

Welcome to Hamstel Infant School and Nursery



**Reception Parent Induction
Meeting
June 2026**

The Reception Team



Mrs Bryant
EYFS Lead



Miss Parmenter
Owl Class



Miss Capon
Woodpecker Class



Miss Bishton
Peacock Class



Mrs Bird
Kingfisher Class



Miss Golding
Kingfisher Class

Our School Values

We Care

Working together



Enthusiasm and determination



Caring



Aspire



Respect



Effort and resilience



Reception Parent Induction Meeting June 2026

- Transitions – key dates and times
- What your child will need
- Preparing your child
- A working partnership



Transition

Facebook Group

Please join Hamstel Infant – Reception 2026

Drop in stay and play sessions

Kingfisher: Friday 26th June 9am – 11am

Woodpecker: Friday 26th June 1pm – 3pm

Owl: Thursday 2nd July 9am – 11am

Peacock: Thursday 2nd July 1pm – 3pm

Held in the Family and Children's Centre

Stay and Play session

Friday 3rd July 2pm – 3pm

For all Reception children and families

Held in your child's new class



Tapestry

- Online learning journal
- Used by staff and parents to upload photographs, videos, observations of the children
- New accounts will be set up. Look out for a email to activate your account and set your own log in, password and Pin
- Current nursery parents will need to activate a new account for reception.
- Support with accessing Tapestry at Stay and Play sessions



Over the Summer

Chatter Bags

Each child will receive a Chatter Bag at the stay and play session on 3rd July.

Complete the Roots to Reception Summer Challenges.

Sing the nursery rhymes with your child and have a go at the suggested activities.

Talking School Dinosaur

Give your dinosaur a name! Take your new school dinosaur out on lots of adventures. Encourage your child to talk to their dinosaur.

Share photos and videos on our Facebook group or your Tapestry account. We would love to see what you have been getting up to over the Summer.



Transition

Home Visits

- Wednesday 2nd September, Thursday 3rd September or Friday 4th September



Transition

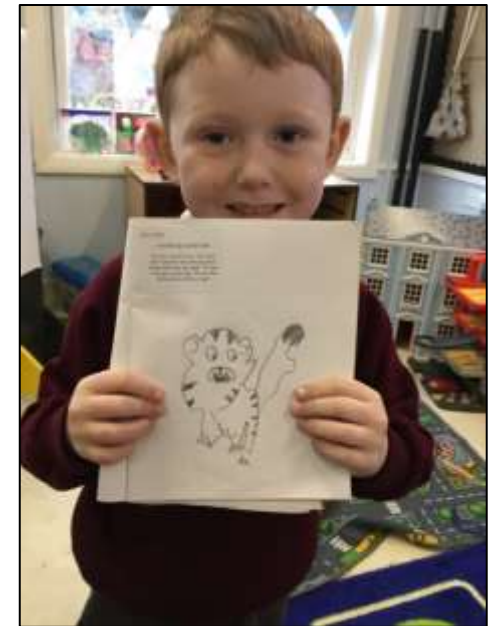
Stay and Play Sessions

Monday 7th September

- All dates and times in your pack of letters.
- You will be signposted where to go to find your child's class.
- **One parent** to join for the **first session**.
- School uniform, book bag and water bottle.

Tuesday 8th September

- **Children without parents** for the **second** stay and play sessions.
- School uniform, book bag and water bottle.
- **Reception Curriculum meeting** in the hall at 9.10am or 2.30pm.



Starting School

- **All** children to start school full time on **Wednesday 9th September.**
- Drop off time from **8.30am to 8.45am.**
- Collection time **3.15pm.**
- Please wear your **school uniform** and bring your **book bag** and **water bottle.**



Uniform

White shirt or polo shirt

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress

Pink and white check summer dress

Maroon jumper or sweatshirt

Grey, white or black socks or tights

Black school shoes – (**no boots, open toes or laces**)



PE

Children to wear PE kit to school on their PE day. They will stay in their PE clothes all day.

