Welcome to Sheringham Community Primary School



We hope that your child will be happy at school and enjoy learning with us.






Starting school is a big step, so we have planned some transition activities to help them get to know us.

Everything you should need to know about your child starting school.

School times

8.50 – 11.50

12.50 - 3.20

Arrangements for starting school.

Our aim is to ensure that your child's introduction to school life is as smooth as possible.

All children who are 5 within the academic year September 2026 to August 2027 will start school in September.

- In accordance with the County's intake policy for admitting children into school, all children will be offered a full time place in school from September 2026.

- If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child being full time in September please email us. Our address is…

reception@sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk

The Team



Mrs Gemma Keogh
Class RK



Mrs Simone Stoppani
Class RS



Miss Perkins
The Den

The Team



Emily



Vinny



Kate



Alex



Lindsey



Gail



Shannon



Becky



Kayleigh

The classrooms

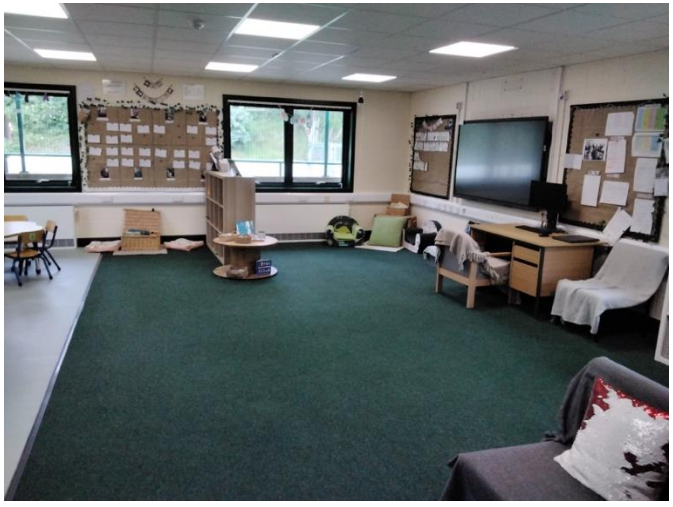
- We have two main classrooms in our unit.
- Each classroom has a different area in it, the children are able to move between the classes and outside.
- We are also lucky enough to have a unit for children with additional needs. The children in this provision will be part of our year group and will share the outdoor and classroom space with us at times during the week.

The classrooms





The Den










The Den entrance
Class RK entrance


Class RS entrance

Daily Routine.

- Wait in the playground with your child until the classroom door opens.
- Your child will enter the classroom through the outside door.



Your child can choose a book to read at home with you



Next they put their book bag away.

Your child finds their photo and name card and sticks it on the 10s frame to say they are here.





Then they hang up their coat.



Your child will then sit on the floor with a book.

- At the end of the school day wait in the playground and collect your child from their outside door.
- **If arrangements for collecting your child change please inform the teacher concerned.**
- Please bring your child to school on time, but if you are late, come through the main entrance and inform the receptionist.

Absences

For your child to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, on time, everyday unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.







All absences must be accounted for in our registers. So please contact the school on the morning of the absence and speak to a member of staff or leave a message. You can also report the absence on Parentmail.

Milk

We have a drink every morning.

Your child will receive a free cup of milk.

If your child does not like milk they are welcome to bring some water to drink in a named bottle.

Snack

As part of the Government's 'Eat five a day' initiative, each child is provided with a piece of fruit daily. If your child does not like what is offered on that day they may bring a piece of fruit to school with them in a named pot.

Snack Time





For our snack we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per half term to go towards snack. We offer the children veg sticks, hummus, toast, cream cheese, cheese and marmite.



Birthdays

We will always celebrate the children's birthday at school with a birthday sticker and a birthday post on Tapestry.

If you would like to bring in something on their birthday we ask that it is something like stickers or bubbles etc. rather than sweets and chocolate.

Buses

- Buses bring and collect children from school.
- With our new children adjusting to a long day, we prefer initially that they do not travel on the bus.
- Once the children have settled into school and are used to the routine they are welcome to travel on the bus.
- If your child is going to travel on the bus and does not have an older sibling, please inform your child's teacher so that they can be paired up with a bus buddy who will take them to their classroom in the mornings.

Lunch time

Staying all day at school will be a new experience for your child and we want to ensure it is as pleasurable as possible.
Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a free hot dinner.
However if you are entitled to an income related free school meal, you still need to complete the free school meals application form that is in your pack. For each child registered, the school receives £1500.

We would like the children to stay for lunch on Monday 7th September when they start full time.

Lunch time







The First Half Term.

