



Chancel

Primary School

Developing the citizens of tomorrow through the best education of today

Welcome to Robins Reception Class 2025-2026



Meet the Reception Team



Mrs Allerton - EYFS Coordinator



Miss Jones - Class Teacher



Ms Mitchell - Teaching Assistant



Mrs Moulds- Teaching Assistant



Mrs Bak- Teaching Assistant

What our day looks like...

- Self registration and greetings
- Phonics (Ruth Miskin scheme)
(Parent Workshop to follow shortly)
- Guided reading
- Snack time
- Continuous provision and adult focus activities (planned around the seven areas of learning)
- Time with key workers
- Story time
- PE is on a Friday. In this time, we will use the hall for activities that promote physical development.
- Show and tell - we encourage children to bring in items of interest or books (preferably not toys) to show to the class and talk about.



Topics

- Our first topic is *Magical Me!*
- Topics will be explained in more detail within our Curriculum Booklets (found inside homework folders). These are useful for when our topic changes on a half termly basis.
- Our Autumn Term booklet has been sent home already.

Evidence me



- Each child has been assigned to a Key worker who will help track progress in order to set next step goals to best support learning.. Children stay in their key groups for various adult-focused activities.
- Children's learning is collected using the 'Evidence Me' app. These observations are shared with parents at the end of each half term. You will have received an email regarding this. Downloading the app onto your device is advised as you will be able to capture your own observations easily and share them with staff.
- If you spot a wonderful 'wow' moment please capture it using the app as this can go towards evidence on your child's learning journey.
- **Please speak to one of the team if you need any help accessing the Evidence Me app.**

School bags

Please ensure your child comes to school with a Chancel school bag.

The school bag completes your child's uniform and ensures they look smart coming into school.

When children move up into Year 6, they get the choice of bringing their own school bag in.



Lost Property

Children are, of course, able to take jumpers or cardigans off if they feel too hot.

The rule is to put it straight into their bag but this doesn't always happen!

To ensure the correct property gets back to the correct child, every item must have be clearly named.



Homework Folders

- **Homework folders** are given out on a **Tuesday** and must be handed back in on the following **Monday** (if your child is finding a book particularly easy/difficult please let us know in the **homework diary** so that we can give them a more appropriate book)
- Along with the homework folder, **maths games** may be given out to support your child's mathematical knowledge, understanding and skills in an exciting way
- **Reading books** are changed if homework diary indicates book has been read (must be signed)
- **Homework folders**- Will be sent out after **October half term**
- **Spellings** (starting after Christmas)





- The Chancel Chirper is our weekly school newsletter and it is full of useful information and key dates.
- It is published each Wednesday during term-time via OurSchoolsApp and on our Facebook page.
- Please read it to stay up to date with school life!
- Other information may be sent home via email, letter or the Evidence Me app.

Key Information

- Your child will need to bring a water bottle, school bag and coat each day
- Wellington boots and umbrellas can also be useful in bad weather
- Milk is available until your child turns 5. After your child turns 5, parents can choose to pay for milk via ParentPay
- The daily menu is shared with your child every morning. They can choose from a hot meal, a jacket potato or a sandwich bag. However, if you do not wish your child to have a sandwich bag then please make us aware.
- If your child is unwell, please call the school office by 9:00am 01889 228710
- When your child has their birthday, they may choose to bring in some birthday cards and perhaps a present into school to show. They also may wish to donate a story book for our class library
- Celebration assembly takes place each Friday

Free school meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal as part of Universal Free School Meals scheme. However, some parents in receipt of benefits, such as Universal Credit, may be eligible for Pupil Premium entitlement, providing the school with additional funding. Please use the link below to see if you are eligible:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

New government Nutritional Guidance policy

The EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) framework outlines requirements for early years settings to provide healthy, balanced, and nutritious meals, snacks, and drinks for children.

Main take a ways from Document

- Only water or milk consumed
- Avoid high salt, fat, high sugar (include natural sugars) foods such as dried fruit, sausage rolls, processed chicken. – (red on food colour code).
- Food must cover all 4 food groups- Complex carbohydrates, protein, fruit/veg and Dairy.



Water Bottles

Guidance for children aged 1 to 5 years - key takeaways:

- make sure children eat a balanced diet covering the 4 main food groups
- avoid foods and drinks high in salt, sugar and saturated fat
- milk and water are the only drinks you should offer
- children should eat a variety of fruit and vegetables to access different vitamins and nutrients.



*Children should have water in their bottles. At lunch, your child will have the option of water, milk or squash.

Home Time

As dismissing time can be quite hectic, we ask that you come as close as you can to the atrium door.

If you intend for your child to go home with someone other than those stated on the returned forms, a verbal message from the parent or a signed letter is required.

Understandably we cannot accept the word of the child or a message via another parent.

Thank you for your time.

