

Welcome to Brierley Forest Primary & Nursery School

Nursery New Starter Meeting
September 2026



Welcome to our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



Staff at Brierley Forest Primary and Nursery School

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Griffith
Headteacher

Mrs Wallis
Deputy
Headteacher

Mrs Smedley
Assistant
Headteacher/
SENDCo

EYFS staff

Miss Hale
(Mrs Jones from September)
EYFS Lead and class
teacher

Mrs Copley
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Lloyd
Teaching Assistant

Mr Day
Teaching Assistant

Class names

Our Nursery children are the Caterpillars.



Times for September - Nursery:



- ✧ Our daily **nursery sessions** will be:
 - ✧ Morning sessions – 8.45am until 11.45am.
 - ✧ Afternoon sessions – 12.30pm until 3.30pm.
 - ✧ We are also pleased to be offering **30 hours** for families who are eligible for this.
- ✧ <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>
- ✧ For our **30-hour children we will be offering the full school day** and timings will be:
 - ✧ 8.45am until 3.15pm.
- ✧ At Brierley Forest Primary and Nursery School we aim to give the children the best possible start to their education and therefore ask you to be on time for every session.

Times for September - Nursery:



- * We are now also able to offer additional paid for sessions if you are not eligible for the 30 hours free funding.
- * These are priced at £20 per session. This tops up the day to our full school day of 8.45-3.15 and includes supervision over dinner.
- * Children would either need to pay for a school dinner or bring their own packed lunch.
- * These are booked through Arbor.

Daily routines

- ✧ At the start of the session, children will be met at the Nursery door by an adult and make their own way into the classroom.
- ✧ This has worked well in supporting children's independence.
- ✧ Of course, if your child needs you to come into the classroom to begin with we will support this.



During the session

- Life in Nursery is busy, productive and fun.
- Throughout the session children take part in activities of their own choosing, activities that are set up by adults and small group activities led by an adult.
- Each day there will be some short carpet sessions which may focus on a variety of different activities e.g. story, number and singing.
- We also have a free-flow environment which allows children to access both indoors and outdoors throughout the session.



End of session routines

- ✳️ At the end of the session, children will then need to be collected from the gate.
- ✳️ Please let us know in advance if it will be someone different collecting your child. Children must be collected by someone over the age of 16 years old and who are known to staff. If it is somebody different collecting your child, we will ask them for the password which you chose when your child started Nursery.

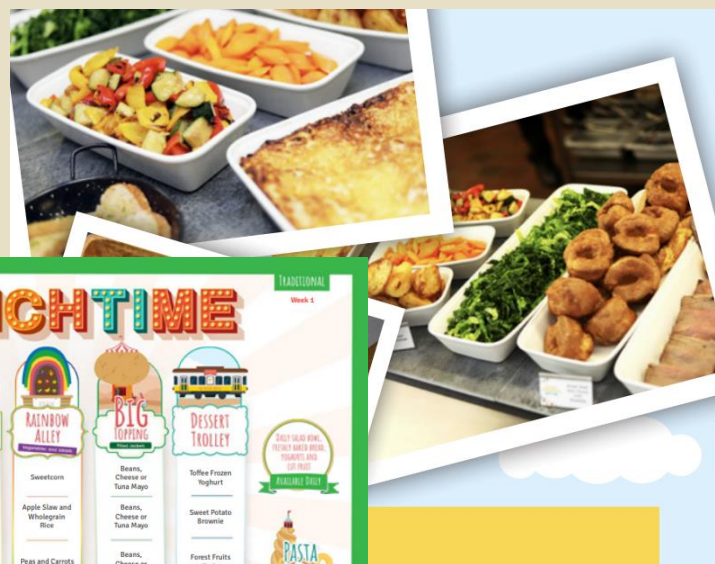


Lunchtime:

- ✳ 30-hour Nursery children are unfortunately not entitled to the Universal Free School Meals and will need to liaise to book meals via Parent Pay or bring a packed-lunch. If you think your child should be entitled to FSM, please contact the office.
- ✳ **If your child has special dietary requirements, please let staff know and complete the relevant paperwork.**

Dinners
are
yummy!

I like pasta
the best!



