



Starting School at East Sheen Primary

Thursday 25th June 2026

Welcome!

East Sheen Primary School: Our Vision

Our purpose is to nurture happy, confident children who think deeply about themselves and others in preparation for the challenges ahead. We do this by inspiring and celebrating:

- curiosity and love for learning
- collaboration and kindness
- creativity and enthusiasm
- resilience and achievement

Happy - Curious - Resilient - Kind



Transition into school

It is a partnership between school and home.

School's role:

- Reception staff have had attended the local authority Nursery to Reception transition event.
- Stay and play meet the teacher and staff (Tuesday 30th June)
- Home visits will take place between Monday 6th July and Friday 10th July - 10 minute visit.
- Phased start in September in groups of 10 children to allow high adult child ratio on first day - you will have your start day/times in your registration packs.
- Registration packs will be handed out tonight, these will need to be completed and ready to be given back at the 'Stay and Play' session.

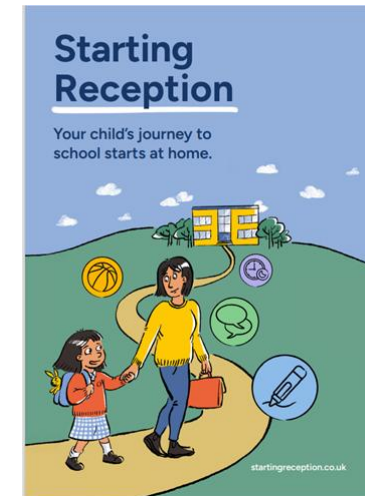
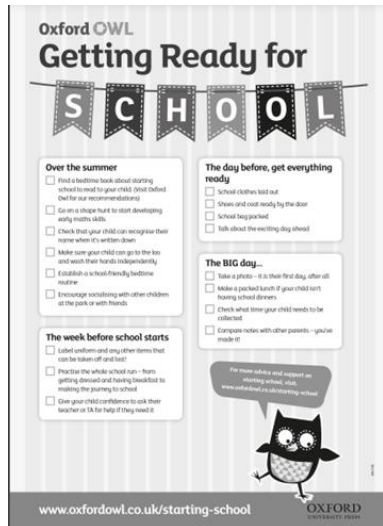
Parents/carers role:

- Practise eating, dressing and toileting independently at home.
- Talk positively about the start of school at home.
- Practise recognising/writing their own name, using a capital letter for the initial letter only, then lower case.

School Readiness

In March 2025, a panel of top education and childcare experts unveiled a comprehensive checklist of essential skills that children should master before starting school.

Skills such as being able to use the toilet, knowing how to share toys, recognising their own name and being able to use cutlery are all on the list parents are urged to ensure their child is taught by the time they start school (handouts shared in your Registration Packs).



EYFS Curriculum

The 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Birth to Reception are specifically designed to provide a broad and balanced foundation for children's future learning and development.

Prime Areas of Learning and Development

-  Communication and Language
-  Personal, Social, and Emotional development
-  Physical Development

Specific Areas of Learning and Development

-  Literacy
-  Mathematics
-  Understanding the World
-  Expressive Arts and Design



At East Sheen Primary, we deliver purposeful well planned lessons which support the EYFS curriculum. Exciting and engaging topics and texts are selected each half term, as well as indoor and outdoor learning opportunities and activities set up daily.

Our approach is based on hands-on, play-based learning, where children have the opportunity to engage with a variety of resources, both inside and outside the classroom.

Uniform and PE Kit



Uniform can be ordered on line, please see website for link to supplier and more detail:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/eastsheenprimaryschools/48ed> (also a flyer in your Registration Pack)

- Tracksuit bottoms can be worn to give children a more practical uniform for their outdoor and indoor play and to support independent dressing (must be grey)
 - Children will be outside in rain and sunshine so please send in labelled, weather appropriate clothing. Wellington boots can be left in school.
 - Velcro fastenings on shoes really help your child to be independent.
 - No open toe sandals.
 - Label everything in a visible place including socks and shoes!
- PE kits should be worn on their PE days



Fruit snacks and Nuts

- A fruit or vegetable snack is provided daily.
- Children may bring in their own snack but must be fruit or veg and in a labelled bag/container.
- Packed lunches - healthy eating criteria (see website <https://www.eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1226&type=pdf>)
- Strictly no nuts school policy (think about bread/roll choices if providing packed lunches)
- Please check any birthday treats provided from home for any nut traces. We have to return items containing nuts.
- Drinking bottle for water with a sports cap - labelled please!