Date	Arrangements
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th	School visits available (a time and date is in your packs)
Monday 7th September	All children are full time 8.50—3.20
We break up for half term on Thursday 22nd October	

School Dress

We ask that you send your child in appropriate school dress:-

- Navy blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- White t-shirt, shirt or blouse.
- http://www.sheringhamprimary.deco-uniforms.com/shop



Fleece Jacket



Reversible Fleece Jacket



Sweatshirt



Polo Shirt (Primary School)



Premium Infant Book Bag

- Grey trousers.
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress.
- Sensible black shoes.
- For the summer a blue and white checked dress or grey shorts







School Dress.

Please name all items of clothing especially jumpers and shoes.

One afternoon a week your child will have a PE lesson with Miss Parish and Mr Wesby and a music lesson Mrs Holness.
On that day please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit e.g. jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers. They will still need to wear a school t-shirt and jumper. We ask that any children with pierced ears do not wear earrings on PE days.

PE uniform





Sweatshirt

Outdoor Play.

During each day the children have access inside and outside, with various activities being offered in both areas.

We have some waterproof suits so that the children can go outside in all weathers. However, we do ask that you provide your child with a pair of named wellies and a raincoat.




We have a big area for ride on toys such as bikes and scooters.


This is our sandpit outside, it is huge! You can build sandcastles and make pretend cakes in the sand kitchen.


This is our building area outside. You can use the big blocks, tyres and planks to build lots of different things!

Learning Journals.

TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

When your child starts school they will have an online Learning Journal.

In your packs you will find a letter giving you more information and a contact details sheet. You only need to fill this in if your child doesn't have a Tapestry account already or you would like to add more relatives to their account.

If your child already has a Tapestry account it will be transferred to school in September.

Phonics

In Reception and Key Stage 1, we use a Phonics program for called Read Write Inc

Read Write Inc has 3 key learning areas:

Reading

· The children learn the 44 sounds in our language and their corresponding letters/letter groups

· The children learn to read words by blending the sounds

· Children will read lively stories featuring words they have learnt.

Writing

· Children learn to write the letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds

· Children learn to write words by saying the sounds and blending them.

Speaking and Listening

· Much of Read Write Inc includes speaking and listening activities.

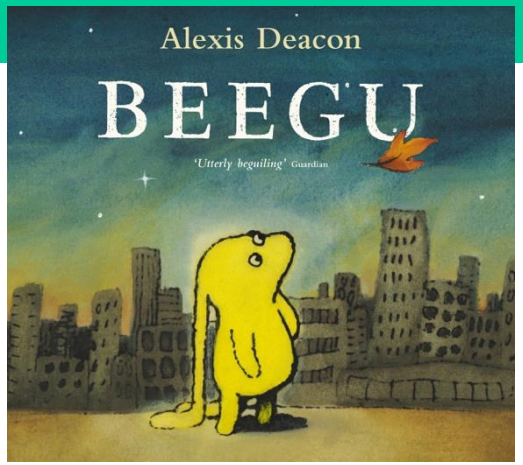
· Children work regularly in pairs to take turns talking and to practice an activity with the partner.

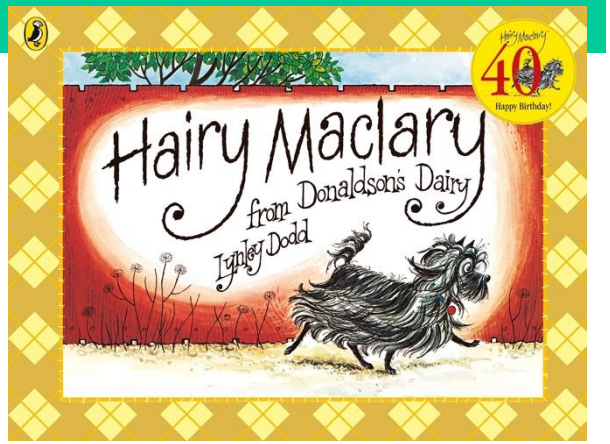

Pin it on
On the box
A bad fox
Scratty hat
Playtime
The dishchick
Barker
Rex to the rescue
Wanda
Hana
Bobbi Bonga: Checks and waistbars
Jack-hares
In the park
Bess the whale
School! Standing 1

