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WELCOME TO Curwen Primary School

Reception 2026-2027

Curwen's achievements

- rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2009 and 2023
- Mr Harris (our Executive Head Teacher) was awarded 'Head Teacher of the Year' in the TES Awards in 2015
- consistently in top 10% of the country for progress of pupils by the end of KS2
- Geography Gold Hub School, Flagship Inclusion School, Platinum School Sports

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However at Curwen, we aren't just about results, data and academic achievement.

Over the next seven years, we will also work with your child to…

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- have new experiences
- develop friendships
- understand different viewpoints
- develop new skills

and most importantly . . .

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Enjoy their learning through having fun!

We ask for two things in return:

1) You bring your child to school; everyday and on time.

2) You work with us to support your child; please come and discuss any concerns with us.

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WELCOME TO Reception

Parent meeting for children starting Reception September 2026

Are we going on any trips?

What are we learning about this year?

Where is my classroom?

What is the name of your teacher?

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Today we will…

- Introduce staff
- Find out class and teacher
- Start dates for school in September
- Arrival and Dismissal at school
- Uniform
- Communication at Curwen
- How you can support your child in getting ready for school
- What next?

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Curwen's Team

Mr. Harris is the Executive Head Teacher, and works across the Tapscott Learning Trust.

Mrs. Mansfield is the Head of School.

Deputy Head Teacher: Ms. White

We have 6 Assistant Head Teachers at Curwen.

SENCo Ms. Miles

Designated Safeguarding Lead Ms. Sandhu

Assistant head teacher for each phase.

EYFS Ms. Sawyer

KS1 Mr. Potter

Lower KS2 Mr. North KS2 Mr. Smale

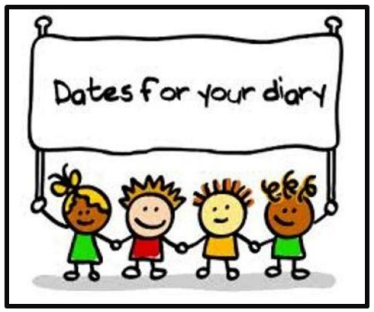
Reception classes

3 Reception classes- 30 children

RM- Mrs. Miah

RMB- Miss. Mbaye

RJ- Mrs. Jimenez

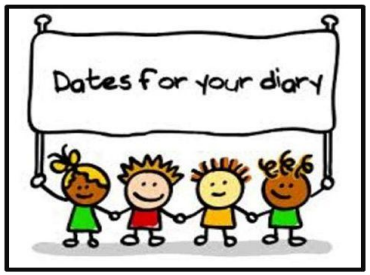


September 2026

Start dates

Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Monday 7th,- All children will complete half day either AM or PM. This is stated on your pack.

From Tuesday 8th September– all children will start full days. Some children may continue on a staggered transition to support their well being. This will be discussed and advised on an individual basis.



Transition days- Week 1

Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Monday 7th,-

AM 08:45-11:45

- Enter via any school gate
- Pick up ONLY Nursery Gate Victoria Road

PM 12:15-3:15

- Enter ONLY Nursery Gate Victoria Road
- Pick up via any school gate

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Arriving at School

We are having soft openings and closings to minimise the number of people in the playground and allow enough time for all children to get into school on time.

The school gates open at 08:35, the classroom doors will open at **8.45** am and close at **8.55** am everyday, any children who are late should wait with a parent/carer outside the main office until your child/ren can be escorted to their class.

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Collecting your child

The school gates open at 3:10pm. You can collect your children from their classroom between **3:15-3:20pm**. After this time, you are late. The playground gates will be closed at **3:20pm**.

If your child is collected after 3:30pm you maybe charged a late fee.

PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE AS SOON AS YOU KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE LATE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD TO AVOID BEING FINED.

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Collecting your child – safety at the classroom door

Please be patient with teachers and staff whilst we get to know your faces at the end of the day.

We want to make sure that the children are sent home safely, so please be patient. The teacher may be speaking to a parent, so it may take a minute or 2 to dismiss your child.

Please stand back from the yellow arches to give children space to come out of the classrooms.

PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE IF SOMEONE DIFFERENT IS COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF THE DAY

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Pre order on school money

Uniform

- **Dark Grey or Navy** skirt, pinafore dress, tailored trousers, or tailored shorts
- **NO** leggings, joggers, jeggings or jeans & **White**, **Black** or **Grey** socks/tights
- **Navy Blue** jumper or cardigan (**NO** hoodies or branded jumpers or P.E. t-shirts)

Curwen logo jumpers, cardigans and fleeces can be bought at the school office

- **White** shirt (long or short sleeve) or **White** polo shirt
- **Blue** Summer Dress
- **Hairbands/bobbles -** Plain **blue**, **black** or **white** not too big

Footwear: Shoes or trainers- **NO** open-toed sandals or Heelys
Wellies can be worn but pupils must change into their shoes when inside the school

Any Hijabs- **NO pins:** White, Navy or Black

P.E. KIT **Curwen Blue P.E. t-shirt** -Sold at the school
Black joggers, leggings or shorts **Footwear**-comfortable trainers

Jewellery - Only stud earrings and a watch ***Pupils will be asked to remove any unsuitable jewellery or hair dressings. The school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of these items as a result of this.*** **NO** make-up, nail polish or false nails

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Uniform & Clothing

- Uniform and jewellery
  - Name in **every** item of clothing
  - Small, stud earrings only
  - Hair bands must be plain and in school colours only
  - Sensible shoes
- PE Kit (days to be confirmed)
  - The children will be changing in school, we advise to bring this in on a Monday and will go home on a Friday
  - This will start week beginning 5th October 2026
  - Name in **every** item of clothing, including vests
- Lost Property
  - Please encourage your child to put their jumpers/cardigans in their trays or school bags if they take them off
  - All lost property is disposed of at the end of every half term
  - Parents/carers are not permitted in the building to look for lost items

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What to bring in to school?

- Book bag
- Water bottle- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle (with water!) each day
- This should be labelled with your child's name and class
- P.E kit (every Monday)

Reception Classrooms

Toilets

Dinner Hall- Lunch time

- We encourage children to have school dinners
- The children make their own lunch choice
- Please talk to your child about the lunch choices which are available
- Follow the link to the website to view the menu:

https://www.curwen.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Lunches&pid=21

We stay with the children and support them during this time.

- We encourage the children to feed themselves and try the food
- If your child/ren do not eat your class teacher will let you know
- The children will also have an afternoon snack

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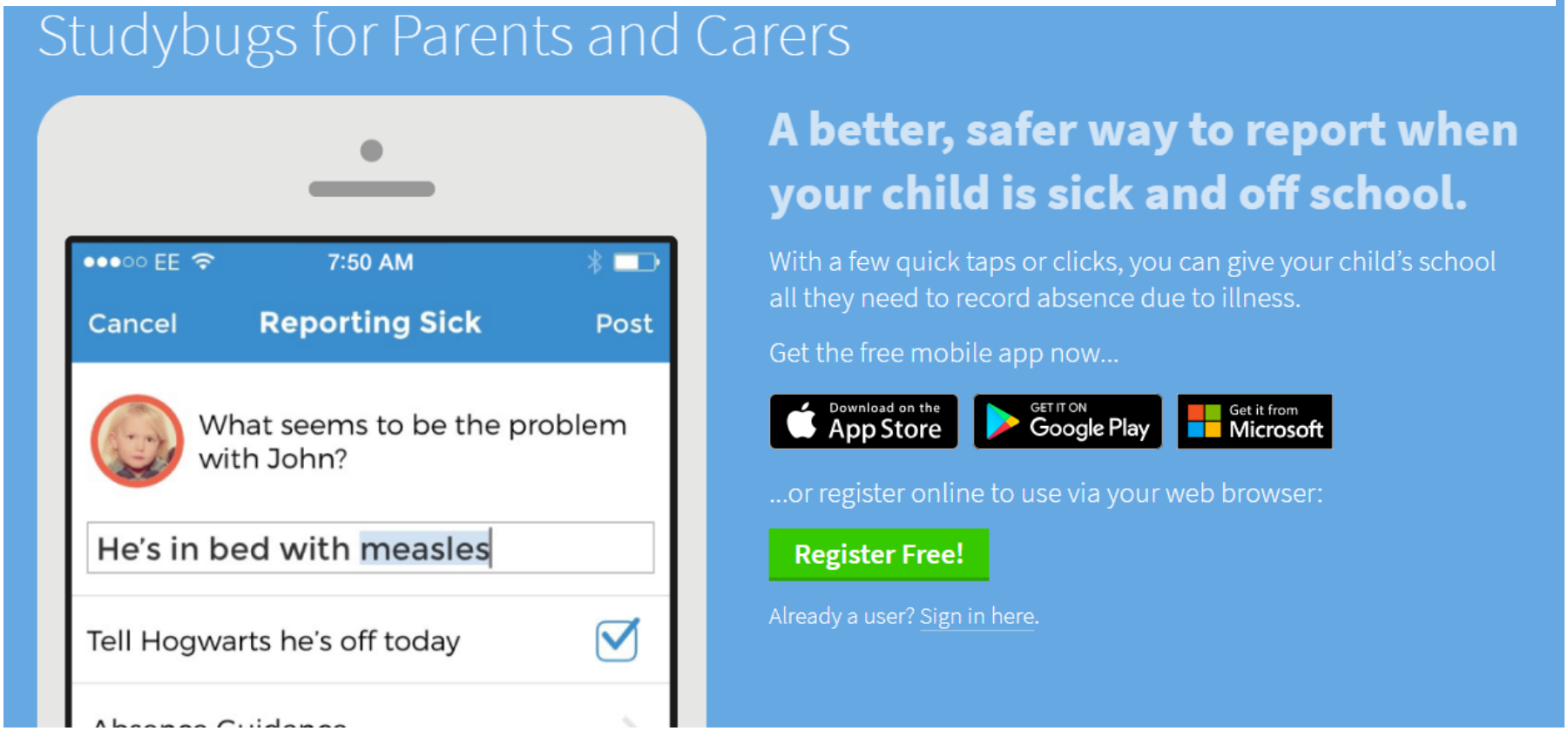
Report absences through our app…