FOOD FESTIVAL LUNCHTIME					TRADITIONAL Week 1
Autumn Winter 20th-21st 2/10, 2/10, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 14/12, 4/1, 17/1					FAST FORWARD: POTATO SANDWICHES, TOMATOES AND CUP CAKES
MONDAY	MAIN EVENT Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	RAINBOW ALLEY Sweetcorn	BIG TOPPING Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	DESSERT TROLLEY Toffee Frozen Yogurt
TUESDAY	BBQ Cheesy Chicken Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butterbean Ratatouille	Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Sweet Potato Brownie
WEDNESDAY	Lasagne Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	Vegetable Lasagne	Peas and Carrots	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Forest Fruits Jelly Pots
THURSDAY			Green Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cookie Dough Apple Crumble
FRIDAY		Veggie Burger and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits



School uniform

- * Grey/Black skirt, dress, shorts or trousers
- * Blue and white checked summer dress
- * White/Blue polo shirt (with or without a logo)
- * Royal blue jumper or cardigan (with or without the logo)
- * Black school shoes
- * Black/white/grey socks or tights



School uniform with the Brierley Forest logo can be purchased from Sabre Sports, Outram Street, Sutton in Ashfield or via their website:

<https://www.sabresportsproducts.co.uk/product-category/school-wear/our-schools/brierley-forest/>

P.E. kit

- ✧ Black/navy blue shorts/jogging bottoms – no logos.
- ✧ White or blue t-shirt (separate to the school shirt)
- ✧ Black/navy blue jacket or normal school jumper.
- ✧ Slip on or Velcro plimsols/trainers

Our PE Day is currently on a Tuesday.



What to bring to Nursery?

✧ A labelled water bottle



✧ Spare clothes in a bag.



✧ Try to avoid bringing in any of the children's own toys.



What will we provide?

- ✧ A picture book for you to read at home each week.
- ✧ This should be brought to school each week during our reading session.
- ✧ If this is lost, there is a charge to parents.



What will we provide?

- *A login will also be given to the website 'Learning with Parents'. This will give you access to the online reading journal where you can log what you have read with your child.



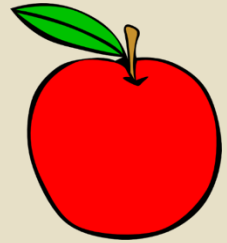
Reading session

- * Every week we have a reading day where families are invited into Nursery to read with their child from:
 - 8.45-9.00 for morning nursery
 - 12.30-12.45 for afternoon nursery.
- * This is also the day where you can swap your child's book.
- * This is currently on a Tuesday.



Drink and snacks

- ✧ In Nursery children are offered a piece of fruit each day as part of the national Fruit Scheme.
- ✧ They also get a free bagel every morning for breakfast when they come into school!
- ✧ Your child will also be entitled to free milk until they are 5 years old – to ensure your child gets this please sign up through the cool milk website.
- ✧ <https://www.coolmilk.com/>
- ✧ The children can access their fruit and milk (or water) whenever they feel hungry/thirsty at our self-service snack area; we encourage them to help themselves throughout the session.



Labels

- ✧ To help the class teachers we do ask that **all** clothing, bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are **clearly labelled with your child's name.**
- ✧ This will help us to return your child's uniform to them should it get misplaced.



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- ✧ The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception Year.
- ✧ It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.



Learning through play

- ✧ Play is an important part of the daily routine in the foundation stage.
- ✧ It is planned for by the early years team and is aimed at developing the children's ability to explore creatively.
- ✧ The play that the children engage in helps to enhance the children's learning as they are continually learning through a wide variety of activities.



Our curriculum

Our curriculum is designed across the whole school. It will provide firsthand learning experiences, whilst allowing the children to build resilience, ambition and integrity.

Every child is valued as a unique individual and we celebrate and welcome differences within our school community. The ability to learn is underpinned by the teaching of basic skills and knowledge.

Our curriculum is based upon weekly themes, high quality texts and the children's interests.

We provide enrichment opportunities to engage learning and believe that experiences of school should be happy and positive, enabling us to develop a lifelong love of learning.

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In the foundation stage, there are 7 areas learning, which we cover throughout the year.

There are 3 Prime Areas:

- ✧ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✧ Communication and Language
- ✧ Physical Development

✧ There are 4 Specific Areas:

- ✧ Literacy
- ✧ Numeracy
- ✧ Understanding the World
- ✧ Expressive Arts and Design



Communication and Language

✧ There is a huge focus on this prime area in the curriculum, as it underpins every area of learning!

