



Prospectus 2023

'Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.'



**Reckleford Infant School and Nursery
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Welcome

October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to Reckleford Infant and Nursery School! I am proud to be Headteacher of our small and successful school on the East side of Yeovil, offering places to children from the age of 2 to 7 years. We have a large Nursery for children aged 2 – 4 years as well as three classes; Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

We offer a safe and happy environment where every child is valued, their strengths celebrated and their needs understood and supported. Our most recent Ofsted inspection was June 2023 and we were very pleased to be rated Good in all areas. Inspectors recognised that “pupils enjoy attending Reckleford Infant School and Nursery” and “Relationships between staff and pupils are strong. These are rooted in the school’s ethos, based on values which include respect and fairness.”

We ensure that families feel welcome and are very much a part of their child’s education. We want every child to be excited by their learning success and proud of their progress. Our aim is to begin every child’s life-long love of learning both inside and outside of the classroom and our highly skilled and experienced staff work hard every day to inspire, challenge and have fun with all our children.

Our Rainbow Room Nursery is led by a qualified teacher and team of nursery nurses. Rainbow Room gives every child a fantastic start in developing the crucial skills and understanding for life.

We are proud to be a UNICEF Rights and Respecting Gold School. We teach every child the importance of their rights and those of every child around the World. We encourage their thinking as global citizens and how they can make a difference to their community.

At Reckleford, we ensure children of all abilities make good progress from their starting points. Our expectations of every child are high in terms of academic attainment, behaviour and being a positive member of our community.

If you would like to visit our school and find out what makes us special, please contact the school office on 01935 475938 or office@recklefordschool.co.uk

I look forward to meeting you.
Kind regards,

Jo Greathead
Headteacher



School Aims

'Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.'

Article 3 'Providing the best for every child' UN Convention Rights of a Child



At Reckleford Infant School and Nursery we promote a caring, happy and safe community for children, staff and parents, and deliver an inspiring and challenging curriculum. We are a UNICEF Gold 'Rights and Respecting School', embedding the rights and responsibilities all children have to be safe, cared for and valued (UN Convention). We provide quality education for every child.

- We know and value our differences
- We respect each other and ourselves
- We treat each other with dignity
- We understand that we are all important
- We know our voices will be heard
- We achieve a healthy and active lifestyle
- We make the best start for the future



Reckleford Infant School and Nursery builds learning confidence and enquiring minds. Our curriculum is designed to enable children to begin a life-long love of learning through acquiring knowledge and skills across every subject.

Our skilled team work hard to ensure that children make excellent progress whilst supporting parents to help their children in this early stage of education. The basis for all our topics is to build aspiration for the future of all our children.

At Reckleford we have designed a curriculum which provides daily opportunities to develop Literacy and Maths skills and maximise every child's potential to progress. Our curriculum covers all the statutory requirements of the Early Years Framework and Key Stage One curriculum, offering exciting learning which covers a wide range of stimulating opportunities to develop their basic skills, knowledge and understanding of the world.

We encourage every child to develop their particular strengths and the opportunity to express themselves, share ideas, explore and ask questions.





Our School Staff and Classes

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs J Greathead

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO): Mrs J Foster

Senior teacher and Deputy DSL: Mrs C Pincott

Business Manager: Siobhan Parsons

| | Nursery | Reception | Year One | Year Two |
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| |  |  |  |  |
| Class name | Rainbow Room | Squirrels | Hedgehogs | Badgers |
| Teacher/s | Mrs A Elliott | Mrs C Pincott / Mrs J Greathead | Miss E Lomas | Mrs Mitchell / Mrs Foster |
| Support staff | Mrs L Congdon Mrs S Cooper Miss H James Miss J Hughes Mrs J Linscott | Mrs S Batson Mrs C Goodland | Mrs L Collins Mrs G Norman Mrs S Wellman | Mrs L Collins Mrs J James Mrs G Norman Miss S Taylor |

Lunchtime supervisors: Mrs L Congdon, Mrs L Collins, Mrs E Rogers, Miss S Taylor

Parent Family Support Advisor: Mary Cooper

Site staff: Mr Clifton

The School Day – September 2023

School

8.40-8.50am drop off
8.50am register taken
10.30am morning break
12-1pm lunch
3.05-3.10pm pick up

Nursery

9-12pm Morning session
12-3pm Afternoon session

NB: These times may change for September 2024 due to the DfE expectation of a 6.5 hour school day.

After School Clubs

Starting in January 2024, working with local community groups, we will be offering after school clubs each day until 4.15pm. Included in this offer will be dance, performing arts, rugby, multi-sports and more. Parents will need to book into these clubs and pay in advance. Children entitled to Pupil Premium will receive a discount.



We are currently exploring options for breakfast club provision as demand is increasing. Watch this space!

Parents as Partners



Your child's time at school is an exciting and fun-filled time! We value and encourage parental input to help us to further understand and consider each child's current interests, development and learning and find out what the child's interests are at home. Both our Nursery and Reception staff complete home visits to our new children each year. This helps us to plan more effectively for the individual child's needs. In Year One and Year Two, the teachers hold welcome meetings in September so you can meet the teacher and find out about their new class.

