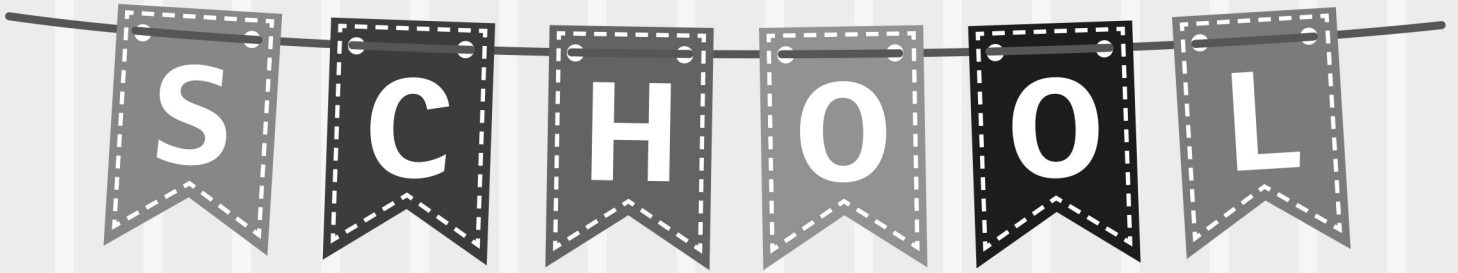


# Getting Ready for



## Over the summer

- Find a bedtime book about starting school to read to your child. (Visit Oxford Owl for our recommendations)
- Go on a shape hunt to start developing early maths skills
- Check that your child can recognise their name when it's written down
- Make sure your child can go to the loo and wash their hands independently
- Establish a school-friendly bedtime routine
- Encourage socialising with other children at the park or with friends

## The week before school starts

- Label uniform and any other items that can be taken off and lost!
- Practise the whole school run – from getting dressed and having breakfast to making the journey to school
- Give your child confidence to ask their teacher or TA for help if they need it

## The day before, get everything ready

- School clothes laid out
- Shoes and coat ready by the door
- School bag packed
- Talk about the exciting day ahead

## The BIG day...

- Take a photo – it *is* their first day, after all
- Make a packed lunch if your child isn't having school dinners
- Check what time your child needs to be collected
- Compare notes with other parents – you've made it!

For more advice and support on starting school, visit:  
[www.oxfordowl.co.uk/starting-school](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/starting-school)

