

# Reception 2025-2026

## Autumn 1



Welcome to Reception at Ben Rhydding Primary School.

I am looking forward to a fun filled, exciting and rewarding year and hope your child will enjoy and be happy in their Foundation Stage of learning. Over the next few weeks, I will be sending out lots of information to you. If you find you are not receiving any information through Abor (the school's communication system), please could you let the Office staff know and check they have an up-to-date email address for you. From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September the school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3:10pm for Reception children.

### Reception Staff Timetable-

Class Teacher- Miss Stead (Everyday apart from 1pm-3.10pm on a Friday afternoon)

Teaching Assistant- Miss Kelly (Everyday apart from Wednesdays)



On a Wednesday Miss McCulloch will be the teaching assistant in Reception whilst Miss Kelly is at College.

On a Friday 1pm-3.10pm Mrs Rockett (Miss Leafe got married in Summer!) will be teaching the children whilst I have my PPA.

There is a house reward system in school. Your child will be allocated to one of the houses (Aire, Nidd, Swale and Wharfe) and will be awarded house points throughout the year for positive behaviours and choices. At the end of the year, the winning house gets a treat. The children are very proud to get points and it encourages them to work together as a team. They will find out which house they are in towards the back end of this week, we cannot guarantee that siblings will be in the same house.

PE will take place on a Wednesday morning. Our first PE lesson will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. On Wednesdays, children should come to school in their PE kits (purple hoodie, PE t-shirt, navy leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

There will be a meeting about phonics and supporting early reading development for you to attend in October delivered by myself and Miss Alston (EYFS and phonics lead), it lasts about an hour. After this meeting, I will send home reading books and reading journals for you and your child to read at home. Reading books and journals are sent home on a Friday in the child's school book bag. The reading book and journal stays with you for a week at home until the following Friday when you return them in the book bag and I will change it for a new one to be sent home that day.

Each day the children will have the option to have fruit at snack time and help themselves to water throughout the day. Please send your child to school every day with a water bottle (please send only water to school). Children can have milk and you should have received some information about this from the school office. You will need to order and pay for milk by going on the website [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents). They will receive free milk until the Friday before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Please check your child's hair for head lice / eggs and faeces for worms regularly and treat if necessary. It is helpful if you could let a member of staff know if your child has either head lice or worms. I can then send an email or letter around asking all parents to check children's hair/ faeces.

Throughout the year, your child may become ill. Please ring the school office to inform school of their absence. If your child is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea, they need to be off school for 48 hours, from the last episode of sickness / diarrhoea. The school staff can only give medication which has been prescribed by

the Doctor. You will need to fill out a consent form for this. If your child has an appointment, for example a medical appointment, please go to the school office and fill out a form to notify the school of the absence. You will be required to show proof of the appointment e.g. a letter or appointment card.

I observe and record your child's learning everyday throughout the year and record it on a program called SeeSaw. Most days you will receive a copy of the observations and photographs I have taken of your child's learning. This is a great opportunity for you to talk to your child about what they have done at school that day/week. I would love to see any WOW moments your child has at home, please email me to share these.

Please discourage your child from bringing toys to school as they can become lost or broken. With regards to 'Show and Tell', we will set up a rota based on your child's house within the next couple of weeks. More details to follow soon.

Stay and Play sessions will begin after half term when you can come in and play with your child if you are available. You will receive the dates of these sessions soon.

We have a buddy system at Ben Rhydding Primary School, where Reception children are paired with a member of the Year 6 class. Your child will find out who their buddy is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Throughout the year, the children do activities together, play together at lunchtimes and go on a trip to Nell Bank together at the end of the year.

Our learning theme for this half term is Magnificent Me! The children will be learning all about themselves and things that are important to them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know and I will try to help the best I can. I'm available most days before and after school. You can telephone / email the office and they will pass on your messages or you can email me directly. I will endeavour to answers emails as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
Miss Stead