



Starting School September 2025



Welcome to our school

We look forward to you becoming part of our school family.

Starting school is a big step for your child to take, and we hope to make the transition as smooth and as problem free as possible.

We view you as partners in your child's learning and look forward to working with you throughout your child's time at school.

If you have any problems or queries, please feel free to make an appointment to come and talk to us and we will do our very best to help.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Nile
Head Teacher

Stay and Play Sessions

Our Stay and Play sessions this year will run on the following dates...

Wednesday 2nd July at 10:15am – 11:15am

Monday 7th July at 10:15am – 11:15am. *This will be a teddy bear's picnic alongside reception children as part of a whole school transition 'move up day'. Please bring along a teddy. We will share fruit and snack and play some games.*

Tuesday 15th July 10:15 – 11:15am

These are an opportunity for the children to make new friends and play in the Eden class areas, becoming familiar with the room and spaces ahead of starting in September. Parents/carers will also be able to have an informal talk with the class teacher. ***So that full attention can be given to your child who is about to start school it would be appreciated, if at all possible, that you do not bring any younger children with you.***

Please use the session to play, introducing your child to other children and encouraging them to complete and tidy away one activity before moving on to another. This helps with good classroom practice.

Parents and children are welcome to attend as many sessions as they would like.

The children's first day

The first day at school is a very important day for you and your child and we would like to make it a special day with happy memories. Some children come to school full of excitement, but for others it can be an apprehensive time and we would like to make the settling in period as smooth as possible for all concerned!

The timetable for the phased start is as follows:

Date	Start time	Which children	Finish time
Tuesday 2 nd September	8:55am	All reception children	11:50am
Wednesday 3 rd September	8:55am	All reception children	1pm
Thursday 4 th September	From 8:45am – 9am	All reception children	3:15pm
Friday 5 th September	From 8:45am	All reception children	3:15pm

Start of the school day

The Eden and Hendra class gate is unlocked at 8:45am every morning. An Eden class member of staff will be on hand at the outside area gate to welcome the children. Children will walk to the classroom door and will be greeted by an Eden class member of staff. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to inform staff of anything they need to know about the child.

Your child will need to find their coat peg and hang up their belongings. Lunch boxes should be placed in the set place within the classroom. Children will come and settle on the carpet of the classroom. **Registration takes place at 9am. Gates will be locked at this point. If you are delayed please go to the main school office.**

End of the school day

The school day ends at **3.15pm**. The children will leave the classroom via their classroom outside doors. Parents and family members who are collecting the children can wait in the Eden class outside play area. The contacts recorded on the admission form are able to collect your child from the teacher at the end of the day. If anyone other than these contacts is collecting your child please let the teacher and the school office know. Staff will dismiss the children once they can see the adult who is collecting. Children are asked to wait with their classmates until they are called forward. This ensures the safety of the children.

Snack

Bagels are prepared in the school kitchen and offered to children as they arrive at school first thing in the morning.

A piece of fruit is offered to each child at morning break time. The fruit is from The National School Fruit Scheme. Children will have a choice of fruit to choose from.

Snack is a time when the children can sit and develop their social skills, whilst helping with the preparation and cleaning up of the snack.

Water Bottles

Your child should bring a bottle of water to school every day. **These need to be clearly named and refillable**. We have storage in the classroom where the children can keep their water bottle. The children then have free access to it throughout the day which helps to promote a positive attitude to healthy drinking habits.

Milk

Milk is free for all Reception children. They will be offered a small carton of semi skimmed milk alongside their snack in the morning. This is optional but available to all.

Lunch

All infant children are entitled to a free cooked meal. There is a meat and vegetarian option available each day as well as pasta and jacket potato options. Children are provided with a drink of water with their school meal and can also bring their own water bottles. A menu will be issued in September. We ask parents/carers to familiarise your child with the choices on offer. Parents order school dinners via ParentPay, you will be provided with a login to this platform.

Children can choose to bring a packed lunch. We encourage parents to provide the children with a balanced, healthy packed lunch. No sweets please. Children can take their water bottles into the lunch hall to have with their packed lunch. Alternatively, the children are allowed to have an additional drink in their lunch boxes. This does not have to be water but we do ask that it is a healthy option.

Communication

Communication between school and home is very important.

