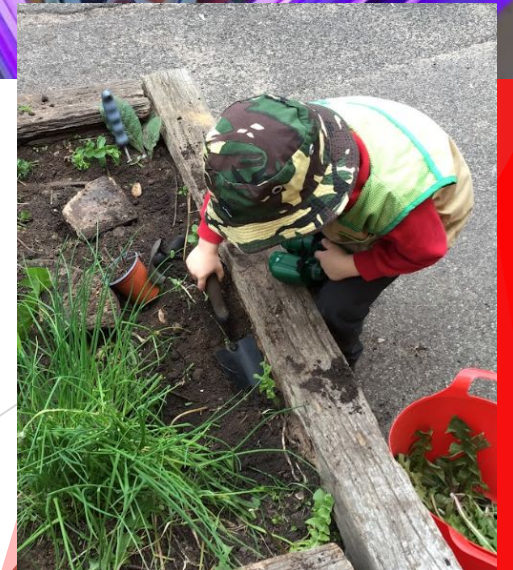
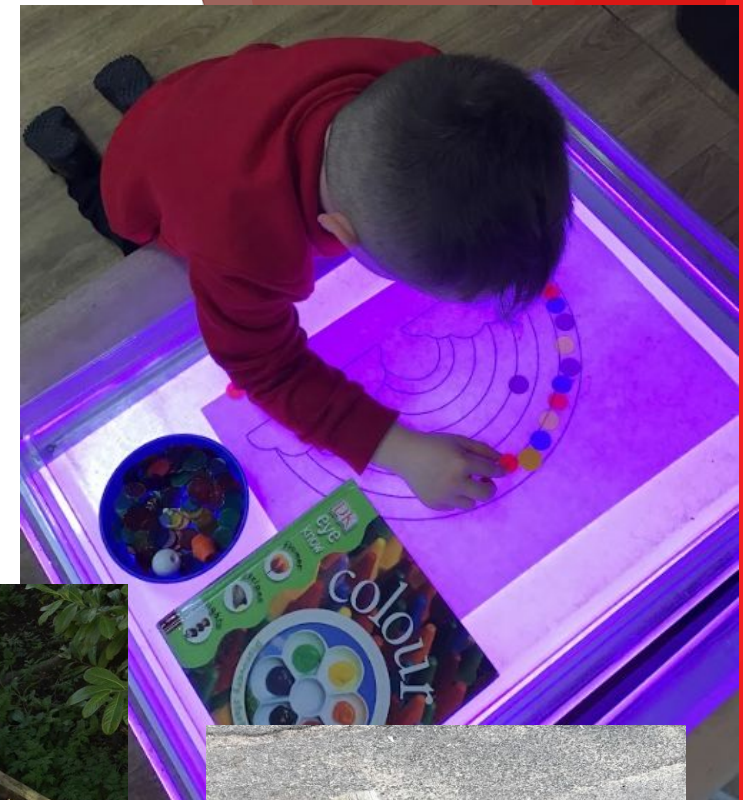


The following slides were delivered at our 'New Starters Parents Information session' in July 2025 for those starting at our school in September 2025. If you have any queries or questions please contact the school:

hello@dringhouses.co.uk

Please note that some images may have been removed.



Welcome

Our Staff - Senior Leadership



Mrs Claire Scott-South
Co-Headteacher



Miss Mary-Kate Swiers
Co-Headteacher



Mrs Sarah Murray
Co-Head (Maternity Cover)
SENCo



Mr Paul Laycock
Head Mentor

Our Staff - Class teachers



Mrs Sarah Davis
Class 1 teacher
Monday - Tuesday



Mrs Lizi Backhouse
Class 1 teacher
Wednesday - Friday



Mrs Debbie Aitchison
Class 2 teacher
Monday - Friday

Our Staff

Reception Teaching Assistants and Office Staff



Miss Hattersley



Mrs Simmons



Mr White



Mrs Wragg



Mrs Claire Humphries
School Business Manager



**Miss Vikki
Beverley**
Admin Assistant



Mrs Laura Chilton
Admin Assistant

Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

The EYFS curriculum is split into *Prime* and *Specific* areas. The prime areas are important because they lay the foundations for children's success in all other areas of learning and of life. The specific areas provide the range of experiences and opportunities for children to broaden their knowledge and skills:

Prime Areas of Learning	Specific Areas of Learning
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Literacy
Communication and Language	Mathematics
Physical Development	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design

Early Years Foundation Stage Framework 2021

At the end of the Reception year, pupils are benchmarked against the Early Learning Goals for each area.

