



Parents induction evening 2026-2027

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Meet our Reception Team



Mrs Gemma
Snow

Chestnut Class
Teacher

Early Years Lead



Mrs Sarah
Dulam

Chestnut Class
Learning Support



Mrs Katharine
Meager

Holly Class
Teacher

Miss Tierney
Perkins

Holly Class
Learning Support



Our Curriculum

- The Reception year is part of the EYFS which does not come under the National Curriculum.
- We follow 'Development Matters' a government recommended document which splits children's early learning into 7 areas:
 - Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 - Communication and Language
 - Physical Development
 - Mathematics
 - Literacy
 - Expressive Art and Design
 - Understanding the World





Some examples of our interest-led learning





Learning Spaces

- Personalised learning spaces so that the children feel a sense of ownership over their classroom, filled with meaningful pictures and objects.
- Neutral and not over stimulating.
- Authentic resources that spark curiosity!
- Extensive outdoor space which is accessed year round.





Forest School

- Mrs Meager is a Level 3 Forest School leader, trained with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife trust.
- Forest School allows children to explore nature and learn basic skills such as simple tool use and cooking over a fire.
- Our children will be having Forest School sessions in all weathers!
- Please ensure your child brings a forest school kit to school with a puddle suit and wellies. When it gets cold we may ask for children to also have thick socks/hats. We have plenty of spares- so please do not feel the need to buy a lot of new stuff!

More info is available at:

www.forestschoollassociation.org/



Uniform

➡ Winter Uniform





Uniform

► Summer Uniform





Uniform

➡ P.E Kit





Book bags

- Our PTA (parent- teacher association) kindly fund the book bags for the children, so you do not need to buy one.
- We will bring your child their book bag on the home visit.
- Like everything, it will need to be named and will need to be in school every day.
- You will also be given a reading log which will be transported between home and school.





Our School Day



8:45-9:00	Welcome and Registration
9:00-9:15	Phonics
9:15-10:45	Curiosity Time
10:45-11:00	Whizzy Maths
11:00-11:45	Curiosity Time
11:45-1:00	Lunch time
1:00-1:20	Registration and Wonder Writing
1:20-3:00	Curiosity Time
3:00-3:15	Story and Home time

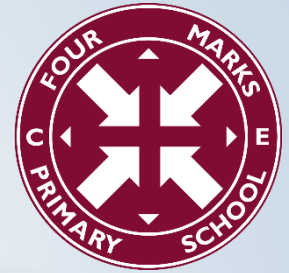


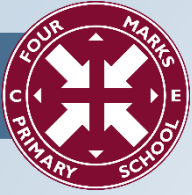
School Lunches

- All children in Year R and Key Stage 1 are entitled to free school meals.
- The lunch menu is on a three weekly rota.
- There is always a vegetarian option and puddings.
- Children choose what they would like during morning registration.
- Dietary requirements are catered for
- Fruit is provided as a snack throughout the day
- Children can bring in a named water bottle



Getting Ready for School

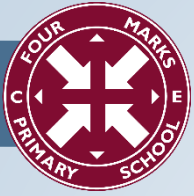




Independence

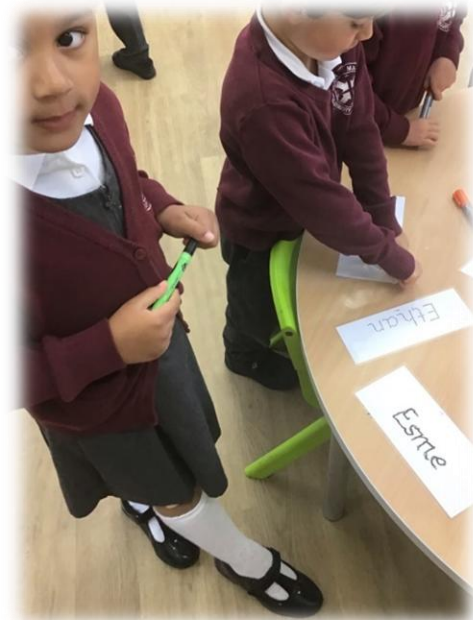
- Saying goodbye routine. Where possible, encourage children to develop a secure and consistent routine at drop off time, supporting them to go into school as independently as possible.



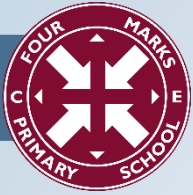


Independence

➤ Recognising your name



If children can begin to recognise their own first name, this will allow them to more easily identify their own peg, jumper, book bag etc.

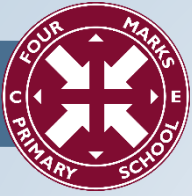


Independence

► Learning your colours



Recognising the main colours and naming them will allow children to more independently select materials and resources they need to create and draw.

