



BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Believe to Achieve! "Roots will grow down into God's love and keep us strong" EPH 3:17

Welcome to Brinkworth Earl Danby's CE Primary School

New Parents' Information

June 2023



Meet our Early Years Team

Miss Mewis - Teacher

Mrs Howes - Teaching Assistant

We are here to make your child's first year as enjoyable as possible, so if you have any worries or concerns, please do let us know.

If you feel you need to speak to a teacher at any point, please make an after school appointment as mornings are extremely busy and hectic times.



Starting at our school

Our Reception children will start their first day of school on **Monday 4th September.**

On **Monday 4th September until Friday 8th September** Reception children are invited to come into school from **8.45am to 12 noon.**

For the **second week beginning 11th September** Reception children can stay for lunch and should be **collected at 1pm.**

You will need to either provide a packed lunch or order a lunch through the Parent pay system - you will be given login details and instructions for this.

From the **third week beginning 18th September** Reception children will attend school full time and be **collected at 3.15pm.**

School Uniform



We believe school uniform and a smart appearance promotes a sense of identity and pride in our school. We ask parents to support the school uniform policy as follows:

- Skirts/Pinafore dresses in grey (an appropriate length and fit for school wear)
- Shorts/Trousers - grey tailored (shorts should be knee length)
- Shirts/Polo shirts- pale blue or white
- Sweatshirts/Cardigans/Fleeces - navy blue
- Blue and white striped or gingham dresses for the summer
- Socks - white, grey or black
- Tights - white, grey or black
- Shoes/Sandals - black or brown, sensible and safe for children to run around in (No boots). White shoes/sandals can be worn in the Summer.
- Jewellery - no jewellery except stud earrings, which will need to be taken out or covered up for P.E. lessons
- School sunhats with the school logo are available to purchase

Please ensure shoulder length and long hair is tied back with **discreet** hair accessories in navy, black or white.



What else does my child need?

- P.E. kit: T Shirt - navy blue with school logo or white (No Football shirts or Designer shirts)
T Shirt in house colours of red, blue, green or yellow are worn on Sports Day
Shorts - navy blue or black
School sweatshirt/School fleece/Hoodie with school logo - navy blue
(No branded or designer logoed sweatshirts or hoodies)
Trainers that offer correct support and comfort
- Children will come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE.
- Book bags - to keep reading books/letters/home learning packs etc.
- Outdoor clothing - we spend lots of time outdoors, rain or shine. Please can you provide your child with a pair of wellington boots (that can stay in school), a waterproof coat, sunhat and sun cream.

Uniform can be purchased directly from Scholars Schoolwear Specialists, at the Chippenham Shop: Scholars, 3 The Causeway, Chippenham SN15 3BT Tel: 01249 656600 or order online at : <http://scholars-uk.com/index.php?cPath=182>

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

BIRO PEN IS NOT SUITABLE FOR LABELLING AS IT COMES OFF IN THE WASH.



The School day

If your child arrives at school by bus or taxi then they will be met and escorted into school by a member of staff.

Morning session: 8.45am - 12 noon - soft start from 8.30am

Afternoon session: 1pm - 3.15pm

Registers are taken promptly by the class teacher at 8.45am and 1pm.

If you arrive after 8.45am when the main doors have been closed then you will need to buzz the door and a member of the admin team will let you in.

If your child arrives after the register has closed at 8.45am they will be marked as officially late.

When it is time to pick up your child please wait outside the front entrance so your child can be returned safely to you by a member of the Early Years team. Alternatively your child may go home by bus, taxi or Little Foxes in which case they will be escorted by a member of staff.



Lunchtimes and Playtimes

- Playtimes are 10.45 - 11.00am
- Children do not need to bring in a snack. Fruit is provided just before break time to all children.
- Milk is provided free to all Foundation Stage children.
- Water is also available in the classroom throughout the day.
- Free meals are available for all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.
- Meals need to be ordered by Monday the week before - there is an example of the menu in your packs

How do I know what is going on in school/in the classroom?



Every term the children in Foundation Stage explore different themes. To help you support your child in their learning at home we send out a termly learning plan at the start of every term explaining what the new theme. This is sent out as a paper copy, please also check the website.

Beech class website page is also used to show photographs of the children and explain what they have been doing in school.

www.brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

School newsletters are distributed by email however paper copies are available on request. Any letters that need consent/reply will be sent as a paper copy and given to your child to put in their book bag.

All copies of correspondence are put onto the school website.

Home or Virtual visits



During the first couple of weeks when the children are at school part-time all children and families are offered a home or virtual visit.

These visits enable us to build a holistic picture of your child, we get to know what they like and dislike, favourite toys and their personality. It is also another opportunity for us to talk informally and answer any questions and for your child to get to know their teachers.

We will contact you before the end of term to offer you a day and time that we will come and visit you either in your home or virtually.



