



Welcome to



Spring Gardens Primary School

Staff in Reception

Teachers

- Mrs Dexter (Early Years Leader) **Class 2**
- Miss Duffy **Class 2**
- Mrs Laidlaw **Class 1**

Teaching Assistants

- Miss Wilson
- Mrs Graham

Working together



Your child could be with us for the next 7 years!

This journey through school will be the most successful if we work together in partnership.

We hope that you will work with us in delivering your child's teaching and learning experiences.

We will inform you about what your child will be learning so you can help them at home.

Starting School

- Reception children start school on **Tuesday 3rd September.**
- The Reception entrance is next to Nursery.
- **We start school at 8.45a.m. and finish at 3.05 p.m.**
- Children should be collected from the entrance doors, on the pirate ship yard. **Each class leaves from a different door.**

Attendance and Punctuality

It is really important that children attend school every day and on time.

Children learn best in the morning when, they are fresh.

Teaching starts at 9.00 a.m. and when children are late, they miss important learning time.

Please ensure your child attends daily and on time.

Absence

Please ensure your child attends daily on time.

However

- If your child is unwell, and unable to attend, please inform school in the morning.
- Please refrain from booking holidays in term time.
- Children can be collected from school to attend medical appointments and don't need to be off the whole day.
- When attending medical appointments in school time, please bring in appointment card/letter for office to check.

Safeguarding

- Before school starts and at the end of the day, all three entrances are open into school.
- The school gates are locked at 8.55 a.m.
- After that, you can only enter via the Brightman Road main entrance.
- Please inform staff if anyone different will be picking your children up at the end of the day.

The Reception Learning Environment

- 2 classrooms
- A Shared Area
- An Outdoor Area
- Children move around the areas and will spend plenty time with children from both classes.



The Curriculum

- The Government introduced a new Foundation Stage Curriculum in September 2021.
- It has some fundamental principles that are statutory. They are called the **Characteristics of Effective Learning**.

The Characteristics of Effective Learning

We need to support the children to develop these skills

- **Playing and exploring** - engagement (Children learn to explore, investigate and have a go. They become inquisitive, make their own choices, develop their own interests and fascinations).
- **Active learning** - motivation (Children learn to concentrate, develop resilience, to keep going and not give up, even when things are tricky. Active learners are focused, interested, and willing to keep trying).
- **Creating and thinking critically** (Children have and develop their own ideas. They make links between things, make suggestions, and can talk about cause and effect).

Foundation Stage Curriculum

7 Areas of Learning

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development (gross motor and fine motor skills)
- Communication and Language (speaking, listening and understanding)
- Literacy (reading and writing)
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The School Day

- Skills and subject knowledge are taught through play based activities.
- Phonics and Maths are taught every day.
- Some activities will be led by an adult and others will be chosen by the children. The resources, games and equipment provided for the children are all planned to reinforce the learning focus for the week.
- Teaching and learning happens both indoors and outdoors.
- As the year progresses children will be introduced to more structured activities to prepare for the move to year one.

School Meals

- Children are entitled to a Universal Infant free school dinner until the end of Year 2.
- School meals are provided by Hutchison Catering. There is a 3 week menu offering a 2 course meal and a drink each day.
- Parents will be sent a link to the website so food choices can be selected for the children on either a daily, weekly or monthly basis.
- Dinner staff can cater for medically diagnosed food allergies or intolerances. Please speak to our Catering Manager for more information.
- Alternatively, children can bring a packed lunch.

