



**Welcome to
West Blatchington
Primary and Nursery School**

Welcome to Wrens Class!



The class teacher is Mrs Uzor



This is our classroom



The class also have a full-time Learning Support Assistant called Mrs Bernard. The LSA supports all of the children in the class through group and guided sessions.

We have lots of amazing resources and equipment to make learning active and fun!





We are lucky enough to have a large outside classroom which we use every day!



- Our Reception classroom, is the newest purpose built classroom in the city
- Brand new furniture and resources to support the children's learning
- The latest technology in the classroom (IWBs and iPads)
- Large outdoor learning space, with bespoke designs tailored to the school's vision of excellent learning
- Access to a DT room and state of the art computer suite
- Sports hall equipped with high end light and sound facilities



The School Day

The school day starts at **8.40am**. You can accompany your child into the classroom and teachers will ask you to say goodbye by 8.50am.



When we get to school, we put our coat on our peg and then we need to put our book bag in the box.



We keep our water bottles on the trolley. If we have a packed lunch this is also where we put our lunch box.



Mid-morning: we have a free healthy snack with our friends. We can also have milk free if we are under 5 years old.

*To arrange for your child to have free milk whilst they are under 5 years of age, please register online at coolmilk (see leaflet in the welcome pack).

Lunch

Lunchtime starts at **12:05pm** for the reception children.

If you wish, your child can have the free universal hot school lunch. There is a varied menu for the children that includes Halal and vegetarian options. When children select a school lunch, they will need to know how to use a knife and fork, or will be supported by staff to do this.

If they bring a packed lunch please make sure your child has food that they can manage easily.

We ask that you please provide a healthy lunch with no sweets or chocolate, no nut products (as some children suffer from severe allergies) and only water to drink.

The school day finishes at **3:00pm** and you can collect your child from the reception entrance door.

Getting To Know Us

We think it is important for you and your child to get to know all of the people who will be helping them and working with them.

Mr Brentnall is the
Headteacher



Mrs Marshall works in
the school office



Ms Colbran is the
Inclusion Leader



Our Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform at West Blatchington Primary & Nursery School and we appreciate your effort by sending your child in the correct uniform each day.

The uniform is a red sweatshirt, grey trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore and dark coloured sensible shoes.



Your child will need plimsolls (or non-marking trainers), PE shorts and a white T-shirt for PE and games lessons. You can purchase a PE shoe bag from the school office.



Staff work hard to ensure that your child brings home their own belongings each day. Please help us by clearly marking all clothing, bags, coats and shoes with your child's name.

Your child will also need a book bag so that they can take home reading books and important letters from the school.



Outdoor play is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum and children have access to the outside area all year round and in all weathers. The school provides wet weather gear for children to wear when it is very wet and windy.



Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather e.g. sun hats, sun cream and wellington boots.

Please choose sensible footwear (enclosed shoes with no heels) which is suitable for outside play and climbing.



The Curriculum

The characteristics of Effective Early Learning:

Play and Exploration
Active Learning
Creating and Thinking Critically

There are 7 areas of learning:

3 prime areas:

Personal, social and emotional
Communication and Language
Physical Development

4 specific areas:

Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts and Design

We will be running workshops on the curriculum, reading and phonics within the first half term to help you support your child at home.

For further information please visit the website below:

www.foundationyears.org.uk.



Enriching the curriculum

Our curriculum is enhanced by our subject leaders providing a range of enrichment opportunities including:

- New interschool sports competitions
- Outings to see the Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra and Brighton Heritage Art project
- Community Cooking project
- Eco- Fashion Club
- Children's and Community Choirs
- Maths and Science Fun Days
- Dance at The Dome
- The Children's Parade
- School trips in every year group to enhance the curriculum



Promoting a love of Learning and Celebrating Achievement



- Every year, our data shows that the children in Reception do very well from their starting points. With a strong increase in children becoming age related.
- In Year 1, children consistently achieve in line with the national average for the phonic screening.
- Pre-lock down, we achieved our highest achievement in combined end of KS2 attainment ever – 71%, significantly above National
- All progress measures continue to be better than National

The Start of Reception

In the first few days most children are very excited about starting school. Occasionally, we have children who are reluctant to leave their parent and this can be very distressing for both parties.

If this happens to you, please don't worry. The staff at the school will be only too willing to help in any way they can.

Here are some things that you can do to help:

- Give your child a big hug, and tell them who will be meeting them and when.
- Confidently hand them over to the teacher and say goodbye and leave.

If you feel upset please do telephone the school to reassure yourself that your child has settled.



Things You Need To Know

For safety, please do not let your child wear jewellery. If your child has pierced ears they should wear studs.

When children are ill, we ask parents to keep them at home and telephone the school to let us know. The telephone number is: 01273 770777.

If your child has had an upset stomach or has been sick they need to stay at home for 48 hours to stop the spread of germs.

If your child needs to use an inhaler, an administration of medicine form must be filled in at the school office.

If your child has any medical conditions or allergies please make staff aware.

To keep up to date with events and school information please use our website.

www.westblatchingtonprimary.co.uk

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Contact Details:

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Hangleton Way
Hove
East Sussex
BN3 8BN
Telephone Number: 01273 770777
E-mail: admin@wblatch.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Sharing information and Learning Online

We use Tapestry to share regular observations about how your child is doing at school. You will have received an email about how to set up this account.



We use Read Write Inc to support our phonics and home reading.



Starting in September

- ▶ **Friday 1st and Monday 4th September 2023- Staff Inset days (Children will not be at school)**
- ▶ **From Tuesday 5th September to Friday 8th September 2023** – Reception children will attend on half days. For the duration of the half days, your child will be in a class with half of the children (i.e. no more than 15 children), this allows your child to get used to the classroom setting in a small group (please check your letter for times)
- ▶ **Monday 11th September will be a morning session with lunch for all children- your child will start school at 8.40;** you can come into the classroom with your child and stay to settle them. Parents/carers are invited to also have a lunch on this day with their child. **Please be in school for 11:30. If you are not joining your child for lunch, you will need to collect your child at 12:30pm.**
- ▶ **Tuesday 12th September will be a full day for all children.** Your child will start school at 8.40; you can come into the classroom with your child and stay to settle them. **You will need to collect your child at 3pm.**

Tuesday, 5 th September	8.40am – 11.40am
Wednesday, 6 th September	1.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday, 7 th September	8.40am – 11.40am
Friday, 8 th September	1.00pm-3.00pm
Monday, 11 th September	Morning session with lunch for all children - your child will start school at 8.40am. Finish at 12.30pm
Tuesday, 12 th September	First full day for all children 8.40am-3.00pm



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FOWB invite you to
DRESS AS AN ELF

on Friday 4th December



You could wear green, red or stripes, sparkly or shiny stuff, anything that brings out your **INNER FESTIVE ELF!**

Please bring a donation that matches your **team colour!**

It could be chocolate, something in a bottle or any hamper worthy goodies.
All donations should be **unopened and in-date.**

