



Welcome to Spring
Gardens Primary School

Staff in Reception

Teachers

- ▶ Mrs Dexter (Early Years Leader) Class 2 (Wednesday - Friday)
- ▶ Miss Duffy Class 2 (Monday - Wednesday)
- ▶ 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 2nd September.**
- ▶ The Reception entrance is next to Nursery - The door with the ramp.
- ▶ **We start school at 8.45a.m. and finish at 3.10 p.m.**
- ▶ Children should be collected from the entrance doors.
- ▶ To help ease congestion at the end of the day, **each class will exit from separate doors.**

Entrance to Reception



Attendance and Punctuality

It is imperative that children attend school, on time, every day.

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

If your child is unwell, and unable to attend, please inform school in the morning by calling the main office.

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.

Site Security

- ▶ Before school starts and at the end of the day, all three entrance gates are open into the school grounds.
- ▶ The school gates are locked at 8.55 a.m. and reopened at 3:00pm
- ▶ The gates are locked again after the yard is cleared at 3:30pm
- ▶ If you require access to school during the time when the school gates are locked, you will only be able to enter via the Brightman Road main entrance gate.

Collection Policy

Our school collection policy can be viewed [here](#)



Parents/carers must note that up to year 5, all children **must** be collected by a trusted adult or sibling who is in Secondary school.

Siblings in year 5 or 6 are not able to collect and be responsible for younger siblings.

Parents/carers must inform school if someone other than the normal adult is collecting by either telling the class teacher, emailing or phoning the school office.

If there is any doubt, school staff will not let the child leave our care until contact has been made with the child's parent/carer to confirm the arrangement.

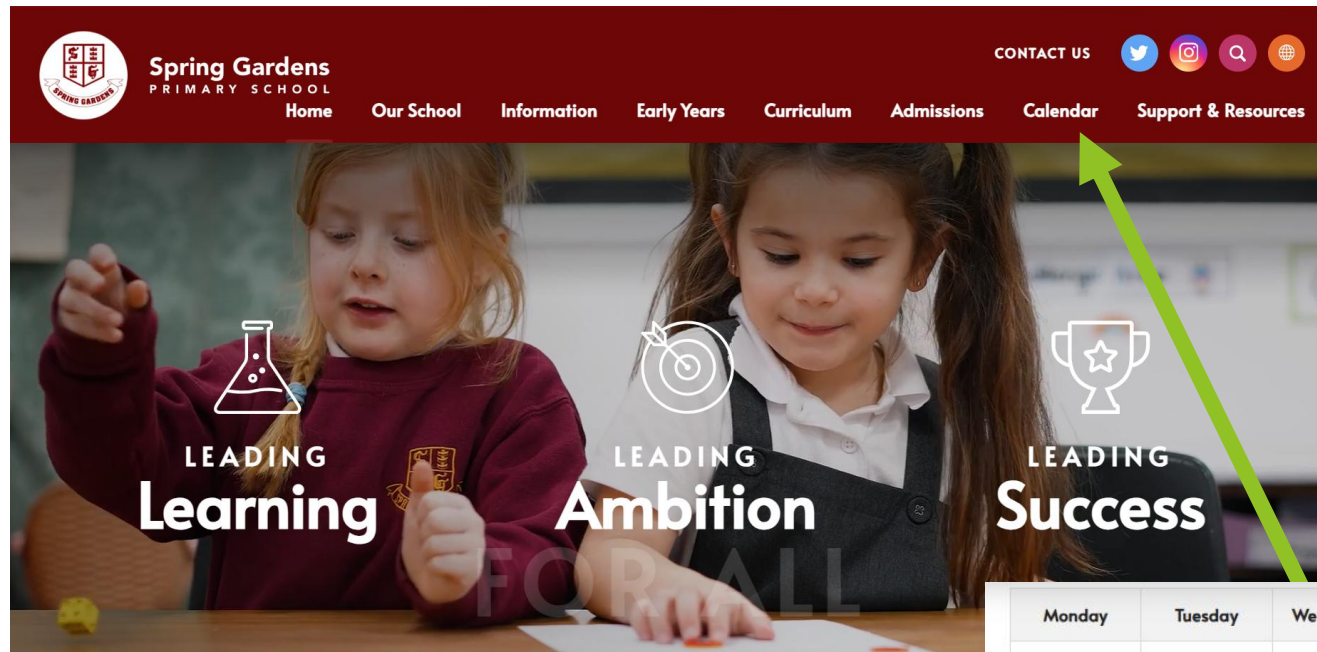
Communication

We ask that parents/carers download the Arbor Parent App as this will be used for communication, payments, bookings and permission requests

In the first week of term you will get a request to complete permissions. This will cover photographic, social media and local visits.