- Maroon PE shorts or black/maroon jogging bottoms
- Yellow PE T-shirt
- Black or maroon sweatshirt – (no buttons or zips)
- Plain Trainers – Velcro fastening (no laces, no plimsoles)



We will let you know your child's PE day at the stay and play sessions.



Outdoor Learning

- Each class will have outdoor learning for one day every three weeks.
- Children to wear old clothing, suitable for the weather, such as jogging bottoms, t-shirt, warm jumper, coat.

You will find out your child's outdoor learning day at the stay and play sessions before the summer holiday



What your child will need to bring

- **Sun hat** in Summer
- Warm hat, coat, gloves in Winter
- Wellies to be left in school
- PE clothes to be worn on class PE day.
- Book Bag – please attach a small keyring
- Clear, plastic water bottle

Please make sure
everything is
NAMED!



Healthy Learning
Healthy Lives



- At Hamstel Infant School and Nursery we strive for our children to have **healthy bodies, healthy teeth and healthy minds**.
- Accredited Healthy Schools and Healthy Smiles.
- We work closely with Public Health and Community Dental Services to improve and promote health and well-being for our children.
- We are also part of the toothbrushing scheme for Nursery and Reception children.
- Tooth friendly celebrations for birthdays – no sweets.

Snacks and Milk

- Children are entitled to free milk until their 5th birthday.
- Once your child turns 5, you will receive an e-mail from Cool Milk, which will give details of how to register and pay for future milk.
- Healthy snacks will be provided throughout the day.



Cool Milk



Lunchtimes



- Children choose from a menu.
- Please discuss your child's choice every morning before school.
- Practise carrying a tray with a plate on.
- Knife and fork skills.

Lunchtimes



Let's see what's for lunch...

Week 1

Monday	Main Meals Beef Bolognaise with Spaghetti Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti Baked Jackets with Grated Cheese	Served with Peas & Broccoli
	Sandwiches Chicken Mayonnaise Baguette Cheese Salad Wrap	Dessert Maryland Cookie
Tuesday	Main Meals Ham & Cheese Pizza with Baked Wedges Margherita Pizza with Baked Wedges Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Served with Carrots & Sweetcorn
	Sandwiches Ham Sandwich Cheese & Tomato Bloomer	Dessert Apple Crumble with Custard
Wednesday	Main Meals Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Squash & Lentil Lasagne Baked Jackets with Baked Beans	Served with Seasonal Greens & Cauliflower
	Sandwiches Tuna Sweetcorn Baguette Cheese Sandwich	Dessert Cherry Cornflake Cake
Thursday	Main Meals Chilli Con Carne with Steamed Rice Vegan Bean Chilli with Steamed Rice Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Served with Broccoli & Carrots
	Sandwiches Tuna Mayo Sandwich Cheese Salad Wrap	Dessert Chocolate & Pear Sponge
Friday	Main Meals Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup Vegan Goujons with Chips & Ketchup Baked Jackets with Grated Cheese	Served with Peas & Baked Beans
	Sandwiches Ham Sandwich Egg Mayo Baguette	Dessert Banana Flapjack
Freshly Baked Bread: Carrot & Beetroot or Wholemeal Bread		

Week 1: 27th May, 17th June, 8th July, 2nd Sept, 23rd Sept, 14th Oct, 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec

Week 2

Monday	Main Meals Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Served with Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
	Sandwiches Cheese Sandwich Ham Salad Wrap	Dessert Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake
Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Vegan Tomato & Mixed Bean Sauce with Fusilli Baked Jackets with Grated Cheese	Served with Carrots & Broccoli
	Sandwiches Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich Cheese Salad Wrap	Dessert Mandarin Jelly
Wednesday	Main Meals Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Sweet Chilli Stir-fry Mushroom & Vegetable Noodles Wholewheat Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Served with Seasonal Greens & Peas
	Sandwiches Cheese & Tomato Bloomer Ham Sandwich	Dessert Vanilla Ice Cream
Thursday	Main Meals Beef Keema with Turmeric Rice Vegan Layered Vegetable & Sweet Potato Bake Baked Jackets with Baked Beans or Salmon Mayonnaise	Served with Carrots & Sweetcorn
	Sandwiches Cheese Sandwich Chicken Mayonnaise Baguette	Dessert Apple Flapjack
Friday	Main Meals Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup Vegan Fajita Wrap with Chips & Ketchup Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Served with Peas & Baked Beans
	Sandwiches Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich Ham Salad Baguette	Dessert Lemon Drizzle Sponge
Freshly Baked Bread: Garlic & Herb or Wholemeal Bread		

