

Dear Parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and a big welcome to our new parents. We are excited about the year ahead. It was great to see all the children, staff and classrooms looking so good yesterday!

There are a few changes to make you aware of before the year begins...

We are excited to let you know that this year our school will be introducing the ARK Mathematics Mastery Curriculum across our classes.

The ARK approach is designed to ensure that every child develops a deep, secure, and long-term understanding of mathematics. It places strong emphasis on:

- Mastery for all - ensuring every pupil gains a solid foundation before moving on.
- Fluency and confidence - children practise core skills until they are secure, reducing gaps in knowledge.
- Reasoning and problem solving - pupils are encouraged to explain their thinking and apply maths to real-life situations.
- Visual and practical learning - lessons use concrete resources and visual models to build strong understanding.

What this means for your child:

- Lessons will be carefully structured to build step by step.
- Children will have more opportunities to talk about their maths learning and share their strategies.
- There will be a balance between practising skills and exploring challenges that develop deeper thinking.

We believe this approach will help all our pupils grow in confidence, enjoy mathematics, and be well prepared for the future.

If you would like to find out more, we will be holding an information session for parents on during our soft starts on **Wednesday morning**. You can also visit the ARK Mathematics Mastery website for further details.

This year we will also be working on developing values around respect. We are teaching children to treat others how they would like to be treated themselves. We embed and promote fantastic displays around our school which shows some of our other values that underpin respect: love, thankfulness and compassion. We will be teaching the children about these values and looking for good role models across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



Infant & Nursery School

Reception

Weekly Newsletter

5th September 2025

Please visit us on our website: www.yeadinginf.co.uk

and Instagram account

https://instagram.com/yeading_infants

You will find all school information,

Updates, term dates and up & coming events

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

Please update the school office with your new email address, if you've changed it over summer holiday. Please note if your email address is incorrect, you will not be able to receive food vouchers from the local authority. Thank you for your cooperation.

COLLECTING INFORMATION

Class Teachers are responsible for the orderly dismissal of pupils from their classrooms. If a person other than a child's parent is collecting a child from school, the office needs to be informed of their name, phone number and need to be given a **collection code** which will need to be quoted to the teacher by the collecting person. Please only use this option as an absolute emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

Timings for Reception next week:

Monday 8th September to Wednesday 10th Sep - 8:45am to 1:30pm
From-Thursday 11th September - FULL DAY - 8:45am - 3:10pm

Important

Parents/Carers, please can you write your **child's name** on all their *clothing, book bags and water bottles*, as children may have the same items and it is very hard to work out which child it belongs to.

Also, children really need to be able to identify their written name. There is plenty of opportunity for them to see their written name in the classroom (on their coat peg, tray, self-registration and books), they also need to practise at home. We do not want the children to use other people's things, especially their water bottles.

Some children are coming into school with coats that they cannot undo or do up themselves, please practise with your child at home. Please send in a coat as the weather will soon start to get colder.

Reading

On Monday and Thursday, we will be sending home their reading books. Parents, you can help them with the words, but please try and encourage them to talk about the pictures. This is an important aid for when they start reading.

You will also receive a Reading Record. We would strongly encourage you to listen to your child read several times a week. Please write down the date, book, comment and sign /initial each day that you listen to them read. Children will need their book bags EVERYDAY. Please ensure these are school book bags. Unfortunately, we will need to charge £5 for any lost or damaged book.

Topic

This term our topic is - **All About Me**.

This week, we have been practising writing our names.

Homework - Encourage your child to write their name starting with a capital letter.

Literacy

Our class literacy book this half term will be "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" retold by Julia Donaldson.

Homework - Please read the story to your children. There are also video versions on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQQK-Sm1YY>

Maths

This week we have been practising saying the number names by rote.

Next week, we will start looking at written numbers 0-10.

Homework - Play number hunt at home with your child. Hide the numbers and ask your child to find them and then say the correct number name together.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- **Phone-free zone** - Yeading Infant School is a phone-free zone. Please ensure phones are put away while collecting your child.
- **Park and stride** - Please Park away from school near the church or park when dropping off your child and walk into school.
- **Nut allergies** - We do not allow any nuts on school grounds including food that 'may contain nuts'
- **Meet the Teacher - All parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher at 2.30pm on Friday 12th September 2025 in child's classroom.**
- **Curriculum Meeting- Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 9.10am**
- **Cooking donations** - All children participate in cooking throughout the school year. We ask if you can kindly donate £1 to support with ingredients.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Phonics - <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>
- Phonics play - www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- Letter formation- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gg8-Zg99FbI&list=PLv80XE_mA4uy5WO-mMcUQ2vX6AdVpIPEk&index=2
- Jolly phonics- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHexmRbj0Bo>
- Literacy Glossary: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/education-glossary/grammar-literacy-glossary-a-c/>
- Numeracy Glossary: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/education-glossary/maths-education-glossary-a-l/>
- Top marks maths games- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

Thank you!

The Reception Team