Date: **Spring Week 1**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Event	"Meat Free Monday" Margarita Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans	Chinese Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice & Broccoli	Roast Turkey with Creamy Mash Potato, Carrots, Cauliflower & Gravy	Beef Burger & Soft Roll with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Fish, Chips, Baked Beans or Peas
Vegetarian Selection	Vegetarian Brunch (Veggie Sausage, Hash Brown, Beans & Bread)	Cheese Omelette, Oven Baked Potatoes & Broccoli	Roast Quorn with Creamy Mash Potato, Carrots, Cauliflower & Gravy	Tomato & Basil Pasta with Garlic Bread & Salad	Quorn Vegan Wrap with Chips & Peas
Picnic	Freshly Prepared Sandwich, Wrap or Baguette, with Mixed Salad, Healthy Snack, Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Jacket Potatoes	Crispy Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Mixed Salad Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Desserts	Fresh Fruit Salad or Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie or Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad or Fruit In Jelly	Oaty Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad or Vanilla Ice Cream

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Water, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

School Milk

- Milk is available every day and is free until your child's 5th birthday.
- Children must be registered on the Cool Milk website to receive this.
- A free piece of fruit is available each day.
- If you are receiving certain benefits, you will be entitled to free school meals throughout school and free milk. Please fill in the form in your pack, it will entitle your child to free milk once they are five.
- All you need is your National Insurance number.

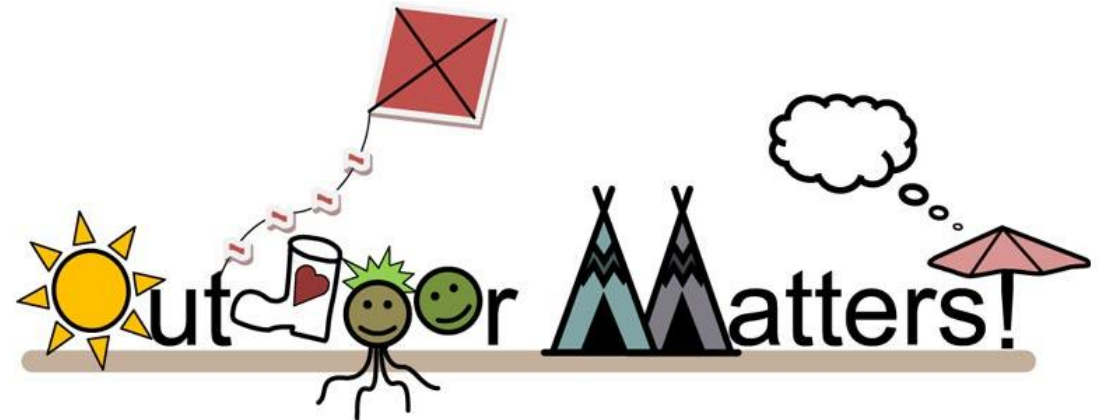
School Uniform



- Items are available to order or buy **from most supermarkets or our uniform provider** Michael Seghal (<https://www.michaelseghal.co.uk/>).
- *Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers, burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan and yellow or white polo shirt and black school shoes.*
- There is an order form in the Starting School pack.
- Please name all uniform with a permanent marker or sewn in name label.

Learning Outdoors

- The children will need a sensible coat that they can put on themselves. Please provide coats that can be washed in the washing machine.
- Sometimes children do get dirty!
- Wellies



Additional items

Children will also need.....

- A reading bag.



- No backpacks, please!

Later in the year

- A PE kit - yellow t-shirt, plain black shorts and elasticated or velcro sandshoes kept in a PE bag (no trainers or sandshoes with laces).



Parental Involvement

- 'Meet and greet time' each morning from 8.45am to 8.55am.
- Home school reading record / homework/ weekly newsletters.
- Class DOJO app.
- Parent meetings each term to discuss children's progress .
- A reading / phonics and maths meeting will be arranged each term.
- Parent and child workshops throughout the year
- Showcases are organised throughout the year, where parents can come into school to see children's work and achievements.

