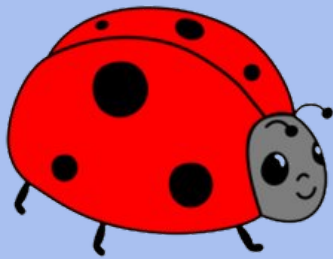
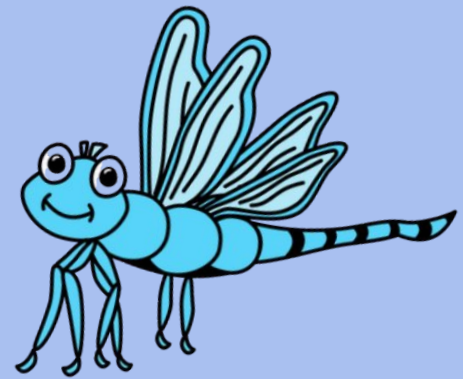


# WELCOME

to our school!

Crosshall Infant School



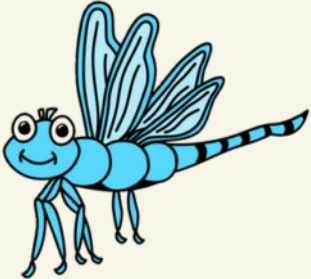
**Reception September 2026**



A proud member of Meridian Trust, committed to delivering high-quality, supportive education for every learner.

# WHO'S WHO?

Reception is made up of three classes: Dragonflies, Bumblebees, and Ladybirds. The classes share an outdoor learning space known as The Garden and also have access to continuous provision, indoors in The Hive.



**Miss Emily Dodson**

**RECEPTION TEAM LEADER & CLASS TEACHER**

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**Mrs Sarah Sheridan**

**CLASS TEACHER**



**Mrs Hannah Heeney**

**CLASS TEACHER**

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**Mr Dan Darlow**

**CLASS TEACHER**

A number of support staff work in the Reception unit including:

Mrs Andrea Butcher (HLTA)

Mrs Carly Enstone-Frisch

Mrs Jo McArthur

# WELCOME!

Welcome to Reception! We're so happy you're here!

# ALL ABOUT OUR CLASSROOMS

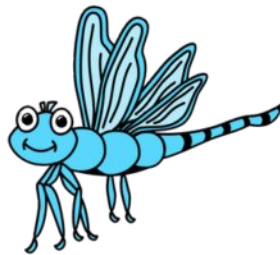


Reception is made up of three classroom spaces called Dragonflies, Bumblebees and Ladybirds.

In the middle of the Unit is The Hive, where you will be able to explore a range of activities.

There are so many different areas to enjoy, for example:

- Books
- Construction
- Maths
- Writing
- Creative
- Puzzles
- Playdough
- Water
- Messy



To name just a few!



Outside there are more activities and areas for you to explore, including:

- Sand
- Water
- Pirate Ship
- Wooden Train
- Bikes
- Large construction

And lots, lots more!





# A DAY IN RECEPTION

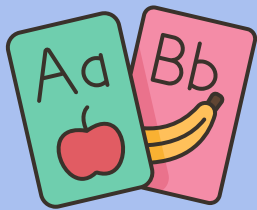


When you first arrive in the morning, you will find your peg to hang up your bag and coat. You will then find your drawer to put your book bag and reading folder in. You will also need to put your water bottle into the crate on the side.

Once you have put your things away you will find your name to show us you are here.

Now you can choose where to do an activity!

During the day, our class will come together for group activities which include:



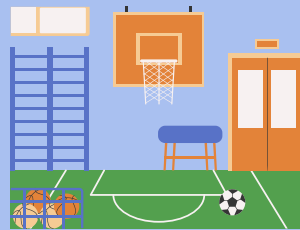
Phonics



Numbers



Learning about new topics



PE



Storytime

We have snack time twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Make sure you remember to wash your hands!



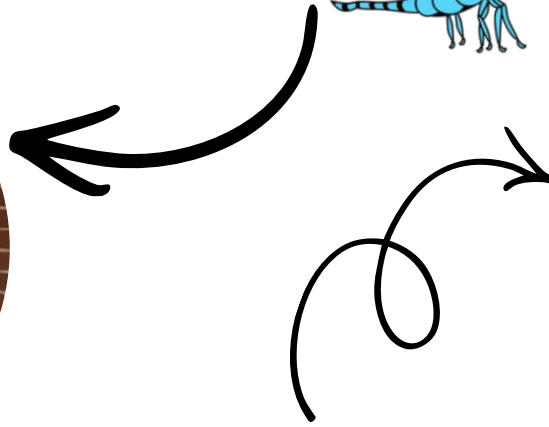
At 12pm it is lunchtime. We all wash our hands and enjoy our yummy school dinners. When we have finished, it is time to play!



At 3pm, we tidy everything away so it is ready for another day. Then we enjoy a story together on the carpet.

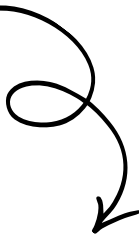


You will come into a classroom through a door that looks like this.

