



'Ready, Respect, Resilience'

Prospectus 2025/26

'Where every child feels safe, proud of who they are and where they come from and is curious and ready for the next challenges in life.'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to Reckleford Infant and Nursery School! I am proud to be Headteacher of our small and successful school on the East side of Yeovil, offering places to children from the age of 2 to 7 years. We have a newly expanded Nursery with three rooms catering for children aged 2 – 4 years as well as three classes; Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

We offer a safe and happy environment where every child is valued, their strengths celebrated and their needs understood and supported. Our most recent Ofsted inspection was June 2023 and we were very pleased to be rated Good in all areas. Inspectors recognised that **“pupils enjoy attending Reckleford Infant School and Nursery”** and **“Relationships between staff and pupils are strong. These are rooted in the school’s ethos, based on values which include respect and fairness.”**

We ensure that families feel welcome and are very much a part of their child’s education. We want every child to be excited by their learning success and proud of their progress. Our aim is to begin every child’s lifelong love of learning both inside and outside of the classroom and our highly skilled and experienced staff work hard every day to inspire, challenge and have fun with all our children.

Our Nursery is led by a qualified teacher and experienced team of nursery nurses. Our three rooms; Sunbeams, Raindrops and Rainbows give every child a fantastic start in developing the crucial skills and understanding for life.

We are proud of our outside learning environment, especially our school garden and our links with the local Country Park to make best use of this space. Our outdoor garden space has won awards in Yeovil in Bloom for many years and the children love exploring and learning outside each week.

At Reckleford, we ensure children of all abilities make good progress from their starting points. Our expectations of every child are high in terms of academic attainment, behaviour and being a positive member of our community.

If you would like to visit our school and find out what makes us special, please contact the school office on 01935 475938 or office@recklefordschool.co.uk

I look forward to meeting you.
Kind regards,

Jo Greathead
Headteacher



School Aims

“Where every child feels safe proud of who they are and where they come from and is curious and ready for the next challenges in life.”



At Reckleford Infant School and Nursery we aspire for all our children to be **ready, resilient** and able to **keep going**. We encourage the children to be **curious** and have a **love for learning**. Children will be **proud of who they are** and **where they come from**. We hope all children will be **kind, honest and respectful** to themselves and others, sharing and **celebrating their differences**.

Our school values are embedded throughout school life and celebrated with values awards each week in assembly. Our Reckleford values are:

- *Be Ready**
- *Show Respect**
- *Be Resilient**



Reckleford Infant School and Nursery builds learning confidence and enquiring minds. Our curriculum is designed to enable children to begin a life-long love of learning through acquiring knowledge and skills across every subject.

Our skilled team work hard to ensure that children make excellent progress whilst supporting parents to help their children in this early stage of education. The basis for all our topics is to build aspiration for the future of all our children.

At Reckleford we have designed a curriculum which provides daily opportunities to develop Literacy and Maths skills and maximise every child's potential to progress. Our curriculum covers all the statutory requirements of the Early Years Framework and Key Stage One curriculum, offering exciting learning which covers a wide range of stimulating opportunities to develop their basic skills, knowledge and understanding of the world.

We encourage every child to develop their particular strengths and the opportunity to express themselves, share ideas, explore and ask questions.

Our School Staff and Classes

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs J Greathead

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO): Mrs J Foster

Senior teacher and Deputy DSL: Mrs C Pincott (*currently on maternity leave*)

Deputy DSL: Mrs M Mitchell

Business Manager: Siobhan Parsons

	Nursery 	Reception 	Year One 	Year Two 
Class name/s	Rainbow Room Raindrops Room Sunbeams Room	Squirrels	Hedgehogs	Badgers
Teacher/s	Mrs A Elliott	Mrs B Cude / Ms H Powell	Miss E Lomas	Mrs Mitchell / Mrs Snell
Support staff / nursery nurses	Mrs S Cooper Miss J Hughes Miss H James Mrs C Knight Mrs J Linscott Miss L White	Mrs L Mears Miss S Taylor	Mrs S Batson Miss M Beaumont Miss L Skillman	Miss M Beaumont Mrs C Goodland Mrs E Rogers Miss E Reeves Miss S Taylor Mrs S Wellman

Lunchtime supervisors: Mrs E Rogers, Miss S Taylor, Miss L Skillman, Miss E Jardine

Parent Family Support Advisor: vacancy

Site staff: Quick Cleaner, Mr J Bewick

The School Day – September 2024

School

8-8.40am breakfast club

8.40-8.50am drop off

8.50am register taken

10.30am morning break

12-1pm lunch

3.05-3.10pm pick up

3.10-4.15pm after school clubs

Nursery

8am-9am Breakfast club

9-12pm Morning session

12-3pm Afternoon session

Uniform

Children feel smart and have a good sense of belonging when they arrive in the correct uniform. Reckleford Infant School colours are royal blue and grey. Nursery colours are red and grey. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

