



Castle Hill Primary

**Welcome to our New Reception Parents
2025-2026**

Welcome



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Mrs Ettrick
Headteacher



The Team

Mrs Houlston
EYFS Teacher



Mrs Warren
EYFS Teacher



Mrs Boulter
Teaching Assistant



Congratulations!

Welcome to our Outstanding school

- Mrs Ettrick is our Head teacher
- Mrs Houlston is the class teacher on a Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday
- Mrs Warren is the class teacher every other Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Mrs Boulter is our teaching assistant every day!



Our Aims

We want to develop...

- Happy and successful learners
- A positive parent and community partnership
- A love of learning
- Independence
- The confidence to try your best
- Brave choices, resilience
- A 'have a go' and enthusiastic approach
- Kindness



How can you help?

Can your child?

- Recognise own name
- Share and take turns
- Talk in full sentences
- Sit still and listen
- Enjoy books
- Say numbers 1-10

Are they?

- Aware of others
- Able to follow simple instructions
- Dress & undress without help
- Ask adults for help
- Toileted trained
- Able to wash hands



Transition

Our Commitment

- We will have spoken to and visited your child's pre-school setting
- We will have learnt about their strengths and needs
- We will to invite you to a new parents' meeting
- We will invite your children for a stay and play session in the Summer term



Save the Date
Wednesday 21st May
6-7pm

We will provide you with your child's bookbag with all your details about dates and times for visits and starting school.

Starting School

First 2 weeks

- Part time arrangements for equal 2.75 hour sessions
- Your child will be invited to attend school in the morning 8.45-11.30am, or the afternoon 12.30-3.15pm
- This has been allocated according to age in months
- Small group introduction
- Personal experience
- Aids transition and in school baseline

Happy, confident and secure children



The 7 Early Learning Goals

3 Prime Areas of Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Building Relationships

Managing Self

Self-Regulation

Communication & language

Listening, Attention &

Understanding

Speaking

Physical development

Gross motor skills

Fine motor skills



The 7 Early Learning Goals

Literacy

Comprehension
Word Reading
Writing

Mathematics

Number
Numerical Patterns

Understanding the World

People, Communities and Cultures
The Natural World
Past and Present

Expressive Arts & Design

Creating with Materials
Being Imaginative and Expressive





The First Day



Be Ready...

- Good bedtime
- Positive pre-school routine
- Healthy breakfast/lunch
- School uniform -all labelled!
- Velcro shoes named
- Calm start to the day

Bring...

- Your smile
- Your bookbag named with 1 keyring attached
- A P.E bag with labelled shorts and t-shirt and spare underwear!
- A water bottle
- A pair of named wellies



Before & After School Clubs

Breakfast club

- Contact: online booking via the school office
- Open from 8-8.45 am
- Provides a healthy breakfast
- Play and meet your friends
- BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The Keep

- Contact Katie Ward HLTA
- Open 3.15-5.15pm
- offers a fun and relaxed time with experienced play workers
- Inside the school setting
- thekeep@virginmedia.com

Absence

Mrs. N. Sharma will be pleased to help you.

- Call the office
01452 863380 before 9am
- Attendance officer will follow up
- Holidays are unauthorised during term time



What we need

Admissions form
Medical information
Contact information
Dietary requirements
Allergies
Photo permissions
Local visits permissions
Permission to collect

Keep in Touch

- Open door policy
- Drop off & collection
- Social media
- Website
- Weekly newsletters
- **Contact**
admin@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk

We cannot wait to meet you!