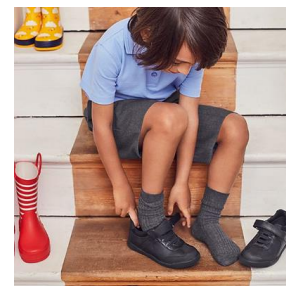
Getting ready for school

It is really important that you encourage your child to be prepared for starting school.

This can be achieved by supporting them to learn how to independently:

- Get dressed and undressed
- Zip up coats
- Put on shoes
- Go to the toilet and wash their hands
- Know when to ask for help

There is a leaflet in your EYFS Information Pack which will give you more advice and guide you in preparing your child for school.





Our aims for the Early Years

- To make the learning process a stimulating, interactive and enjoyable experience for all children.
- To focus on the process of developing skills, rather than merely the outcome.
- To provide for each child's individual needs: supporting and extending them where appropriate and allowing them to learn at their own rate.
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum, that is based around purposeful play and that can be built upon Key Stage 1 and later skills.
- To develop children's independence and self-esteem, by providing a safe, secure environment, in which children are not afraid to explore or make mistakes.

Here at Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School we know that children come to us with vastly different experiences, abilities and an understanding of the world which is unique to themselves. As a result we take into account the individual needs and nature of each child, building on what they already know and can do.



What is the Foundation Stage?

The Foundation Stage is the stage of education for children from age **three** to the **end of the Reception year**.

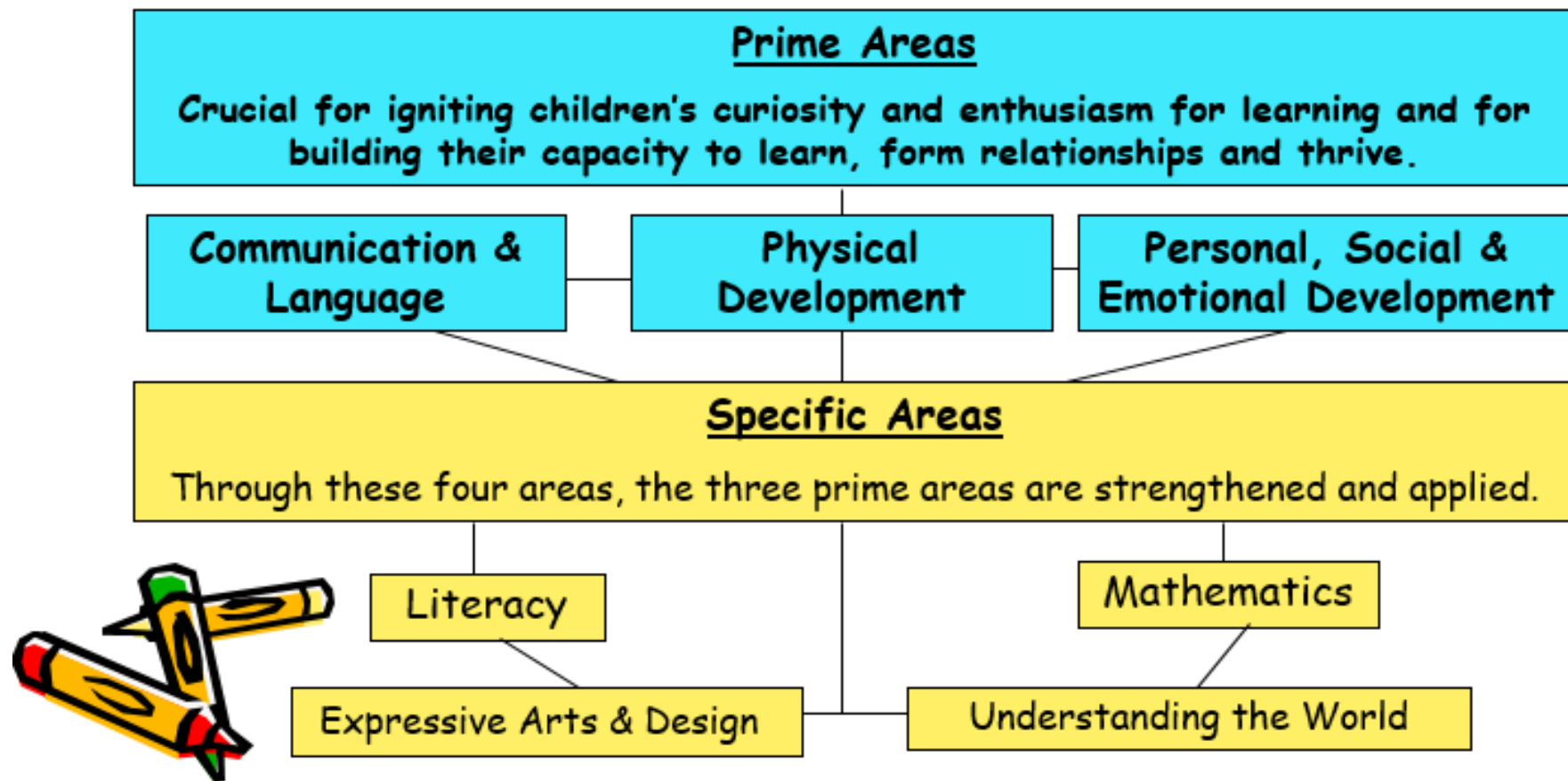
The Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**.