Uniform list:



*Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts

*White polo shirt

*Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper
(with or without school logo)

*Black school shoes or plain black trainers



PE (sports) kit to be kept in school:



*White t-shirt

*Dark, plain shorts

*Trainers/daps

*Named bag to keep in school



Most uniform items are readily available from supermarkets or high street stores. If you would like a jumper or cardigan with the school logo, these are available from Southwest Schoolwear shop, 10 Wine Street, Yeovil.

<https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/>

The school holds regular pre-loved uniform sales throughout the school year and holds stock of pre-loved uniform available from 50p an item. If you would like further information, or require uniform between sales, please contact the school office.

Rainbow Room (pre-school) Nursery also has a red sweatshirt, hoodie or cardigan with the Nursery logo that can be ordered from Southwest Schoolwear. Children in pre-school are encouraged to wear a red sweatshirt to get them ready for school uniform the following year, however this is not compulsory. We have some pre-loved Nursery jumpers available for £1.



Nursery parents are also required to provide a bag for their child which contains nappies (as appropriate), wet wipes, a change of clothes and a pair of welly boots.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast club is available from 8am every day for nursery and school children. This runs in the school hall by our lovely Nursery staff and must be booked each half a term. Children attending Breakfast club enjoy a range of activities including art and crafts, small world play, construction, physical activities and they particularly enjoy dancing on a Friday!

We currently offer after school clubs with Premier Education each day until 4.15pm for school children. Included in this offer is football, dance, gymnastics, multi-sports and more. Parents must book into these clubs and pay each half term, in advance.

We are holding a Parent Forum in October 2025 to evaluate if there is enough interest to extend After School Club provision to 5pm.

Families entitled to Pupil Premium receive a 50% discount on breakfast and after school clubs.

Parents as Partners

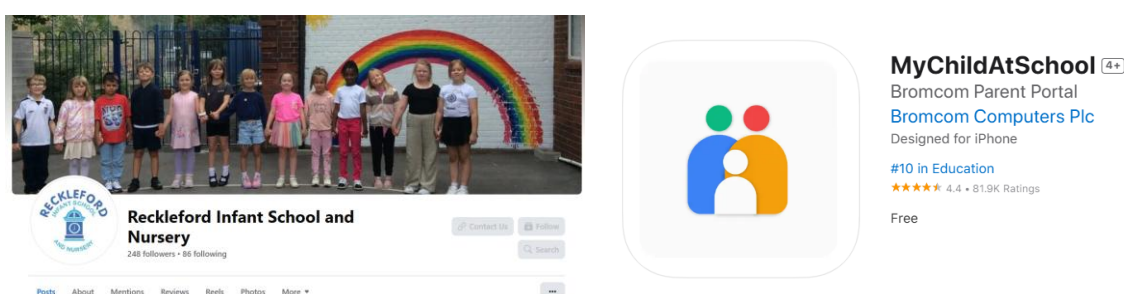


Your child's time at school is an exciting and fun-filled time! We value and encourage parental input to help us to further understand and consider each child's current interests, development and learning and find out what the child's interests are at home. Both our Nursery and Reception staff complete home visits to our new children each year. This helps us to plan more effectively for the individual child's needs. In Year One and Year Two, the teachers hold welcome meetings in September so you can meet the teacher and find out about their new class.

During the year parents/carers are invited into school for special events such as our weekly celebration assembly, Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations. Families are also invited to take part in learning activities such as Reception phonics mornings or World Food Day tasting.

We hold Parent Teacher Meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms for you to find out how your child has settled in school and nursery, what they are doing well and what their next steps for learning might be. A written report is provided to families in the Summer term, with an optional meeting if required. We want families to continually be part of their child's progress and we encourage parents/carers to talk with us and share each child's successes. For example, awards and certificates earned out of school can be celebrated with the whole school in assembly.

We have comprehensive school website www.reckleford.somerset.sch.uk which can provide you with a wealth of information about our school. The letters and newsletter page is regularly updated throughout the year. Our school Facebook page www.facebook.com/RecklefordInfant which enables us to share achievements and news with the wider community, as well as sending reminders and updates to families.



We ask that all parents/carers sign up to our Home School Agreement each Autumn Term. This outlines how the school and families will support each child to be the best they can, both academically and socially. We have high expectations of behaviour from all of our children and ask that parents sign this agreement to support us with maintaining these standards.

