're used to. In nursery settings, the adult-to-child ratio is typically 1:13, but in Reception, the statutory ratio is one qualified teacher for every 30 children. This naturally encourages greater independence, which is something we support and nurture right from the start.
- We understand that communication is important, especially during this transition. We are always here and happy to talk about how your child is doing. We have an open-door policy where you can chat to us in the morning at drop off or at pick up and if we need a little longer, we can arrange a meeting.
- Throughout the year, there will be lots of opportunities to come into school and see what your child has been up to (every Thursday), parents' evenings, people who help us week as well as opportunities to join in school trips. We can't wait to share your child's school journey with you!

Why is transition so important for your child?



Transition: A process not an event



Each child is different and some may take a little longer to settle

Our transition processes are based on the best interests and needs of your child



We will work with you to help your child to settle and be confident in their new surroundings



Getting to know you and your child



We will do this by:

- A Stay and play session (New Starters -8th July 1:30-2:30pm)
- Information gathered from you and the previous setting
- Opportunities to ask questions and share concerns
- A whole school transition day (children attending our Nursery – 9th July).

September Starters



New to Bushey Heath Starters:

Wednesday 2nd July 8:45am-1:30pm (please bring a packed lunch or book your school dinner)

Bushey Heath Nursery Starters:

Thursday 3rd July 8:45am-1:30pm (please bring a packed lunch or book your school dinner)

FRIDAY EVERYONE ALL DAY 8:45am-3:10pm

What will my child be learning?



Prime Areas of Learning	Specific Areas of Learning
Personal, Social and Emotional	Literacy
Communication and Language	Mathematics
Physical Development	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design

How does my child learn?

Characteristics of effective teaching and learning



Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning are:

playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'

active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements

creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things



Daily routines



8.45am	Arrival and self-registration Playdough disco Whole class input (phonics) Activities led by an adult Child initiated activities supported by adults Snack
10.00	Break time
10:15	Whole class input (literacy/UW/PSED)
11.45	LUNCH
1.05pm	Whole class input (Maths) - Activities led by an adult Child initiated activities supported by adults
2.45	Story time
3.10	Home

How can I support my child to have a smooth start to school?



I am starting school, ways to help support me to be confident, curious and ready to learn.

1. Being independent
2. Feeling good
3. Loving learning
4. Making my voice heard
5. Doing my best

How can I support my child at home?



Communicate and talk with your child



Enjoy physical activities together



Have fun exploring maths



Read, tell and make up stories together



Support your child to do things by themselves



Encourage your child to talk and play with others

School Readiness/Useful Websites



<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/preparing-for-school/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m002n1jx/cbeebies-parenting-helpline-series-3-3-screen-time-and-online-safety-with-dr-martha-deiros-collado?scrlybrkr=abdddf5e>

<https://www.annafreud.org/resources/under-fives-wellbeing/common-difficulties/>

<https://downsyndromeuk.co.uk/parents/toiletraining/>

<https://eric.org.uk/children-with-additional-needs/>

<https://dingley.org.uk/resources-for-families/>

Clothing and Belongings



- Please make sure all clothing is clearly named, including shoes, jumpers, PE kits and coats.
- Having your child's name clearly visible really helps us keep track of belongings.
- School shoes should be black and without laces, to support independence.
- Adding a small, easily identifiable keyring or tag to your child's bookbag and coat can help make transitions smoother, especially in those early days.
- Please also include a spare set of clothes, just in case.
- Lastly, we kindly ask that all toys are left at home

We support learning at home in a variety of different ways



Look out for:

- Parent consultations meetings twice a year
- Parent/carer workshops (for example, maths and phonics workshops)
- Information and tips in newsletters, on social media and the school website
- Home/school reading records
- Google Classroom

Supporting individual needs



Our SENCO is Miss Allett

How we communicate with you



Communication is so important. It plays a huge role in ensuring that you are regularly sharing information with us to best support your child.

We do this by...

- Daily chats at drop off and pick up time
- Parent consultation meetings
- Newsletters
- Social Media – X
- Email parents@busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk
- School Website <http://www.busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk/>



Question Time



No question is a silly question...



If anyone has anything they would like to ask please feel free to do so.