



# Oxbridge Lane Primary School



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At Oxbridge Lane, we offer our children a **RAINBOW** experience:

**R**espect  
**A**chieving  
**I**ncluding  
**N**urturing  
**B**elonging  
**O**ppportunity  
**W**elcoming

Our purposeful, nurturing environment allows our children to feel happy, enthusiastic and confident so that they can develop high self-esteem and self-worth. The stimulating environments promote a rich and broad play-based learning curriculum. Children have a wealth of opportunities to find and explore the environment and areas around them to develop and enhance their learning and ideas.

Our children feel valued as individuals and as part of our school community. Children respect and value themselves, others, the community and their environments. They feel a sense of belonging and feel safe. Pupils are independent learners, curious, resilient and eager to have a go.

We establish effective, supportive and long-standing relationships with pupils, peers, staff, families and our local community. Children begin to develop a moral compass and begin to make the right choices.

We inspire our children to be happy, making them happy learners and allowing them to be the best that they can be. We have high aspirations and expectations for everyone.



## Learning to Read



In Reception, reading is taught through singing nursery rhymes, playing games, chatting and telling stories as well as formal phonics lessons. These activities help your child get ready for reading as they help them to hear different sounds, understand what a story is, join in with phrases and increase their vocabulary. They will begin to make links between basic sounds and the letters.

**It is important that you read and share a variety of texts with your child, including fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, recipes, comics, shopping lists and much more.**



In school, we follow the Jolly Phonics scheme. To learn more about the scheme, please use this link:

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

## Mathematics



In Reception, we know that children are naturally curious about maths when exploring the world around them and it plays a huge part of their everyday lives. In school, to ensure that each child reaches their full potential in maths, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme.

Our wonderful, continuous provision gives children the opportunity to develop lots of skills such as: problem solving, spatial awareness and understanding of patterns. You can support your child at home through discussions and playing games.

## Useful Websites

Phonics games:

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



Top Marks:

## Reception Curriculum

Throughout Reception, we will be following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework. The areas of learning throughout Reception include 7 areas:

**Communication and Language**  
**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**  
**Physical Development**  
**Literacy**  
**Mathematics**  
**Understanding the World**  
**Expressive Art and Design**

Our curriculum throughout Reception is built upon the needs and interests of the children. Our long term plan for Reception can be found on the school website.

For additional information, please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>  
<https://birthto5matters.org.uk/>



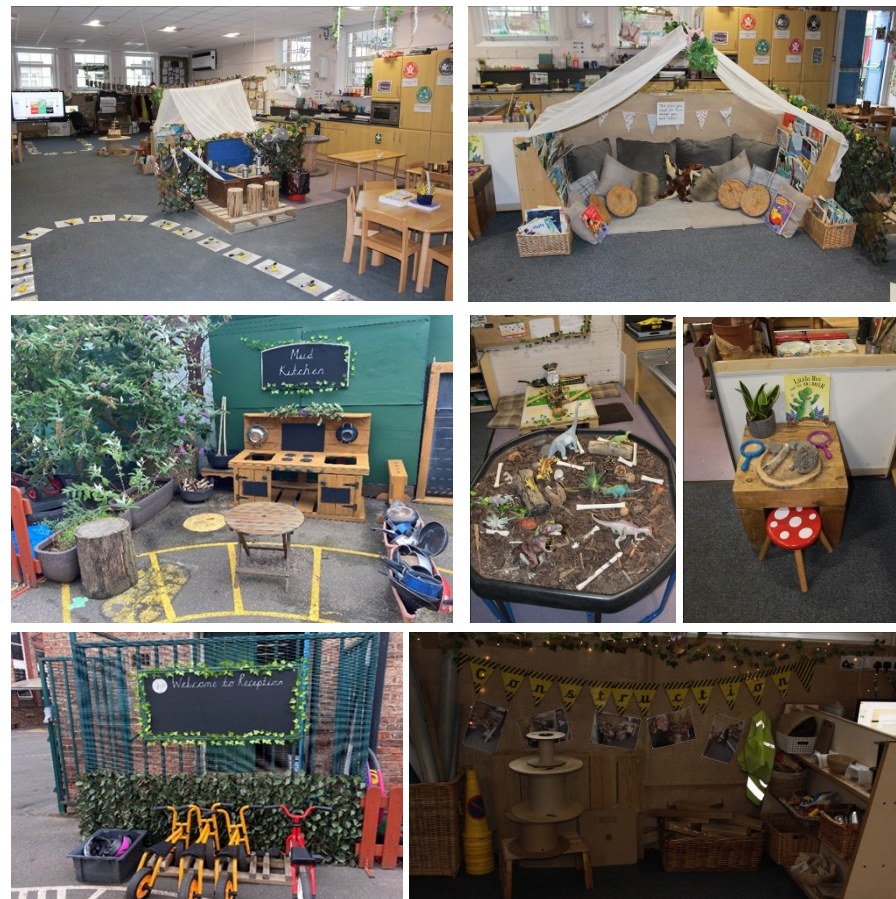
## Topics Covered

Throughout the year, we will cover these themes each term:

**Autumn 1 - This is Me**  
**Autumn 2 - Yum!**  
**Spring 1 - Fairy Tales**  
**Spring 2 - Creepy Crawlies**  
**Summer 1 - Eco Heroes**  
**Summer 2 - Dinosaurs**



## Classrooms and Areas



**Look at the fantastic classroom and outdoor space we had last year!**

We try and make it as exciting as possible, giving you lots of time to explore our topics in the environment. Our classroom is filled with the magic and wonder of learning. Every day is a day filled with endless promise and provides you with opportunities to grow your imagination. Learning in Reception is all about you! Together we are one team and you children are the most important part. This year our classroom has moved! We can't wait to show you photos of the new learning environ-



## Staff in Reception

The staff in Reception are very excited to meet you!



