

Welcome to Pirton School

Welcome to Reception 2026-2027

You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So get on your way!

- Dr. Seuss, *Oh the Places*

You'll Go!



Key people:

Jenn Magdeburg –
Headteacher

Bethany Chattey – Early Years
Leader and Reception teacher

Sam McDonald – Assistant
Head

Lucy Bailey – SENCO

Our approach to transition (the timeline)

- Telephone call after place allocated (April)
- Informal parents meeting (May 20th)
- Nursery visits (June 5th)
- Home visits (June 12th)
- Formal parents meeting (July 2nd)
- Transition day (July 9th)
- Stay and play (July 10th)
- First day at school until 12pm (Thursday 3rd September)
- Second day at school until 1pm (Friday 4th September)
- Full time (Monday 7th September)

Ofsted

- Visited us in May – awaiting report which is due in July 2026
- Very positive about Early Years – we look forward to sharing the report with you
- Ofsted graded our Early Years as good in 2023, this time it is a different framework. We will send the report to new families when it is published.

Dates for your diaries

- Thursday 2nd July 7pm – Formal Reception meeting
- Thursday 9th July 9.30am -11.30am Transition Morning – children only
- Friday 10th July 2.00pm - 3.00pm Stay And Play – parents and children (no siblings please)
- Thursday 3rd September 8.40am - 12.00 noon Morning Session
- Friday 4th September 8.40am - 1.00pm Morning and Lunch
- Monday 7th September 8.40am – 3.15pm Full Day



Forms to be completed and returned

Time to visit the classroom and the wider school

Home Visit dates and times – Mrs. Chattey and either myself or Mrs. Gooden as second adult

Feel free to say Hello. Tell us if there are any issues you'd prefer not to discuss in front of your child at the Home Visit.

How can you help to get your child ready for starting Reception?

- Give them the opportunities to manage their own clothes , dressing in the morning and undressing at bedtime
- Teach them to know that they may need to wait for an answer or an adult's attention
- Show them how to carry a plate with food on it
- Teach them to use a knife and fork
- Show them how to open packaging and fruit
- Ensure that they can manage the toilet independently and wash their hands
- Instil a love of books and reading
- Get them into the habit of good sleep patterns, getting up early and having a good breakfast
- Sing with them, play games, draw, run, climb
- Teach them to recognise and write their name