We communicate in the following ways:

- Newsletter sent on Class Dojo and via email
- Emails
- Messages on the Class Dojo (invitation will be given to you)
- Text messages – if a child is absent and no reason has been provided, assembly invitation for award winners, urgent messages
- Class Dojo – an app that Eden staff use to show you what the children are learning in class. It is also used by staff to send messages to you. You are also able to send messages to teachers using the app.
- Our school website

Sometimes photos and videos will contain other children as well as your own. **You will need to give your consent to photos of your child being used on our school website or Facebook page. We will not use these photos without your consent.** We will require all parents to sign up to Class Dojo and sign the consent box on the Dojo consent letter allowing us to use Class Dojo when observing your children and sharing learning.

Preparing your child for school

Parents and carers often ask us what they can do to help prepare their children for school. Here are our top tips.

Prepare your child to do the following independently:

- Take off/put on shoes, socks, coat and jumper. Please no shoe laces unless your child can tie them themselves. We recommend velcro fastened shoes. Anything else is a bonus but a 'have a go' attitude is a must.
- Use the toilet properly. All children need to be able to wipe their bottoms as best they can and wash their hands.
- Use a knife and fork to eat with.
- Recognise and read their first name (writing their name independently is great but not essential).
- Tidy away before moving on to the next activity.
- Listen carefully to others and follow simple instructions.
- Sit still and quietly and engage in an activity for at least 5 minutes (i.e. listening to a story, enjoying a puzzle etc).
- Have an understanding of sharing and taking turns.

You can also help us by...

- Supporting the school's expectations
- Adding your own proud moments onto Class Dojo.
- Reading at home. Sharing books and stories is equally as important as your child reading to you.
- Leaving toys at home.
- Labelling EVERYTHING!

Top tips for labelling of items

- Please label everything: **ALL** clothes, water bottles, coats, shoes, lunch boxes etc. We really cannot stress this enough. Lost non labelled clothing is unlikely to be returned.
- It is also very important that you ensure your child recognises their labels and items that belong to them.

Checklist for starting school

- School uniform: as described on the next page.
- PE Kit: as described on the next page.

New uniform can be purchased from any high street supermarket (Asda, Tesco, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencer etc) If you would like to purchase items with the school logo on, these can be ordered from:

Pinpoint SW Ltd
9 Drinnick House
St Georges Road
Nanpean
PL26 7YH
Tel No: 07961268179
Email: pinpointswltd@gmail.com

- A waterproof coat. We encourage the children to be as independent as possible so please ensure you choose a coat that is user friendly for your child.
- A sun hat is required during the summer months. We also ask that sunscreen is applied at home before school. The expectation is that children who bring sunscreen to school must be able to apply it independently.

- Book Bags. Please personalise the label with a small sticker or picture. This enables the children to find their own bag independently and quickly throughout the day and at home time.
- **Outdoor Learning** – we use our outside spaces regularly, whatever the weather. Please supply a named pair of welly boots that can be kept in school ideally. Waterproof trousers would also be great but not essential. A waterproof coat is a must.

School Uniform

Children are required to wear a uniform. Parents are requested to ensure that their child's hair is tidy and out of his/her face.

ALL YEAR ROUND

Charcoal or grey trousers

Grey skirt or grey pinafore dress

Grey trousers

Short sleeved shirt/polo shirt

Red jumper/cardigan – one with a logo is optional

Black shoes

SUMMER TERM (optional)

Red and white checked dress

Grey shorts

Sunhats for playtimes are advisable

PE KIT

Black shorts

White t-shirt

Black hoodie/zip jacket is optional

Trainers

Soft tracksuit trousers may be worn for outdoor PE lessons

Before and After School provision

Nippers Pre-School & Childcare

Breakfast Club

They open at 8am, providing breakfast with a choice of cereals, toast or crumpets along with milk or water.

Cost per session is £6.

After School Club

Children are collected direct from Nanpean School and can stay at Nippers until 4pm or 5pm.

Snack is provided, along with a drink.

Cost per session is £6 until 4pm, £12 until 5pm.

Whilst at Nippers there is a wide range of craft activities, plenty of games and toys to play with and for the older children they have a Playstation and Xbox.

If you are interested in booking sessions or would like any further information, please contact:

Donna on 01726 823641 or email to nippersdeputy123@gmail.com.

How to contact us...

If you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of this booklet or your child's transition to school please contact us by the following methods:

Telephone: 01726 822447

Email: Nanpean@tpacademytrust.org