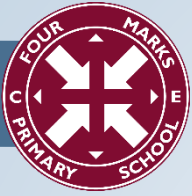


Independence

➤ Going to the toilet

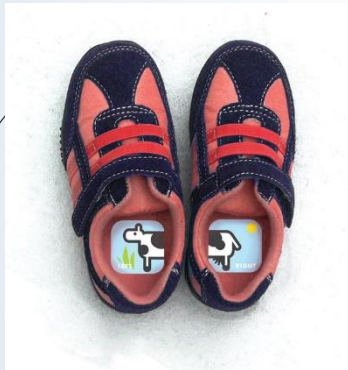


Ideally, children should be able to recognise when they need the toilet, wipe themselves, flush and wash their hands properly. If they have an accident, they need to be able to tell an adult.

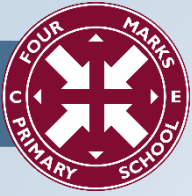


Independence

► Shoes



Children should be able to take off and put on their shoes with minimal support. Stickers and arrows written inside can help children to ensure they get shoes onto the correct foot. Shoes without laces enable children to be more independent in reception.



Independence

► Getting coats on and off

The Flip and Zip

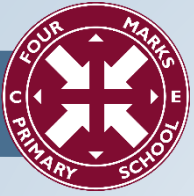


The Hood Trick



The Chair Trick



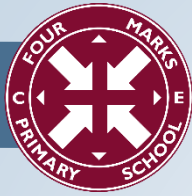


Independence

- ▶ Looking after my own jumper



Children should be encouraged to recognise their own name sticker/stamp so that they can find their jumper. They will be encouraged at school to ensure it is put in the jumper dumper if they want to take it off so that it doesn't get lost.

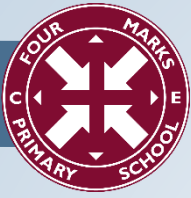


Independence

► Snack time



Encourage children to peel oranges, bananas and open small packets as they will be doing this at school.

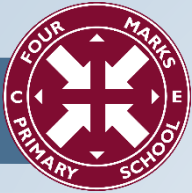


Independence

► Drinking Water



Encourage children to recognise their own water bottle (please name these) and to take a drink when they are thirsty. Bottles that children can easily undo are ideal in reception.

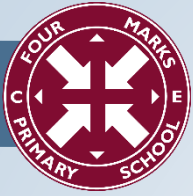


Independence

➤ Eating Lunch



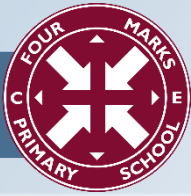
Support children to use a knife and fork, and to cut up their food (there will be older children acting as table hosts to support them with this).



Socially Ready?



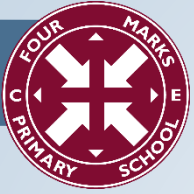
A socially ready child will be confident to play with other children and build relationships with people outside of their family. You can support them by arranging play dates over the summer.



Physically Ready?



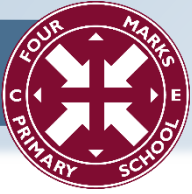
You can support your child's physical development by encouraging them to build their gross motor (climbing, running, jumping) and fine motor (pencil control, threading, lego) skills.



Language Ready



You can support your child's early language development by talking with them, explaining and using new vocabulary, exploring a range of exciting books, singing songs and nursery rhymes and encouraging them to talk in full sentences.



Home-School Communication

- ✓ Appointments
- ✓ Email school office/teacher directly
- ✓ Telephone – 01962 772200
- ✓ Email service from school office
- ✓ Please ensure school has your up to date contact details
- ✓ Paperless school – check newsletter on website for regular dates
- ✓ Please request to join our Facebook Page:
- ✓ Four Marks Primary School Reception 2026-27



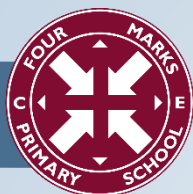
Dates for your diary



TRANSITION

Wednesday 1 st June 10:45-11:30	Stay and play session for children and parents
Wednesday 10 th June 10:45-11:30	Stay and play session for children and parents
Wednesday 24 th June 10:45-11:30	Stay and play session for children only
Wednesday 1 st July 10:45-11:30	Stay and play session for children only
Wednesday 1 st July 10:45-11:30	Parent coffee morning (while children are in their session)

Dates for your diary



STARTING SCHOOL	
Thursday 3 rd September Friday 4 th September Monday 7 th September	Home Visits Please let us know what dates you are <u>not able</u> to make. We will then email you a time and date.
Tuesday 8 th September Wednesday 9 th September Thursday 10 th September	Half day at school- 9:00 – 11:30
Friday 11 th September	First full day at school! 😊

See you in September!

We can't wait to have your little ones join our school. We have worked hard to create an environment where children can flourish, supported by our caring and knowledgeable team, and will continue to work hard to ensure they feel happy and safe here with us at Four Marks.

Here is what our children have to say!

<https://four-marks-church-of-england-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/a-day-in-the-life-of-year-r>