Spring Gardens Out Of School Club and Spring Gardens Breakfast Club

- SGOSC is available from 7.30am until 6pm and during the holidays
- Staff are available to discuss your needs and information is in your starter packs
- A breakfast club, run by the school, is available each morning
- It provides breakfast and supervision of children from 8.15am until the start of school, in the Upper School Hall. Children need to be booked in - booking link will be sent out during the last week of the summer holidays. We ask that Reception children are settled into school before they are left in breakfast club to avoid increased upset
- Children can be dropped off between 8.15am and 8.30am, through the main school entrance
- Children are then escorted to their classrooms.

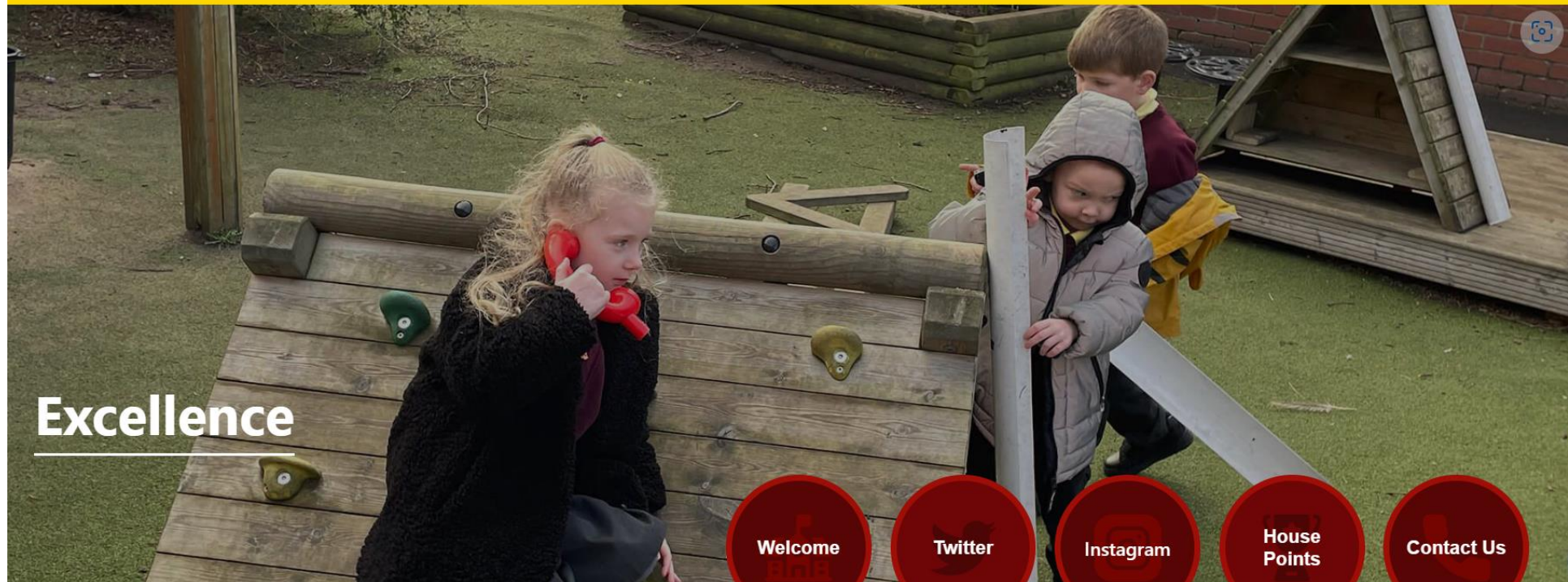
School website

www.springgardensprimary.org.uk



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Useful websites

Resources for families

- [The Little Orange Book](#)
- [Birth to 5 Matters –information for parents](#)
- [Children's Public Health Service \(0-19\)](#)
- [Birth to Five nhs](#)
- [What to expect in the EYFS: a guide for parents](#)



What to do now

- Make sure you have your starting school pack
- If your child **does not** attend our nursery, make sure you are signed up for one of the open day visits
- The cook and out of school club staff are available to chat to
- Visit the Reception classrooms and outdoor areas.