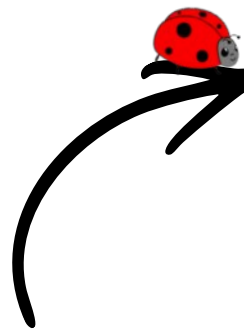
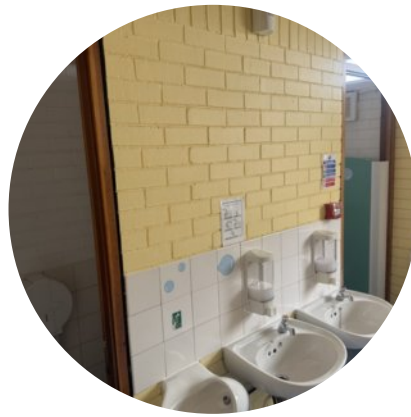


This is a cloakroom, where you will hang up your coat.

We will eat lunch in the school hall. This is also where we will do PE sometimes.

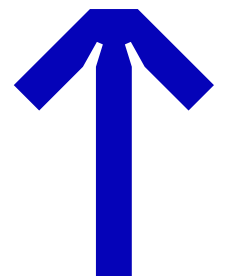


Each classroom has toilets that look like this.



This is our outside area where we will do lots of our learning.

# AREAS AROUND SCHOOL



# WHAT TO BRING...



## ✓ SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform for the Autumn term:

- Dark navy, black or grey trousers or skirt ☒
- White blouse or a white/navy polo shirt ☒
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan ☒
- Dark, flat footwear

## ✓ PE UNIFORM

On your class PE days, you will come to school wearing your PE kit. This will be navy joggers or shorts, a white t-shirt and a plain navy sweatshirt or hoodie. You will need to wear trainers to school.



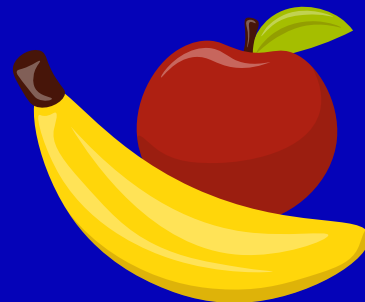
## ✓ BOOK BAG

Your book bag to carry home your reading folder.



## ✓ A HEALTHY SNACK

Fruit, vegetables or cheese...yummy!



## ✓ PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE



**DON'T!  
FORGET!**

**Everything must have  
your name on it!**

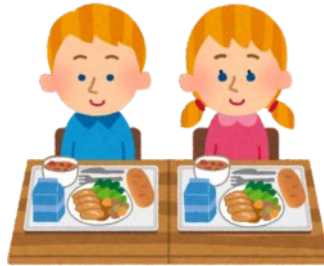


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## Snacks

Each day we will provide a piece of fruit or vegetable for you to eat with your friends. You can also bring your own in a named box (fruit, vegetable or cheese). You can have snack in the morning and in the afternoon.

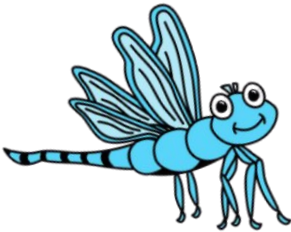
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## Lunch

At lunchtime we will go to the hall. Here you will need to pick up your tray and cutlery before asking the cooks for your food.

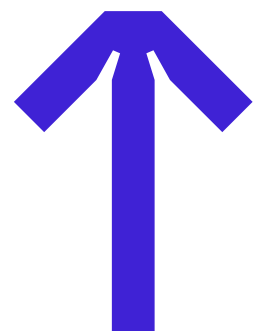
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## Water bottle

Every day make sure you bring in a named, plastic water bottle which you can refill in school.

# SNACK & LUNCHTIME



# NOTES FOR PARENTS & CARERS

The day has finally nearly arrived when your child is beginning school. We are sure you have prepared yourselves and your child as well as possible; new uniforms, visits to school, lots of chats about the big day. Often though, you are not prepared for how exhausting and emotional this process is for both of you.

Being your child's first teacher is a big responsibility and we feel very proud that we can be part of this big step for you and your child. All children are special and unique, and all children will settle into school in different ways. Some will appear to take it all in their stride, whilst others may find those first few days a little trickier. We want to reassure you that, however your child behaves in these early days, we are here to support both of you and make this transition to school as smooth and positive as possible.

We thought that it may be helpful if we share some experience with you, on how children can sometimes seem at the end of their first busy days at school.

- Over the first few days, some children may be a little tearful at home time. This is usually because they are rather tired after a long day and when they see you again they realise they have missed you! If you are concerned or want to discuss this, please speak to a member of staff.
- It is natural to want to ask your child about their day, but you may find that your child is reluctant to answer questions. This is very common and is generally because they have been so busy all day that they may just need to switch off for a while and have some quiet time. It is best to not bombard your child with questions but instead, let them slowly share their day once they have had time to relax a little.
- Tiredness can also affect your child's behaviour. You may find they seem a bit grumpy or irritable when they get home. This usually settles after a few days.
- Some children may be extra hungry when they come home from school. They will have had their snack or lunch, but all of that learning can make children very hungry and thirsty. You may wish to give your child a snack and drink after school.

Starting school can be a big change for some children but also the beginning of an exciting journey. Please remember that we are here to support you and your child. If you have any concerns, please come in and see us.