

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Class – September 2026

👋 Welcome from our Headteacher

I am delighted that your child will be joining Hollinswood Primary School this September. Starting school is such a significant milestone, and we feel privileged to be part of this important stage in your child's life, and we are excited to welcome both you and your child into our school community.

At Hollinswood, we pride ourselves on being a warm, inclusive, and caring school where every child and family is valued. We are committed to providing a nurturing environment where children feel safe, happy, and inspired to learn from their very first day.

We know that this can be an important—and sometimes emotional—time for families, so our aim is to ensure that the transition into Reception is as happy, smooth, and positive as possible for everyone.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming months.


We very much look forward to welcoming you into our school community and working in partnership with you over the coming years. To help your child settle in, we have planned a range of transition opportunities for you to meet the staff, explore the environment, and begin to feel part of our school.

Mrs K Osborne
Headteacher



Transition Events/Dates for your Diary!

 **Thursday 11th June 2026 (3:30–4:30pm)**

 Parents/Carers only

 New to Reception Parent Meeting

This is a valuable opportunity to meet the team, learn more about Reception, and ask any questions you may have.

 **Thursday 9th July 2026 (4:00–5:00pm)**

 Parents/Carers & Children

 Stay and Play Session 1

Come along with your child to explore the classroom, meet staff, and enjoy playing together in the Reception environment.

 **Thursday 16th July 2026 (4:00–5:00pm)**

 Parents/Carers & Children

 Stay and Play Session 2

A second opportunity for your child to build confidence, familiarity, and excitement about starting school.

Starting School – September 2026

To support a gentle transition, children will begin with shorter sessions before moving to full days:

Wednesday 2nd September – staggered sessions

- Morning session (8:40am – 12:30pm, including lunch): Children currently at Hollinswood Nursery to attend only.
- Afternoon session (1:10pm – 3:10pm): Children from other nursery settings to attend only.

Thursday 3rd September – staggered sessions

- Morning session (8:40am – 12:30pm, including lunch): Children from other nursery settings to attend only.
- Afternoon session (1:10pm – 3:10pm): Children currently at Hollinswood Nursery to attend only.

Friday 4th September – full day for all children


- All children attend full time (8:40am – 3:10pm).


Next Steps

Please complete the response form by **Friday 20th June** to let us know which sessions you will be attending:

[Reception Class - September 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Important Information

 Please provide a copy of your child's birth certificate with your admission forms. Admission packs will be available at the parent meeting on 11th June.

 You will soon receive an invitation to join Class Dojo, which we use as our main communication platform. Through this, we will share updates, photos, and messages to help you and your child feel connected and confident before starting school. It's also a lovely way to see what your child is learning and enjoying once they begin.

♥ **A Personal Message from Mrs Jones (Early Years and Foundation Stage Lead)**

Starting school is the beginning of a wonderful journey, and it is a privilege for us to be part of this important stage in your child's life. We are here to support not only your child, but your family too—please never hesitate to talk to us, ask questions, or share anything that will help us get to know your child better.

We cannot wait to meet you all and begin this journey together.

☎ If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on **01952 386920**—we are always happy to help.

We are truly looking forward to welcoming you and your child into our school family and beginning this exciting journey together!

**Warmest wishes,
EYFS Lead & Reception Class Team**