School Website



www.springgardensprimary.org.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Start of Summer Term 2 ALL DAY	Class 7- North Shields Library 9:00 am – 10:00 am	Class 8 - North Shields Library 9:00 am – 10:30 am	Year 5 and 6 Football 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale - School Yard 8:15 am – 9:00 am		
Vision Screening. Reception Children 9:00 am	Class 10 Swimming 10:20 am	Mr. Tickell Guitar lessons		Citizens Advice sessions		

The Reception Learning Environment

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



Nature Garden / Forest School



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 the World
- ▶ Expressive Arts and Design



Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will: -

- Prepare for the move to our next class. We will talk about growing older, how we have changed and our next steps. We will visit our new classes and meet our new teachers.
- Learn how to resolve our differences without adults intervening.
- Learn how to think about how others might feel - empathy.
- Learn how to challenge undesirable behaviour e.g. what to do if someone tells you to do something you shouldn't.



Understanding of the World

We will: -

- Learn about the features of a sea shore environment and the creatures that live there.
- Compare the beach environment to a woodland.
- Describe natural and manmade beach detritus and learn about the dangers to wildlife from manmade rubbish.
- Learn about the story of Grace Darling and compare to present time.
- Learn about our local seaside in the past.



Maths

We will: -

- Learn the number bonds to 10.
- Learn the doubles and halves within 10.
- Make linear patterns.
- Sort 3D shapes according to properties.
- Create circular and symmetrical designs with 2D and 3D shapes.
- Learn how to share quantities equally.
- Learn about money including the value of coins. (Money week 10th June).



Beside the Sea

Physical Development

We will: -

- Join materials with split pins and treasury tags.
- Build and create with a wide range of small and large materials.
- Bounce, roll, kick, throw and catch balls on the spot or on the move.
- Practise the skills we will need for sports day.
- Use gardening tools and plant edible seeds and plants.



Expressive Art and Design

We will: -

- Create, our own designs with natural materials e.g. shells, and pebbles.
- Draw shells, sea weed and sea creatures.
- Shape and mould wet sand and clay with hand tools to create different effects.
- Make up our own stories and act them out.
- Learn simple sea shanties.
- Listen to Caribbean music and know that countries have different musical traditions.
- Learn about paintings of Grace Darling (Artist - Thomas Brooks).

Communication Language and Literacy

- We will learn to re tell the story of Owl Babies. We will use this story to make up our own stories by changing characters.
- We will practise writing in sentences with finger spaces and full stops.
- We will write longer compositions and make up short stories.
- We will learn facts about sea creatures and write fact files.

Key Vocabulary

Seashore beach rockpool seaweed names of sea creatures shells wood plant seed crop

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.
- ▶ **Please pre order at least a week in advance.**
- ▶ 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.michaelsehgal.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 large 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).

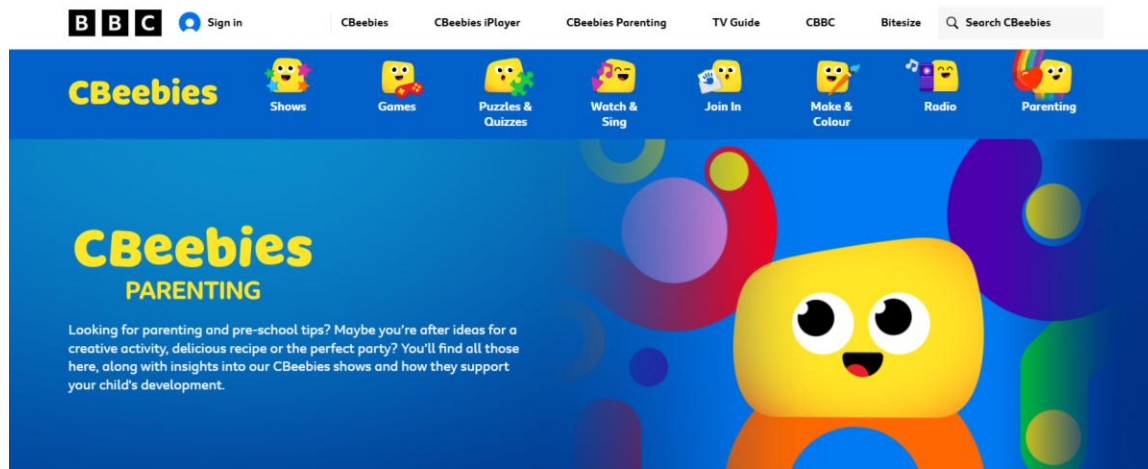
Parental Involvement

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

After School and Breakfast Club

- ▶ Breakfast club is available from 8.00 am each day - children enter through the main entrance - we ask that Reception children do not attend until a few weeks into term when they are settled.
- ▶ Childcare after school is also offered from 3:10 - 6:00pm. There is a charge for this, further information can be found in the packs.
- ▶ For both Breakfast and Afterschool Club, **Children need to be booked in using our online system.**

Useful websites



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.
- ▶ Visit the Reception classrooms and outdoor areas.
- ▶ Please feel free to ask any questions you may have.