Week 2: 3rd June, 24th June, 15th July, 9th Sept, 30th Sept, 21st Oct, 11th Nov, 2nd Dec

Week 3

Monday	Main Meals Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Penne Vegan Roasted Ratatouille with Penne Baked Jackets with Grated Cheese	Served with Carrots & Broccoli
	Sandwiches Ham Salad Wrap Cheese & Tomato Bloomer	Dessert Orange Shortbread Biscuit
Tuesday	Main Meals Fajita Spiced Turkey & Vegetables with Steamed Rice Vegan Burrito Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Served with Sweetcorn & Coleslaw
	Sandwiches Tuna Sweetcorn Baguette Cheese Sandwich	Dessert Carrot Cake
Wednesday	Main Meals Herby Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 3 Vegetable Mac n' Cheese Baked Jackets with Baked Beans	Served with Seasonal Greens & Broccoli
	Sandwiches Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich Cheese Salad Wrap	Dessert Chocolate Brownie
Thursday	Main Meals Traditional Beef Lasagne Vegan Chickpea & Spinach Korma with Steamed Rice Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Served with Cauliflower & Carrots
	Sandwiches Chicken Mayonnaise Baguette Ham Sandwich	Dessert Vanilla Ice Cream
Friday	Main Meals Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup Vegan Bubble & Squeak with Chips & Ketchup Baked Jackets with Grated Cheese	Served with Peas & Baked Beans
	Sandwiches Ham Salad Bloomer Cheese Sandwich	Dessert Apple Cake
Freshly Baked Bread: Courgette & Tomato or Wholemeal Bread		

Week 3: 10th June, 1st July, 22nd July, 16th Sept, 7th Oct, 28th Oct, 18th Nov, 9th Dec

Wrap around care

Breakfast Club

From 7.45am in the Children and Family Centre.

Currently £3.50 per session

After School Club

3.00pm – 4.30pm £7

3.00pm – 5.45pm £11 with a light tea provided

4.15pm – 5.45pm £7 with a light tea provided

Book and pay at the time of booking via Arbor.

Book in advance especially for breakfast club.

After School Club must be booked by 2pm. Contact school office if after 2pm

We now accept Tax Free Childcare.

