

Early Years Foundation Stage

Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

11th September 2026

We welcome you all for a super first full week at school! It has been so lovely to meet all our new families for their home visits, and to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform! They are already starting to settle into the rhythms and routines of school life, and we are really proud of them all and so excited to be a part of their learning journey at Withycombe.

FAMILY PHOTOS & CONSENT FORMS

Thank you to all those that have sent or emailed a **family photo**! If you haven't had a chance yet, please send to your class email (bumblebees@wrpschool.org , ladybirds@wrpschool.org , dragonfly@wrpschool.org) as it is so lovely for the children to have a visual prompt to talk to us about their families. **Please do also return any outstanding forms if you haven't already.**

AUTUMN 1 LEARNING: MARVELLOUS ME!

We are looking forward to a busy half term! Please see the attached sheet for some of the learning experiences and key texts that we will explore together. There is a lot to learn for everyone, so please feel free to come and talk to us at the door/gate when you drop your child off. We are always available at the start of the school day or you can arrange to meet us at the end of the day if you need a little more time.

HOME LEARNING & PARENT WORKSHOPS

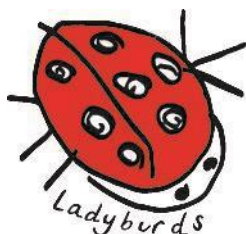
Everyone has received their **Tapestry** consent forms – please do return these to your class teacher as soon as possible so that we can set up your Tapestry log-in. This is how we will share all the wonderful things your child gets up to at school, and you can add anything you'd like to share from home (special weekends, milestones, family members or pets that your child might like to tell us about!)

We would hugely appreciate taking a little of your time to **watch our Parent Workshop videos** on how we teach and support **Early Phonics** and **Early Maths** here at Withycombe. Why not put the kettle on, and watch the videos with a cup of tea – we would love to hear any feedback or questions you might have after watching!

Both videos can be found on the website at www.wrpschool.org/foundation

SCHOOL START TIME

The Early Years Foundation Stage start time is **8.40am**. If you are late for school for any reason, please report to the main school office to register your child.



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PE DAYS are **Wednesdays & Fridays**

Please send your child to school **wearing PE kit and trainers** on their PE days. Children will stay in their PE kit for the whole day at school so there is no need for any extra uniform or PE Kit bags to be brought in.

LIBRARY BOOKS

In the coming weeks, the children will be choosing a book from the class library to bring home to be read by you. These books are their **sharing books**... we do not expect the children to be able to read these books! These books are intended to be enjoyed, shared and discussed with you or other members of the family at home, for the pleasure and enjoyment of reading and sharing. Please do not worry therefore, if the book they choose seems very complicated or has no words at all! **We will change books with the children on Tuesdays**. Please can you ensure that your library book is always in your bookbag on this day, ready to be changed each week.

SNACK & LUNCH

We will provide a **fruit or vegetable snack** each day for your child to eat at Snack Time. If you would like your child to also have milk, please do sign them up at www.coolmilk.com/parents
School lunches should be booked in advance on MCAS. We encourage all children to have a school dinner, with three choices available each day: a meat option, a vegetarian option, and an alternative such as a sandwich, jacket potato or pasta. Packed lunches should only be provided where exceptional dietary or medical circumstances have been agreed with school.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Just a gentle reminder that children should come to school with a full bottle of water and a named bookbag please. **Backpacks are not needed in Reception!** Please ensure EVERYTHING is named! If the start of the term is warm and sunny, please make sure they either have suncream already applied and a sun hat or, depending on our temperamental British weather, a coat for cooler/showery days!

CLUBS

If your child has an After School Club, we will support them to change their clothes (if needed), and will make sure they get to their clubs safely. **Please do let us know all the regular clubs your child will be attending each week**, so that we can make a note in class.

We are so looking forward to working with your wonderful children and for this exciting term ahead of us! Kind regards, The Early Years Foundation Stage Team 😊