✧ **Listening, Attention and Understanding**

✧ **Speaking**



Personal, Social and Emotional development

- ✧ **Self regulation**
- ✧ **Managing self**
- ✧ **Building relationships**



Physical Development

✧ **Gross motor skills**

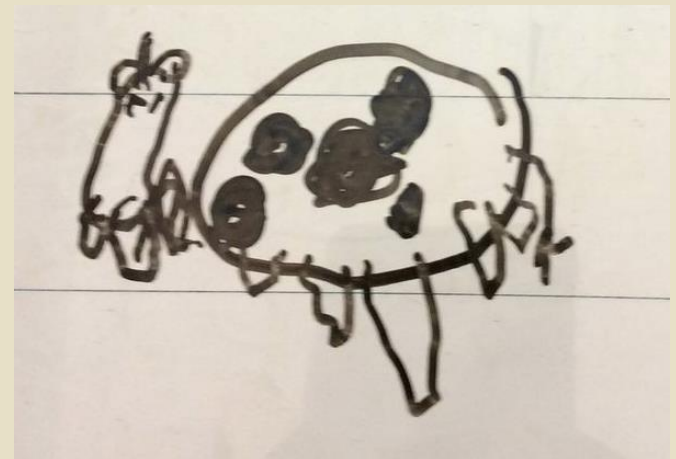
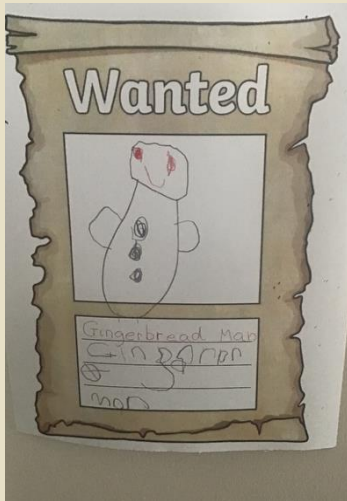
✧ **Fine motor skills**



Literacy:

✧ Reading

✧ Writing/Mark-marking



Mathematics:

- ✧ **Number**
- ✧ **Shape, space and measure**



Understanding the world:

- ✧ **Past and Present**
- ✧ **People, Culture and Communities**
- ✧ **The Natural World**



Expressive arts and design:

✧ Creating with materials

✧ Being imaginative and expressive



We brush our teeth at school!

- We work with the Health service and clean our teeth at school daily.
- All brushes are cleaned daily, and staff are trained and Quality Assured regularly.



School Expectations

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

School Vision and Values

Learn and Grow Together

AT BFPNS, we create a caring family of resilient learners, enabling all individuals to thrive in our community.

Belonging Caring Resilience Integrity

School Expectations – Attendance

If your child is too ill to attend school or is absent for any other reason, please contact the school on the first day of absence as soon as possible.



Forest Schools

- As part of our Nursery through the year, some children will be offered Forest School sessions.
- Our children love this and is a time to explore our natural environment.



End of Year Expectations

- ✧ Responding to simple instructions
- ✧ Understand 'how' and 'why' questions
- ✧ Using a range of tenses
- ✧ Use numbers in play and recognise some numbers.
- ✧ Use tools effectively - including a pencil.
- ✧ Recognise own name and copy some letters from it.
- ✧ Talking about what they see using a wide vocabulary.
- ✧ Independently putting their own coat on and shoes on.

What can you do at home?

- ✧ Talk to your child! Comment on what they are doing and introduce them to new vocabulary. If children use the incorrect word/tense – repeat this back to them correctly.
- ✧ Play games to encourage turn taking, sharing and improve their memory.
- ✧ Time to work on fine motor skills e.g. using play dough, threading etc.
- ✧ Give your child time to explore with lots of different tools including pencils, paint, chinks, scissors etc.
- ✧ Read and enjoy stories with your child and encourage them to join in with repeated refrains e.g. "Run, run as fast as you can"
- ✧ Encourage your child to be independent e.g toileting, putting coat on and doing the zip, taking shoes on/off.
- ✧ Play with your child.