Miss Parker

My name is Miss Parker. I joined Oxbridge Lane Primary School in January 2024. This will be my forth reception class (I really do believe it is the best year to teach!) I completed my teacher training at Durham University where I got a first class honours degree.

I live in Darlington with my fiancé and our four cats. My favourite subject to teach is Phonics!



Mrs Jobling

My name is Mrs Jobling and I am an Early Years Teaching Assistant. I am really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you. We will have such fun in Nursery and I am particularly looking forward to developing and exploring our outdoor provision.

See you soon!

## Lunchtime

Lunchtime is a very sociable time.

At Oxbridge Lane, children sit in the dining hall to eat lunch alongside their friends. We encourage the children to try all the food.

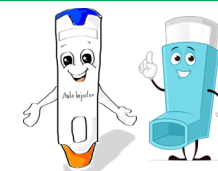
The menu will be made available on our website.



Food menus cater for vegetarians, medical dietary needs and allergies. We are also very happy to work with you and your child to make sure that they are able to eat the food on offer. We know that some children can be fussy, but we are committed to working with you to help your child enjoy a wider range of foods. The children drink water with their food.

## Medicines

Asthma inhalers, epi-pens and other prescribed medication will be administered in school where necessary.



**Please ask the School Office for the relevant permission form.**

## Homework

Throughout the year, we will be setting homework and activities for your child to complete. These will help your child develop.

Homework will be swapped each Friday, and books swapped when children are ready to move on. If you would like any advice or help supporting your child with their homework, please feel free to ask!

Should we need to continue with any home based remote learning, we will use Google Classroom.

## Keeping in Touch with You

### SchoolComms

All letters and information that you receive from school are sent to you electronically via SchoolComms. We do need you to provide us with your email address so that we can use this system. If this is not a suitable method, we can send paper copies.

**PLEASE make sure that you have signed and returned the SchoolComms permission form.**

**Website:** [www.oxbridgelane.org.uk](http://www.oxbridgelane.org.uk)

This is a very useful place to look for information. In emergencies, such as snowy weather, which may cause us to close the school, the website will keep you up to date. All letters sent by SchoolComms are also available to view on the website.

### Newsletter

These are published regularly. This is how we keep you up to date on what is happening in school.

### Oxbridge Lane Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We are hoping to draw together friends of Oxbridge past and present. If you have ideas that could make this association grow, please get in touch and join in.

**School telephone number:** 01642 607421

**School email address:** [oxbridgelane@sbcschools.org.uk](mailto:oxbridgelane@sbcschools.org.uk)



## School Uniform

Our uniform is important to us as it shows we are proud to be part of the Oxbridge family.

### Our uniform is:

A green sweatshirt / cardigan

White polo shirt

Black or grey trousers / skirt

Sensible shoes

Book bag



### For summer

Green gingham dresses

Black or grey shorts

**For safety reasons please keep all jewellery at home.**

## PE Uniform

Children take part in 2 hours of PE each week. They should come to school wearing their PE clothes and will remain in them throughout the day.

PE Day in Reception is: **Friday**

### Our PE kit is:

White t-shirt

Black shorts / jogging bottoms / leggings

Black jumper / hoody or school jumper.

Plimsolls or trainers



With so many five year olds in one space, you will understand our reasons for asking you to **PLEASE LABEL** all clothing clearly.

Uniform with our logo embroidered on can be ordered from

**Elizabeth's Embroidery** if you wish to do so.

## School Rules

At Oxbridge Lane Primary School we have 3 school rules that are followed throughout school. They are:

**Be ready**  
**Be respectful**  
**Be safe**

These simple rules are easy to follow and we encourage pupils to

## Getting your child ready for Reception

Here are some tips on how to prepare your child for their Reception experience:

- Have fun sharing books and nursery rhymes together.
- Encourage them to communicate so that they can make their needs known to us.
- Encourage them to use the toilet independently.
- Encourage them to dress and undress themselves.

## Settling in

This is a very important time for your child and it may take a few days or even weeks to get used to all of the new faces and the school.

In Reception, we are trying to build independent skills and on a morning, we get into the routine of hanging our coats up, matching our names to their picture and sitting on the carpet. We would encourage adults to leave their child at the gate and we are certain that they will quickly settle and be happy.

Our team is very experienced in helping children to settle and will call you if your child continues to be upset.

**Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.**

## School Hours

The school day begins at **8:45am**. Children will come into the playground to line up with their teacher.

Lunch starts at **11:45am** and the afternoon session begins at **12:30pm**.

The school day ends at **3:15pm**.

## Collecting Your Child

The door to the nursery building will be opened at 8.45am and 3.15pm.

Please wait outside the door until a member of staff opens it.

At the end of the school day, children in Reception will wait in their classroom until their name is called.

**All children must be collected by a responsible adult who is known to the staff. If someone else is collecting your child, you must inform the office.**

## Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that your child attends **on time every day** in order to reach their full potential and to get the best possible opportunities from our setting.

If your child is unwell, it is important that you ring in and report your child's absence on the first day. If your child becomes ill during the session, we will contact you. **Please ensure your contact details are kept up-to-date with the school office.**

## Working in Partnership

### Workshops

We run a series of workshops throughout the year that parents may wish to attend.

### Parents' Evenings

We hold two parent's evenings a year for you to meet with your child's teacher and review their learning journey.

### End of Year Report