The Foundation Stage Curriculum

The curriculum is organised into seven areas of learning. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.



Monitoring Progress

Children build knowledge and skills across the whole curriculum.

The Early Years curriculum has 7 early learning goals that children work towards achieving.

The Early Learning Goals are what the majority of children are expected to achieve **by the end** of the Foundation Stage year.

At the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage a teacher's assessment will be created to report whether children are emerging or expected within different areas of the curriculum.

The information from these assessments will be shared with parents and the year 1 teacher so we can enable a smooth transition into year 1.



Phonics



- We follow the ‘Little Wandle Revised Letter and Sounds’ programme.
- To support children in learning new phonemes we introduce one new grapheme in a lesson. This enables the children to be introduced to each phoneme individually.
- We will send home materials to support your child and if you want any further information please don't hesitate to ask.
- You will be invited to a Phonics and Early Reading information evening in the Autumn Term.



EYFS Information Pack

There is a EYFS Information Pack for you which contains information about the Foundation Stage, a data collection sheet and general information such as uniform order forms and details of school meals.

If you can post or drop in all completed forms, you will find in the pack, before the end of July it would be appreciated.



The Governing Board



A very warm welcome to you all from the school governors!

In summary the board exists to:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

These are voluntary roles fulfilled by a mix of elected parent governors, foundation governors (appointed by the Diocese) and co-opted governors who are invited to the board.

We are passionate about supporting our children, their families, our staff and the wider community.

There will be an opportunity to apply to join the GB in **Autumn 2023**, if you would like to know more please contact the Chair of Governors, Jo Maitland, at governors@brinkwortheardandys.wilts.sch.uk

You can find out more about us on the school website and we are always contactable at the email address above.

BEDSA - Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association



BEDSA is a registered charity with the main aim of raising money for the school whilst having fun. We are an active and enthusiastic school association who work with the school to organise fun events for the children and families to enjoy. Events have included children's discos, children's film nights, bingo evenings, quiz nights and we also help provide refreshments at school events.

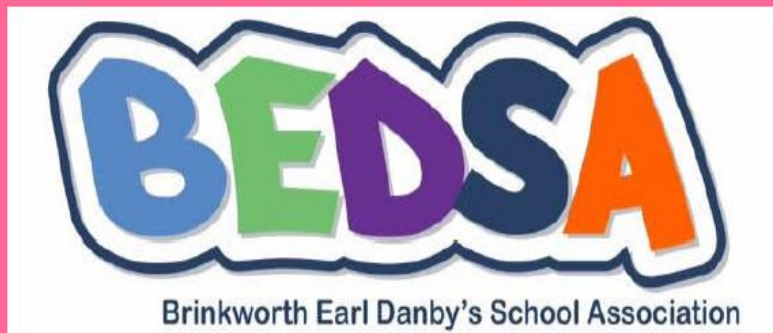
These events have raised money which has enabled the school to purchase resources that they may not ordinarily have been able to. BEDSA also award each class with a budget every year so teachers can purchase resources for their class and we contribute towards school trips which helps to keep down costs for parents.

Make sure you follow us on facebook for news on upcoming events. If you are interested in supporting your child's school through BEDSA come along to our next meeting.

bedsa@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk



10 WAYS TO SUPPORT



Attend BEDSA events and support our fundraising by buying cakes, refreshments, raffle tickets and sponsoring your child

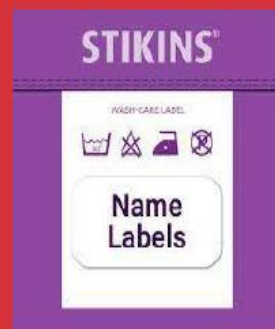


Purchase name labels at www.stikins.co.uk and they'll donate 30% to us!
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Donate preloved uniform through the school office, BEDSA committee members or Brinkworth Bag Lady

Sign up to purchase weekly lottery tickets, boost school funds, win cash prizes
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/





Volunteer your time by helping out at BEDSA events



Donate cakes for sales or items for raffles



Sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk



Each time you shop brands will donate % to BEDSA

Attend the annual AGM meeting to hear about the yearly overview



Follow BEDSA on Facebook to hear all about our events



Join the BEDSA committee and attend termly meetings to offer ideas and help arrange events

Take on an official role on the committee. In September we will need a new secretary.



Terry Jones

PSA (Parent Support Advisor)



This is Terry our PSA. She offers a wide range of support for parents including behaviour and offering advice on family matters.

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Finally...

Please look through your EYFS information pack.

If you have any questions or concerns please do contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School.