School Lunches

<https://www.eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=19>

- Provided by Accent caterers
- Fresh meals cooked on site - meat and vegetarian (meat free Mondays)
- Salad bar
- School meals are free for children in Reception
- Encourages reluctant eaters to try a wider range of foods as they see their friends choose different options.
- School lunches booked through Parentmail (details to come)

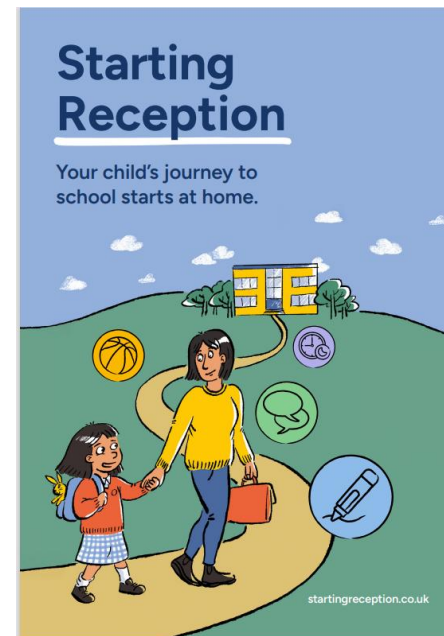
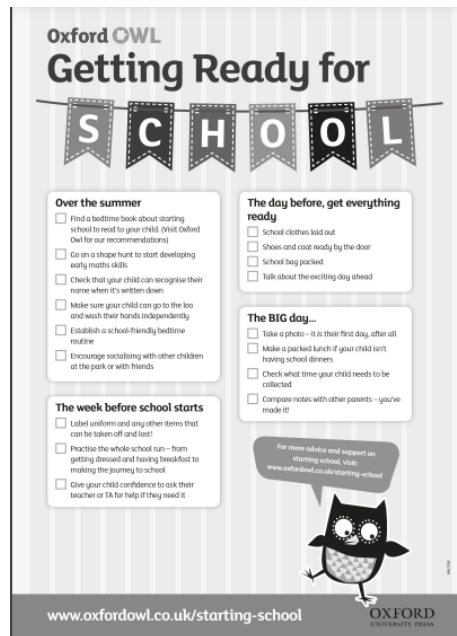


Medical and Welfare

- Please ensure that we are aware of any medical conditions (share during home/school visits, as well as noting down in the Registration packs)
- If your child is ill or off school please telephone the school office to report the absence.
- Sickness or diarrhoea - children must not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode.
- Medical appointments - please let us know, but routine appointments should be booked outside of school hours.
- If the weather hot and sunny, please apply sun cream before they come to school - we are unable to apply at school. Children should also wear hats.

Registration Packs

Please ensure you collect your child's registration pack before you leave, in there you will find the two documents shown below - Getting ready for school and Starting Reception. You will also find information about ordering school uniform, as well as all the necessary forms to fill in to ensure we have the correct information for your child, including emergency contacts and photo permission.



Registration Packs and info -

- Classes - Owlets, Cygnets and Ducklings, also referred to as RM (Miss Matthews), RG (Miss Grohs) and RT (Miss Tanveer)
- Start days - Groups A,B,C and staggered start times
- Friendship groups - children mix throughout the day and have many opportunities to see and mix with their friends they already know
- Any questions regarding any of the information shared on the boards, please do ask.



Home School Visits

Ducklings Class - RT (Miss Tanveer)

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July



Cygnets Class - RG (Miss Grohs)

Wednesday 8th July and Friday 10th July



Owlets Class - RM (Miss Matthews)

Monday 6th July and Thursday 9th July



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Reception Home Visits - East
Sheen Primary School



Start Day and Time

- Children will have a staggered start, 10 pupils per class over 3 days.
- **Group A:** Wednesday 9th September; **Group B:** Thursday 10th September; **Group C:** Friday 11th September.
- ALL children will be in from **Monday 14th September** (staggered start time - see packs)
- Encourage independence and a fast transition by saying goodbye in the line so children can come straight into the classroom. This helps them to settle quicker.
- There will be a Curriculum evening in the Autumn Term, as well as a Reading Talk.

Before you leave...

- Look and see which class your child has been allocated and introduce yourself to your child's new teacher.
- Please ensure you collect your child's Registration Pack with all key dates/times attached.
- Have a taste of the delicious samples of food from our wonderful catering company.
- Ask us any questions you may now have, otherwise we look forward to seeing you at the 'Stay and Plays' on Tuesday 30th June and at your 'Home Visit'.
- Whatsapp QR codes for each class