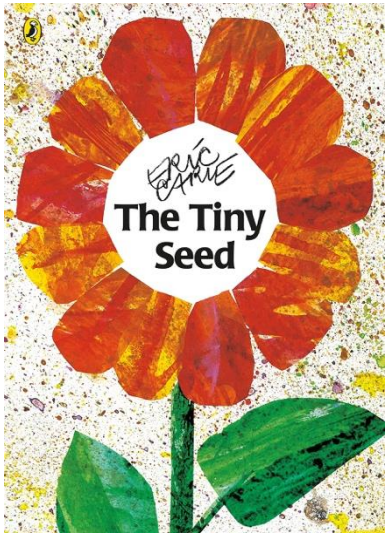
The Literacy Tree

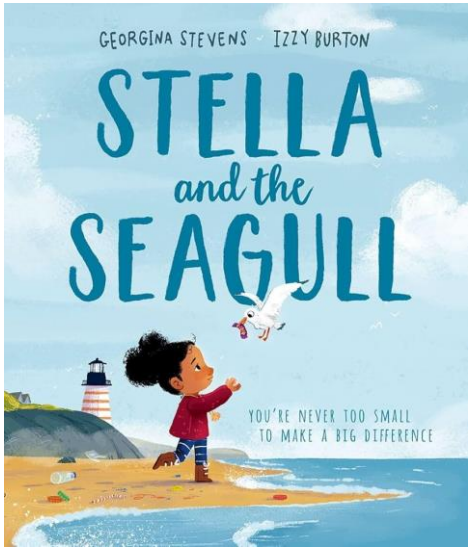
As a school we use The Literacy Tree program. Our Literacy sessions are focused around a book each half term. We always start with a hook into the book which gets the children interested and intrigued to find out more.

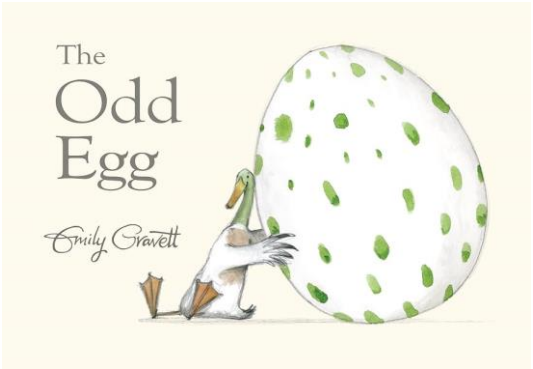
Here are some of the books we have read this year.











Reading with your child

- If your child already has a book bag, please bring it to school on their first day.
- Your child will be able to choose a book to take home every day if they wish.
- It is important that the children have the opportunity to share books both at school and at home so that they can develop a love of reading.
- We welcome any comments in his/her reading record book.

September School Visits

- We have given you all a time and date for a school visit.
- The school visits are extremely valuable as it helps us to get to know your child and for them to see us again before starting school.
- It is your chance to tell us about your child and discuss any concerns you may have.

September School Visits

- The school visits are available Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September
- They are for 25 minutes. During the meeting we will also ask you a few questions about your child to find out more about them.
- Our Teaching Assistants will be there to play with your child.

Transition Visits

Stay and Play session

We are having some stay and play sessions where you can bring your child to school to have a play in the classrooms. During this time you can chat with staff and ask any questions that you may have. The dates for these visits are…

Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 30th June.

3.45 – 4.45pm

You should have already received a letter with the dates that we would like you to visit. Please come and see us if you are unable to make it.

Transition Visits

Afternoon school sessions

We would also like your child to come and spend 2 afternoons in school, along with some of the other children from their class.

The afternoons for this are Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July. You will need to drop your child off at 1.40pm and collect them at 2.50pm, unless your child is at Nursery where they will be brought over to school at that time.

Please let us know, if your child can attend the allocated days.

Paper work

Prior to your child starting school in September, please can you return the following paper work to school by Friday 26th June…

- All admission and consent forms
- A copy of your child's full birth certificate that shows both parents' names
- A copy of any court orders or legal papers relating to your child.
- A completed Free School Meals form if applicable
- If your child has any special dietary needs or allergies, the kitchen requires a letter from the doctor or hospital confirming this.

Brightstars Breakfast and After school club

Breakfast Club – 7.45am – school time
£5.10 per child including breakfast



After School club – after school until 6pm.
£10.65 per child, £9.65 for siblings, includes a snack tea.

Holiday club – 8am – 6pm – selected dates only.
£24.35 per day, £21.30 for additional siblings.
Includes breakfast, snacks, drinks, cold tea.

How can you help your child prepare for school?

- Share the Welcome to our school booklet and the photos on Tapestry so they can see what they can do when they come and become familiar with the staff.
- Talk to them about starting school.
- Help them to become independent at using the toilet if they are not already.
- Encourage them to be independent when putting on their coat and shoes.
- Read books together and talk about what has happened in the story.
- Play games together
- Count things around you at home and out and about.

And finally…

We operate an open door policy and so if you ever have any questions or worries then please come and see us or email us on..

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