



Welcome to Reception

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Welcome to our Warden House family. Starting school is a very special time, filled with new experiences, new friends, and growing independence. While it can feel a little daunting, your child is about to begin a truly exciting journey.

This term, your child's learning will focus on the seven key areas of Reception: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design.

Reading and Phonics

This week your child will bring home their first '*Sharing Book*'. This is for you to read together and enjoy as a family. Please talk about the pictures, ask questions, and let your child use their imagination to extend the story.

From next week, children will bring home two books each Wednesday:

- a '*Sharing Book*' (to read together)
- a '*Phonics Book*' linked to our class learning

At first, phonics books contain only pictures so children can create their own stories. Words will gradually be introduced as learning progresses. Your child will keep the same phonics book until the following Monday to allow plenty of rereading. *Sharing Books* can be changed daily if your child wishes.

Please write a short comment in your child's Reading Record each time you read with your child. This helps us to track progress and celebrate successes. Reading Records should be in 'Warden House book bags' every day, and phonics books must be returned on **Mondays** so they can be shared with other children.

Phonics guidance and revision tasks will be sent home each Friday so you are keeping updated with your child's learning. Please support your child and share their learning with them, as this is important for keeping up with our fast-paced learning.

PE

PE takes place every **Wednesday**. Children should wear their Warden House PE top, joggers, and trainers to school on this day.



Communication and language:

Children will begin to understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important, whilst engaging in daily story times.

Physical development:

Children will further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: lining up and queuing, mealtimes and personal hygiene.

They will develop their fine and gross motor skills in activities accessed through continuous provision.

They will access PE every Wednesday with a focus on agility.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Children will develop storylines in their pretend play.

They will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

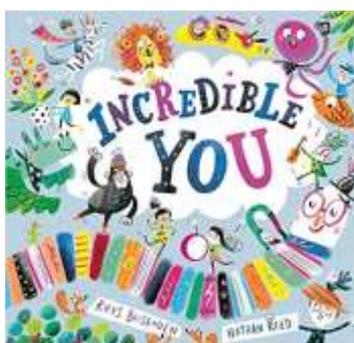
They will explore a range of sounds using their bodies, voices and surroundings.

Overview:

Children will consider what makes them special. They will practise talking about their feelings and learn how others may have different feelings to them. They will also think about what makes a good friend and a great learner.

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Marvellous Me



Maths:

Children will match and sort objects and compare amounts. They will learn that objects can be compared and ordered according to size using language such as: big, little, large and small. They will copy, continue and create their own simple repeating patterns.

Literacy:

Children will be following our Little Wandle Phonics scheme to access daily Phonics lessons and 3 x weekly group reading sessions. They will begin to read individual letters sounds, write initial sounds and focus on their pencil grip.

PSED:

Children will learn to express their feelings, allowing them to share and show how they feel. They will learn to develop their confidence in their new surroundings and how to be responsible for their belongings. Whilst building new friendships they will learn to work together as part of a team and begin to understand simple rules.

Understanding the World:

Children will be encouraged to talk about members of their immediate family and community. They will name and describe people who are familiar to them.

If you have any questions after reading this letter or looking at the information on our website, please contact us via office@warden-house.kent.sch.uk and we will be happy to help.

Sincerely,
EYFS Team