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Welcome to Early Years



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This document provides key information about the Early Years Foundation Stage at Chestnuts.



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Attendance and Punctuality

Gates open: 8.30am

Doors open: 8.40am

Gates close: 8.55am



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Breakfast Club

- Breakfast club booking through School Money system
- 8am (bottom gate) until 8.15 when the gates are locked
- Social time for children, helps readiness to learn



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Site security

Please enter the school grounds through the side gate on Buckingham Road or main gates on St Georges Road. You **will not** be able to enter via the gates on St. Clements.



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A Morning in Reception

- Register and settling for the day
- Read Write Inc
- 5-A-Day
- Literacy
- Snack time
- Child Initiated Learning
- Maths



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An Afternoon in Reception

- Afternoon Activities
- Child Initiated Learning
- Story and singing
- Home time



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There are seven areas of learning and development in the EYFS curriculum:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematical Development
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



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All 7 areas of learning are provided for in both the indoor and outdoor environments.

The majority of children's learning will come through child initiated learning, following the children's interests when possible.



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Early Learning Goals

There are 17 ELGs in total that we are required to make a judgement on for each child at the end of the EYFS.



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**How you can help and support
your child's learning**



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**DANGER
LIVE WIRES**

CAUTION:
Children who read a lot
risk becoming
independent, open-
minded, questioning,
knowledgeable and
CONFIDENT



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Read Write Inc

Pure sounds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlpsmpWOUFY>



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Top Tips for Reading

1. Choose a quiet time
2. Make reading enjoyable
3. Maintain the flow
4. Be positive
5. Success is the key

Lets see some more...



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Top Tips for Reading

6. Regular practise

7. Communicate

8. Talk about the books

9. Variety is important

10. Visit the Library



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How do children learn maths at Chestnuts?

- A carpet session each day linked to your child's current targets
- Cross curricular activities, available both inside and outside
- Real-life learning/ situations
- Self-discovery
- Practical challenges



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Maths at home

- Use numbers around you to help with number recognition - door numbers, magnetic numbers on the fridge, birthday cards...
- Jobs around the home...
- Ask your child to help lay the table 'How many knives/forks/spoons do we need?'
- Matching pairs of socks from the washing.
- Make cakes - look at quantities of ingredients, weigh them out, how many cakes are you going to make...
- Plan a trip to the shop, look at prices, how much money do they have, what can they buy?
- Play games such as number snap, dominoes, track games such as snakes and ladders.



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Your child will need:

- Named water bottle
- Named PE kit
- Named Book bag
- Named Black school shoes (easy fastening e.g. velcro) Trainers are **not** allowed
- Named School uniform



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Food and drink

- Water only in drink bottles
- Children provided with a snack at break time
- Free hot meals available for all EYFS children
- Packed lunches must be healthy, no chocolate, fizzy drinks or processed food



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Communication by...

Email

Text

Marvellous Me

Phone Calls

Parents Evenings

Daily catch ups if needed

Assemblies

Open Afternoons

Chronicle



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Pupil Premium

- £1300 per child to raise standards
- If in receipt of certain benefits then eligible for PP and free meals from Year 3 onwards



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Questions

If you have any questions, please don't
hesitate to contact school.

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