Attainment is described as either:

- **emerging** (working towards the expected level)
- **expected** (working at the expected level)

These are reported to parents in the end-of-year written report. We will give you regular updates on how your child is doing throughout the year.



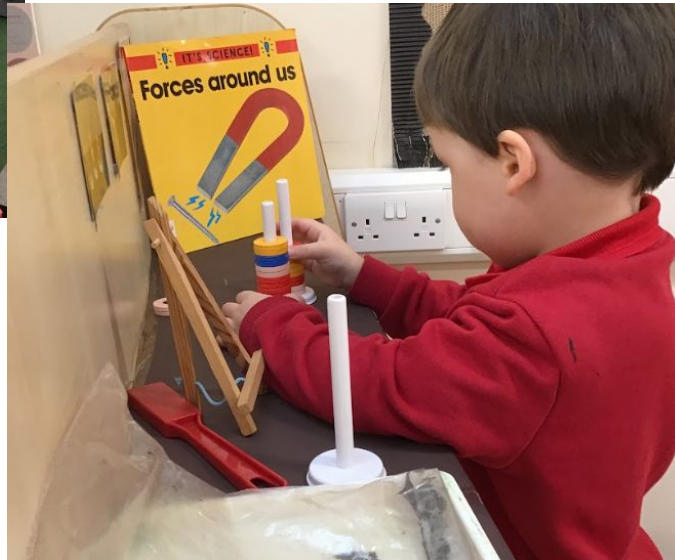
How we learn in Reception

The children will have lots of opportunities to explore, play and learn with their friends both inside and outside.

Some of these opportunities are adult led and some are child initiated.



We love to play and learn in Reception!



Outdoor Learning

- ▶ Children will have regular Outdoor Learning sessions (previously known as Forest School). These sessions take place in all weathers and are a great way for children to explore and learn about the natural world and the different seasons.
- ▶ Children need waterproof trousers and wellies in school at all times. These items **must be named**.
- ▶ Children will change into their Outdoor Learning clothes with the support of the adults.



Cooking/baking

- ▶ Children in Reception have opportunities to cook or bake. These sessions support children in the development of their communication and language, physical and mathematical skills.
- ▶ Children will further their understanding of a healthy and varied diet as well as where food comes from. Where possible we link it to cultural celebrations that we are learning about in the classroom.



PE

- ▶ Children will have a weekly PE session and will need to wear a plain white t shirt, plain black hoodie, plain black jogging bottoms or plain black shorts and trainers.
- ▶ Children come to school dressed in their PE kit on the day that they have PE. In September we will notify you of the day.
- ▶ All PE kit **must be named**.



Reading and Phonics in Early Years

Books play a HUGE part in our Early Years provision and curriculum.

We have a daily phonics session and follow the 'Success for All' Phonics scheme.

Children will bring home a reading book and we ask that you read daily **and** write this in their yellow Reading Record book

We work towards reading certificates on a half-termly basis.

We will also visit the school library weekly.



Year 6 Buddies

Every child has a year 6 buddy.

Buddies listen to the children read weekly.

They offer support and are another familiar face around the school.



School Uniform

- ▶ Red jumper or cardigan
- ▶ White or red polo shirt/shirt
- ▶ Black or grey trousers
- ▶ Black or grey skirt
- ▶ Black or grey pinafore dress
- ▶ Red and white checked summer dress
- ▶ Black school shoes/smart trainers (Please consider the fastening!)

Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

If you wish to purchase branded school uniform you can visit <https://www.getbrandedworkwear.co.uk>



Organising our things

- ▶ Each child will receive a school book bag. The children will not need an additional rucksack.
- ▶ They will have a named locker in the classroom to put their book bags and coats in.
- ▶ Please ensure that your child's coat has their name in it.
- ▶ When you arrive to drop your child off, please encourage your child to drop their reading record, book and water bottle into the correct box on the trolley. This helps to build independence.
- ▶ The trolley will be in the playground every morning.



Stay and Play

On **Wednesday 2nd July** we would love for you and your child to come and visit our classroom for a stay and play for one of the following sessions:

10:00 -11:00 am

or

1:30pm-2:30pm

Please come to the school office to sign in, you will then be shown down the EYFS classrooms.



Transition arrangements for September

Monday 1st September	Teacher Training Day (school closed for pupils)
Tuesday 2nd September	Transition Morning for Group A (8:45am-11:30)
Wednesday 3rd September	Transition Morning for Group B (8:45am-11:30)
Thursday 4th September	Transition Morning for Group C (8:45am-11:30)
Friday 5th September	All children - 8:35am – 11:15 when a parent/carer can join us for lunch.

The transition sessions on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th will run from **8:45am-11:30**. Children will need to wear their school uniform for this transition session.