…and get useful school info straight to your phone!

If your child is reported absent and we have not heard from you our attendance officer will be conducting home visits

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Money

We are a cash free school.

ALL payments should be made online through 'School Money' (including uniform)

Please ensure you keep your online receipts for your records.

Class teachers have been instructed not to take cash or cheques. The only exception to this is charity donations.

If you need any help setting this up then please speak to office staff.

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Medical Conditions

Please ensure that all medical details are up-to-date – if anything changes, please let us know **immediately** by speaking to the **office**.

All children with asthma should have an asthma pump permanently in class (make a note expiry date so you know when to contact your GP). If they require any other prescribed medication, then please bring this to the office ONLY.

DO NOT GIVE ANY MEDICATION OR ASTHMA PUMPS TO CLASS TEACHERS OR SEND IT IN YOUR CHILD'S BAG

Throughout the year we will be contacting parents to update care plans. This is a legal requirement to ensure pupils are safe in school.

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Before school care

Breakfast club runs from 7:45 AM up until 8:30 AM every day, providing children with a great jumpstart to the day for a charge of £1.20 a day. This includes a choice a breakfast.

At breakfast club, children can choose from cereal, toast with jam, and fruit.

THIS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO RECEPTION UNTIL WEEK COMMENCING 21st SEPTEMBER.

Please ensure you speak to your class teacher if you will require this.

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After school childcare provision

After school we have a **6 o'clock club**. This runs Monday to Friday and is open to anyone.

The cost is **£13 per day** and children are supervised by members of school staff.

This club is flexible - some children stay all week but others only stay on certain days but this must be booked in advance.

Please speak to a member of the office staff if you would like more information about **6 o'clock club**.

THIS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO RECEPTION UNTIL WEEK COMMENCING 23rd SEPTEMBER.

Please ensure you speak to your class teacher if you will require this.

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Reception have 7 areas of learning which we focus on in our learning.

What is our weekly timetable?

Children will be based in their classes with their class teachers and support staff.

The children will have an opportunity for outdoor learning throughout the day.

The children will engage in a range of activities based around the 7 areas of learning.

We focus on the prime areas initially with aspects of the specific areas.

Prime Areas

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Physical Development
3. Communication and Language

Specific Areas

4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Art and Design

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How can you support your child's learning?

- **Make sure they come to school every day**
- Build their independence and self-confidence
- Support your child with their homework
- Water bottle
- Bring their P.E. KIT to school every Monday
- Use BUG Club (logins to be provided in September)
- Read the information on the homework
- Talking about their experiences at school
- Communicate with staff

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How to find out what's going on…

- School newsletter (sent via App/paper copies from office)
- Studybugs
- 'What we are learning' leaflet (termly)
- Check your child's school bag for letters
- Window notices
- Notice boards
- Speaking to staff before and after school
- Telephone/visit the school office

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Keeping in touch…

Please download Studybugs and check our weekly newsletter (online).

Members of school staff are on duty before and after school every day.

Coffee mornings for parents, open sessions and workshops. Keep checking the newsletter/studybugs for more information.

Contact the office to arrange conversations with class teachers via phone if needed. You will be called back when the teacher is not teaching.

New to Curwen stay and play sessions

Monday 15th June - 09:15-10:15

Monday 22nd June - 09:15-10:15

Thursday 25th June - Twilight 4-5pm

Monday 29th June - 09:15-10:15

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And finally…

Thank you all for attending!

With your support, we hope that Reception will be a memorable and successful year for our children.

If ever, you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything regarding your child, please don't hesitate to ask.

If you contact the office, they will gladly arrange an appointment by phone.

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Any questions?