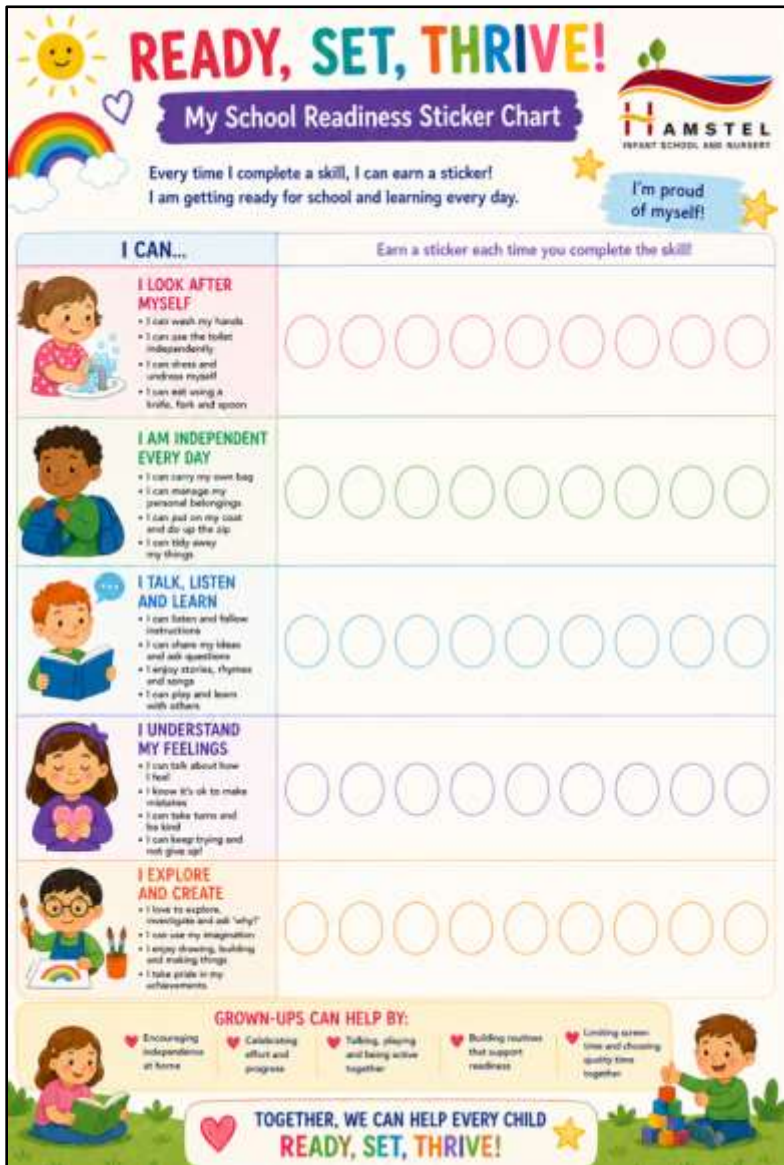


Parent links – working as a team to support your child's learning

- Facebook
- Newsletters
- Tapestry
- Home school diary
- Parent Involvement Sessions
- Reading with your child
- Open door sessions
- Don't let your child go home with a worry



Preparing your child to start Reception



READY, SET, THRIVE!

My School Readiness Sticker Chart

Every time I complete a skill, I can earn a sticker!
I am getting ready for school and learning every day.

I'm proud of myself!

I CAN...	Earn a sticker each time you complete the skill
I LOOK AFTER MYSELF - I can wash my hands. - I can use the toilet independently. - I can dress and undress myself. - I can eat using a knife, fork and spoon.	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
I AM INDEPENDENT EVERY DAY - I can carry my own bag. - I can manage my personal belongings. - I can put on my coat and do up the zip. - I can tidy away my things.	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
I TALK, LISTEN AND LEARN - I can listen and follow instructions. - I can share my ideas and ask questions. - I enjoy stories, rhymes and songs. - I can play and learn with others.	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
I UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS - I can talk about how I feel. - I know it's ok to make mistakes. - I can take turns and be kind. - I can keep trying and not give up!	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
I EXPLORE AND CREATE - I love to explore, investigate and ask 'why'! - I can use my imagination. - I enjoy drawing, building and making things. - I take pride in my achievements.	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

GROWN-UPS CAN HELP BY:

- Encouraging independence at home.
- Celebrating effort and progress.
- Talking, playing and being active together.
- Building routines that support readiness.
- Limiting screen time and choosing quality time together.

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP EVERY CHILD
READY, SET, THRIVE!

- Complete the activities on the sticker chart.
- Complete the Summer Challenges.
- Sing the nursery rhymes given by your nursery.
- Get Talking!
- Meet up with other families – attend one of the Ready, Steady, School sessions.

Preparing your child to start Reception



- Start to read your child some of the books.
- Join your local library to borrow some of the books.
- Bring in your sticker charts in September.



Getting ready for school

CHECK UPS

Visit the opticians, dentist, have a hearing test, ensure immunisations are up to date.

If you have any concerns liaise with you health visitor.

Please don't worry about 'teaching your child, that's our job!

Enjoy the Summer and have some fun.'



Our expectations of you

- Attendance and advising the school if unwell
- Punctuality
- Well prepared
- Support the school's policies and expectations
- Attend Parents Evenings
- Attend Parents workshops/Open-door sessions
- Read our communications
- Care around WhatsApp groups and social media

Most importantly, talk to us about any concerns or problem



We hope you found this meeting informative, at our Curriculum meeting in September we will explain in detail how a day in the life of Hamstel Infant School works.

Please do feel free to ask any questions.

Thank you for coming.