On Friday 5th, we ask that parents say goodbye to their child at 8:35am at the door and that children come into school independently. We invite **one parent/carer** to return at 11:15am to join their child for lunch in the hall. After your child has finished eating, you can go home.

From Monday 8th September, all children will be in for the whole school day from 8:35-3:10.

Lunchtime – hot dinners

- ▶ Currently all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) are universally entitled to free school meals. This entitlement for all stops after Year 2. All meals are cooked on the premises and there is always more than one option. If you wish to find out more about school dinners, please follow the link to the page on our school website

<https://www.dringhouses.york.sch.uk/school-meals/>

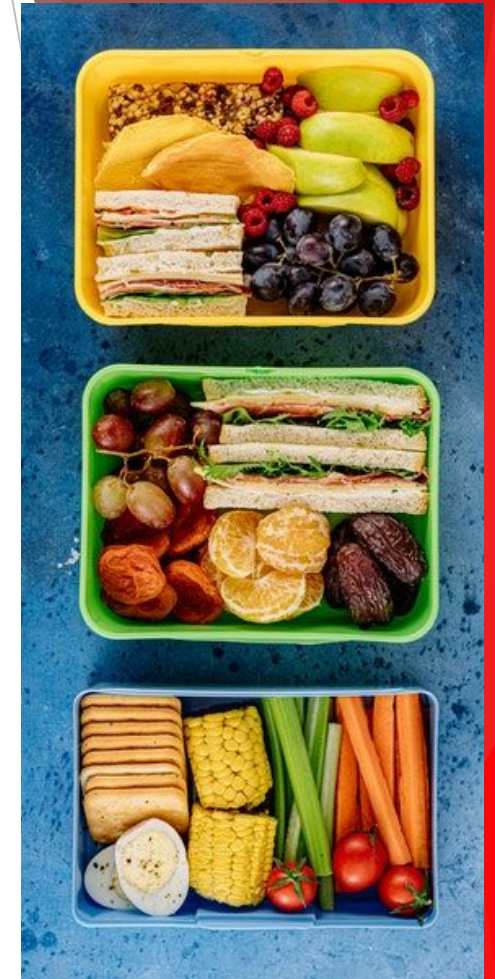
Meals are ordered through Parent Pay. Accounts will be set up prior to when your child will have their first school lunch.

Once your account is set up you will need to choose your child's lunches for each week. Meals must be ordered a week before they're required.



Lunchtime – packed lunches

- ▶ Children can bring a packed lunch instead of having a hot dinner.
- ▶ They should be in a secure lunchbox, clearly labelled with your child's name, and we strongly encourage healthy, balanced packed lunches including no fizzy drinks.
- ▶ We are a nut-free school due to the risk of severe allergic reactions.



Communication with school

- ▶ Over the summer the school is changing the way it communicate with parents to Arbor.
- ▶ You will receive details in September if not before. You should be able to activate your account when your child starts in September.

If you wish to contact school over the summer you can do so via email at hello@dringhouses.co.uk

Through the app you can inform us if your child will be absent from school because of illness. You can also send a message to the EYFS staff using Tapestry.

Alternatively you can ring the school office on 01904 553940. Where possible, please inform us by 9:30am.

Tapestry

- ▶ We use Tapestry to share photos, information and the children's learning.
- ▶ All parents will be sent an activation email, that links you to your child, upon completion of the paperwork which you can find in your child's red book bag.
- ▶ You can also share any learning or successes from home with us too!
- ▶ We recommend that you download the app.



Supporting your child to be school ready



Dringhouses Out of School Club

- ▶ Dringhouses Out of School club is run by York Childcare Trust.
- ▶ Breakfast Club 7.30 - 9:00
- ▶ After School 3.15 - 6.00
- ▶ Holiday Club



Tel: 07704069078

<http://www.yorkchildcare.co.uk/school-clubs/dringhouses-out-of-school-club/>

Friends of Dringhouses (FODS)



- ▶ Friends of Dringhouses Primary school is the name of our PTA (parent teacher association)
- ▶ Fundraising events for the benefit of all children in school.
- ▶ Anyone can join FODS!
- ▶ More information on FODS can be found on the school website. The committee can be contacted via their email address: friends@dringhouses.co.uk or approached in person at school.



Governors

- ▶ Our Governing body plays a crucial role in the work that we do at Dringhouses Primary School.
- ▶ If you wish to be a governor at Dringhouses Primary School then please speak to members of our Governing body or learn more through our school website.

<https://dringhousesprimary.org/our-governors/>

Any Questions?

Welcome to our community!