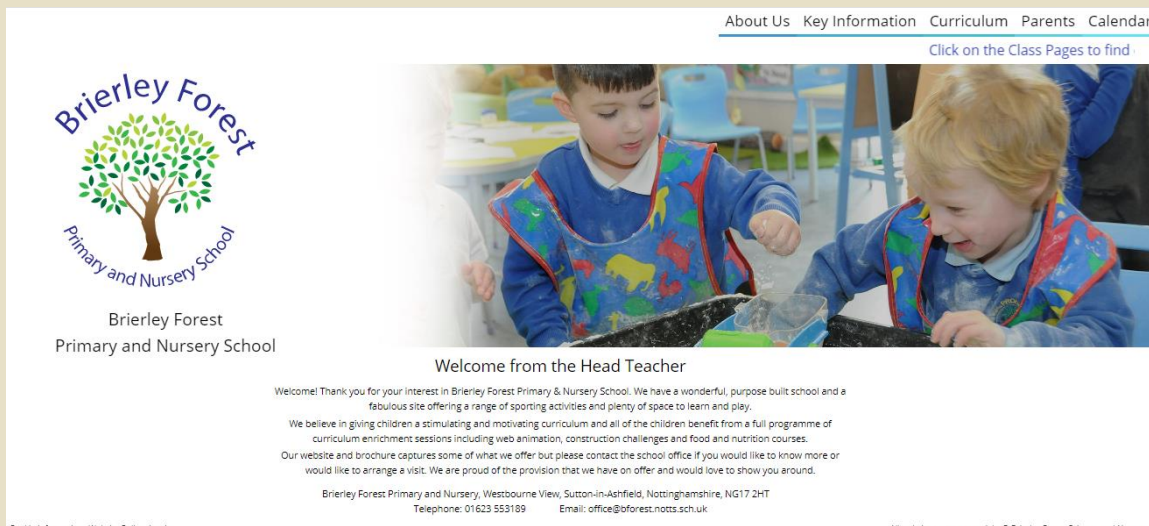
Parent Partnership

- * We always endeavour to strengthen our communication between school and home.
- * We welcome parents to come and talk to us at any time and we strive to keep you updated on your children's learning.
- * We hold parents open sessions in the Autumn and Spring terms for you to come in and join in with your child's learning.
- * This is then followed in the Summer term by an end of year report.



Brierley Forest Primary and Nursery School Website

- ✳ Our school website is kept up to date and is the home to all important information.
- ✳ As part of this we will from time to time put on photographs of the children working.



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

Class Dojo

- ✧ We use class dojo in each of the classes.
- ✧ This is a place where teachers share information and pictures about what the children are getting up to at school. Both in individual classrooms and as a whole school.
- ✧ You will see the dojos children receive in school.
- ✧ You will also be able to directly message your child's class teacher.
- ✧ You will also be welcome to share some of the amazing things which your children are getting up to at home in their own portfolio.



ClassDojo

Class Dojo

Each session the children are in Nursery they get the opportunity to earn a dojo for following our school expectations.

If children get their 5 dojos by the end of the week, they will then receive a reward time.

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Transition into Nursery

- As part of the transition into Nursery children will be offered transition sessions. These will offer the children a chance to explore their new environment and meet the staff who will be working with.
- This will take place on:

Tuesday 14th July 2026 – Either from 10-11 or 1.30-2.30.

We ask that families stay for this session.

Wednesday 15th July 2026 - For a half day session according to their allocated session.

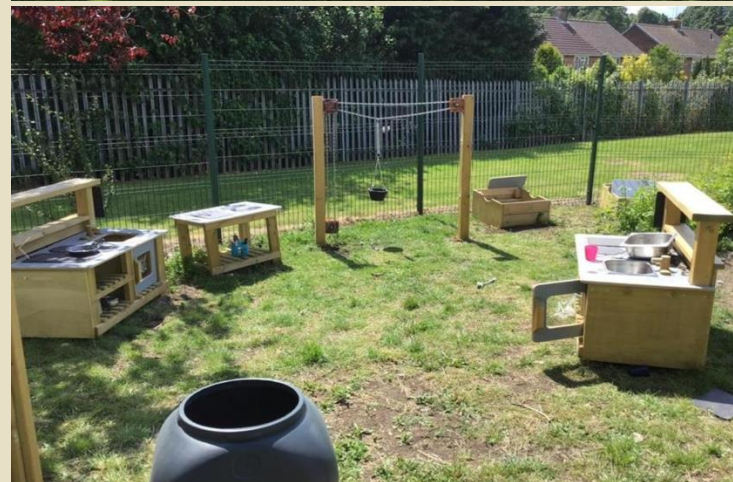
If children are settled, we are happy for you to leave them for this session.

Your child's first official day with us will be

Thursday 3rd September 2026.

- We have found that if children start for the full session straight away, it takes them a lot less time to settle.
- If your child does not settle straight away, we can discuss building the time up they spend in Nursery and an extended transition period.

We are very lucky to have a brand new EYFS building both inside and outside.



Any Questions?

Please feel free to contact the school
office on 01623 553189 or
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