During the year parents/carers are invited into school for special events such as our weekly celebration assembly, Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations. Families are also invited to take part in learning activities such as Reception phonics mornings or World Food Day tasting.

We hold Parent Teacher Meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms for you to find out how your child has settled in school and nursery, what they are doing well and what their next steps for learning might be. A written report is provided to families in the Summer term, with an optional meeting if required. We want families to continually be part of their child's progress and we encourage parents/carers to talk with us and share each child's successes. For example, awards and certificates earned out of school can be celebrated with the whole school in assembly.

We have comprehensive school website www.reckleford.somerset.sch.uk which can provide you with a wealth of information about our school. The letters and newsletter page is regularly updated throughout the year. New for 2023 is our school Facebook page www.facebook.com/RecklefordInfant which enables us to share achievements and news with the wider community, as well as sending reminders and updates to families.

We ask that all parents/carers sign up to our Home School Agreement each Autumn Term. This outlines how the school and families will support each child to be the best they can, both academically and socially. We have high expectations of behaviour from all of our children and ask that parents sign this agreement to support us with maintaining these standards.

To further support children's learning, and to reinforce activities completed in school, we ask all children from Reception to Year 2 to complete weekly homework activities such as: daily reading, phonics activities, maths activities, Oxford Owl e-book library, spelling and/or sometimes a longer topic project. Showing an interest in your child's learning at school can give them real motivation to progress and succeed.

Parents/carers and wider families are also invited to be part of our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) supporting us with events, fundraising and ensuring the children have as many extra-curricular opportunities as possible.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

“The curriculum for personal development is a strength of the school.” (Ofsted 2023). We are a UNICEF Gold ‘Rights and Respecting School’, embedding the rights and responsibilities all children have to be safe, cared for and valued (UN Convention). Our behaviour policy has a ‘relationships first’ approach, ensuring that all adults prioritise building positive relationships with the children so they feel safe and secure. A ‘connect before correct’ approach is used to address negative behaviour. Children feel safe and know that if they have any worries, a trusted adult will help them.

Children's successes are celebrated each week in assembly, to which parents are invited. Awards gained outside of school can be shared in this assembly. Rainbow reading awards are presented to children who regularly read at home and Ambassador badges are given when they have completed the rainbow.

We work in partnership with the Ernest Cooke Trust to facilitate outdoor learning visits to Gore Farm, in Trent, each term. Our Reception class have just started a weekly welly walk in our wildlife garden each week to explore the outside world. Other classes visit the garden throughout the year to support curriculum learning.



Governing Body

October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reckleford Infant School and Nursery!

I trust that you will find this prospectus informative and that it will give you an appreciation of our school here at Reckleford. Please also look at our website to see what makes Reckleford Infant School and Nursery so special and how much it has to offer pupils, not just academically but creatively, physically and socially too. I hope this will enable you to make an informed decision with regards to your child's first years of education.

Happy, inspired and motivated children are vital to the success of any school. We believe that our school provides a fun, caring and safe environment for your children to start developing and learning, to provide the best possible educational outcomes for your child and to encourage your child to achieve their full potential.

The Governing Body take pride in all of the achievements of the school, from winning 'Gold' and 'Overall Winner' in the Yeovil in Bloom School Garden category for Squirrel's classroom garden, to being a UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting school. We want every child to get the most from their time spent at Reckleford. We have a team of dedicated staff who work to ensure that all children achieve their best, to enable all of the children to experience a diverse and challenging curriculum and by the school continually striving to improve the standard of education offered and have an inspired life long love of learning.

We are all very proud of our school here at Reckleford and look forward to welcoming you and your children. If you would like to contact the Governing Body or the school, this can be done via the clerk/School Office at our school.

With very best wishes,

Tony Hind
Chair of Governors

Admissions

The Planned Admissions Number (PAN) for the school is 28 in each class. The Nursery has places for 74 children.

Somerset Council is the admission authority for our school. Applications for places to start school each September must be made directly to Somerset Council through their website (see below). The closing date for applications is 15 January 2024. Places are then allocated in accordance with the County's published arrangements and parents will receive an email with the outcome of the application on 16 April 2024.

Applications for a school place during the school year, or for a place in the Nursery can be made directly to the school by contacting the main office on 01935 475938 or office@recklefordschool.co.uk

When your child is in Year 2, you will then need to apply in the same way for them to move to a Junior School; our nearest are St Michael's' Academy, St Gilda's Primary and Milford Junior School. Applications open in September using the website below and close on 15 January 2024.

Useful contacts for Admissions:

Apply for a September school place - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/>

School Admission Guide - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/primary-admissions-guide/>

Applying for a place at Junior School - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-junior-or-middle-school/>

Any further questions...

Should you have any further questions, or wish to make an appointment to meet the Headteacher for a tour, please feel free to contact the school office on 01934 475938 or office@recklefordschool.co.uk

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