To further support children's learning, and to reinforce activities completed in school, we ask all children from Reception to Year 2 to complete weekly homework activities such as: daily reading, phonics activities, maths activities, spelling and/or sometimes a longer topic project. Showing an interest in your child's learning at school can give them real motivation to progress and succeed.



Parents/carers and wider families are also invited to be part of our 'Friends of Reckleford' fundraising committee supporting us with events, fundraising and ensuring the children have as many extra-curricular opportunities as possible.

Mental Health and Wellbeing



“The curriculum for personal development is a strength of the school.” (Ofsted 2023). Our behaviour policy has a ‘relationships first’ approach, ensuring that all adults prioritise building positive relationships with the children so they feel safe and secure. Our ethos of ‘connection before correction’ is used to ensure children feel safe and know that if they have any worries, a trusted adult will help them.

Children’s successes are celebrated each week in assembly, to which parents and families are invited. Awards gained outside of school can be shared in this assembly. Values Awards are earned for the whole class as well as individual pupils who have gone above and beyond. Rainbow reading awards are presented to children who regularly read at home and Ambassador badges are given when they have completed the rainbow.

Working with Magic Breakfast, Fuel for Learning Charity, we are able to provide breakfast for all children when they arrive in the morning. Bagels, toast, crumpets and cereal are available for children who arrive hungry or need something tasty to start the day, making sure no child is ever too hungry to learn.

We are excited to have recently started an intergenerational relationship with Potter House Care Home which opened in Spring 2025. Intergenerational learning provides mutual benefits, improving mental health, learning and social skills for all ages by reducing loneliness and stereotypes, and fostering empathy and practical skills.



We work in partnership with local farms and attractions to plan a wide range of enrichment visits for each class for example Gore Farm, Westland Entertainment Venue, Yeovil Railway Centre and Yeovil Art Space. Our Reception and Nursery children take regular welly walk in our school garden to explore the outside world,

crunching through leaves is a firm favourite! Classes visit the school garden throughout the year to support curriculum learning. Each week, the Yeovil Country Park ranger visits to deliver outdoor learning activities in the school garden; a highlight of last year was toasting marshmallows and making apple bird feeders. In October 2024 our Reception outside classroom and school garden won GOLD in the Yeovil in Bloom Awards!

Governing Body

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reckleford Infant School and Nursery! I trust that you will find this prospectus informative and that it will give you an appreciation of our school here at Reckleford. Please also look at our website to see what makes Reckleford Infant School and Nursery so special and how much it has to offer pupils, not just academically but creatively, physically and socially too. I hope this will enable you to make an informed decision with regards to your child's first years of education.

Happy, inspired and motivated children are vital to the success of any school. We believe that our school provides a fun, caring and safe environment for your children to start developing and learning, to provide the best possible educational outcomes for your child and to encourage your child to achieve their full potential.

The Governing Body take pride in all of the achievements of the school, from winning 'Gold' in the Yeovil in Bloom School Garden category, to taking part in the Primary Festival of Dance. We want every child to get the most from their time spent at Reckleford. We have a team of dedicated staff who work to ensure that all children achieve their best, to enable all of the children to experience a diverse and challenging curriculum and by the school continually striving to improve the standard of education offered and have an inspired lifelong love of learning.

We are all very proud of our school here at Reckleford and look forward to welcoming you and your children. If you would like to contact the Governing Body or the school, this can be done via the clerk/School Office at our school.

With very best wishes,

Tony Hind
Chair of Governors

Admissions

The Planned Admissions Number (PAN) for the school is 28 in each class. The Nursery has places for 74 children. Somerset Council is the admission authority for our school. Applications for places to start school each September must be made directly to Somerset Council through their website (see below). The closing date

for applications is 15 January 2026. Places are then allocated in accordance with the County's published arrangements and parents will receive an email with the outcome of the application on 16 April 2026.

Applications for a school place during the school year, or for a place in the Nursery can be made directly to the school by contacting the main office on 01935 475938 or office@recklefordschool.co.uk

When your child is in Year 2, you will then need to apply in the same way for them to move to a Junior School; our nearest are St Michael's' Academy, St Gilda's Primary and Milford Junior School. Applications open in September using the website below and close on 15 January 2024.

Useful contacts for Admissions:

Apply for a September school place – <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/>

School Admission Guide - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/primary-admissions-guide/>

Applying for a place at Junior School - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-junior-or-middle-school/>

Any further questions...

Should you have any further questions, or wish to make an appointment to meet the Headteacher for a tour, please feel free to contact the school office on 01935 475938 or office@recklefordschool.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you!