

**Welcome To**  
**Ghyllgrove Primary School**  
**EYFS Induction Meeting 2025**

# Aims of the session

- To share the EYFS curriculum
- To share important information
- To find out how the school day is organised
- To understand how you can support your child at home
- To understand how we support our SEN children in the school.
- To answer any questions you may have.

## Ghyllgrove's Learning Powers



Every learner is entitled to a rich and varied, challenging and inspiring curriculum. This enables every individual to fulfil their potential to the highest possible standard.

# Our Staff

Each class will have a class teacher and class learning assistant.

Class Teachers and Learning Assistants will welcome your children into school every day, and bring them out to you at home time. If you need to speak to the class teacher, please arrange a time for a meeting or phone call to be made.

# SEND at Ghyllgrove

We believe that every child and young person is safe and feels safe, their views, feelings and wishes are always considered and taken seriously in all matters that affect them.

We believe in creating the best possible health and wellbeing for our young people.

We believe that each child's education should develop their personality, talents and abilities to the full, which supports their need to lead a full and purposeful life with dignity and independence.

We believe in connection, a sense of belonging, kindness and compassion.

The name of the Special Educational Need Lead for EYFS is  
Mrs. D Briggs

If your child has any medical conditions, additional needs or if you are worried about them starting school please come and speak to us.





# Safeguarding

We strive to provide a safe, supportive environment at school with best outcomes for all our children and families .

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils focusing on connection and belonging .

We always take a considered and sensitive approach in order that we can support all of our pupils and families.

We work on a therapeutic basis placing compassion, kindness and hope at the forefront of our decisions.

The Schools Designated Safeguarding leads are :  
Mrs. L Patmore and Mrs. R Tidiman



# Why is play important?

Play is the true work of a child. Children are busy when they are playing, and they are learning when they play. In the Early Years we provide lots of child led activities which allow children to use their imagination.

In the Early years we promote play through lots of different resources and activities e.g. scientific concepts; such as in the water tray identifying things that sink and float which could then link with mathematical concepts such as weighing and capacity

# What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S)?

The E.Y.F.S. is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning

It is developed around 4 themes that underpin the EYFS

A Unique Child: Observe what a child is learning

Positive Relationships: What adults can do

Enabling Environments: What adults could provide

Learning and Developing: Children's achievements  
through the above



# Areas of learning

These areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive.

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

## SPECIFIC AREAS

These are essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society. These areas also help develop their reading, writing and number skills.

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

# Baseline

We baseline your child at the beginning of the school year. This will be carried out through observations of each child during play.

This takes place during the first 3 full time weeks in Reception.

In the Autumn term we will discuss your child's baseline and next steps at parents evening.

# Attendance

- Pupil doors open at 8:40am & close promptly at 8:50am.
- If you arrive at school at 8.50am or later, you must go to the office.
- Parents are not allowed into the school once the doors are closed at 8:50am
- Children will need to be collected at 3.15pm from the KS1 playground. If you are running late, please let the school know.
- Children will be taken to our after school club and a charge will be made.

# Attendance

- Attendance expectation is 95% and above
- Please let us know if your child is unwell and will not be attending school. Any absence requires a telephone call to the school office.
- Any sickness or diarrhea must be followed by at least 48 hours absence. This must be 48 hours clear of illness.
- Holidays are not to be taken in term time.
- If your child has an appointment during the school day, please let the school office know.

# A typical day in Reception - Autumn Term

8.40am: Welcome, Register and early morning work

8.55am: Registration closes

9.00-10.15am: Adult led Input: Literacy or Maths then child led learning and access to the outdoor area

10.15-10.30am: Snack time

10.30 - 11.20am: Child led learning and access to the outdoor area

11.30 -11.55: Read, Write, Inc.

12.00 -1.00: Lunch

1.00 -1.15: Magical Maths

1.20 - 3.00pm: Child led learning alongside adult led tasks. Access to the outdoor area

3.00pm: Tidy away, Show and tell and circle time

3.15pm: Home time



# Lunchtimes

- Your child is entitled to a free school meal. This can include:
- Hot school dinner
- School packed lunch
- Jacket potato or pasta option
- A vegetarian option is also available
- No halal option - the vegetarian option will be given.
- Children also have access to salad and bread when choosing a school meal.
- Alternatively you can provide your child with a home packed lunch.

# Allergies

Please ensure there are no nut products in your child's lunchbox. This includes traces of nuts in products such as chocolate spread.



Please speak to a member of staff if your child has allergies or dietary requirements.

# Home Packed Lunch Reminders

- Fruit such as grapes, strawberries, blueberries should be cut up.
- Food cannot be re heated at school.
- No fizzy drinks
- No nut products
- No large chocolate bars or sweets
- Please do not over pack lunchboxes with too much food.



# PAWS Club

Our breakfast and after school club is available Monday to Fridays.

Breakfast Club starts at 8am

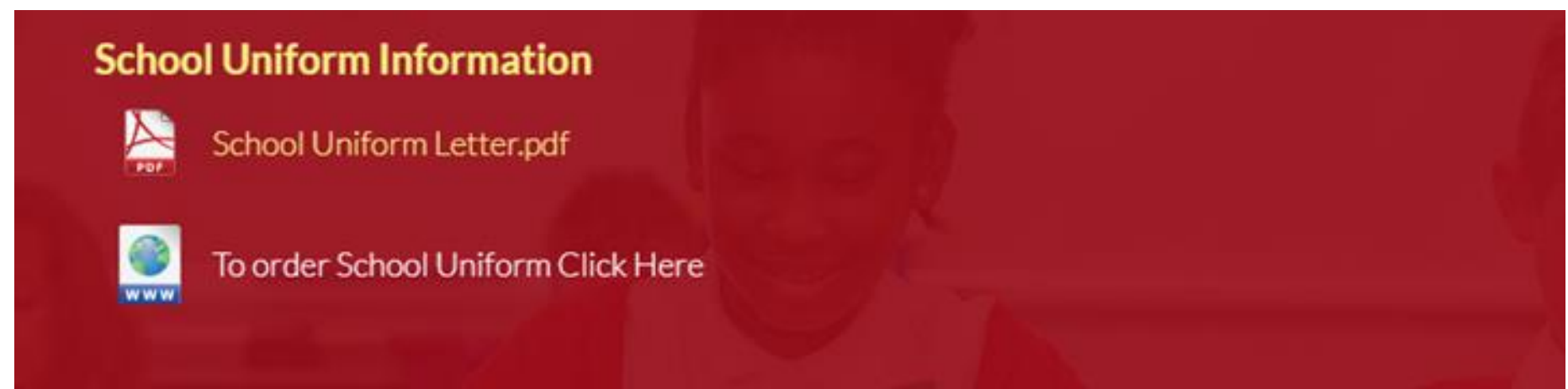
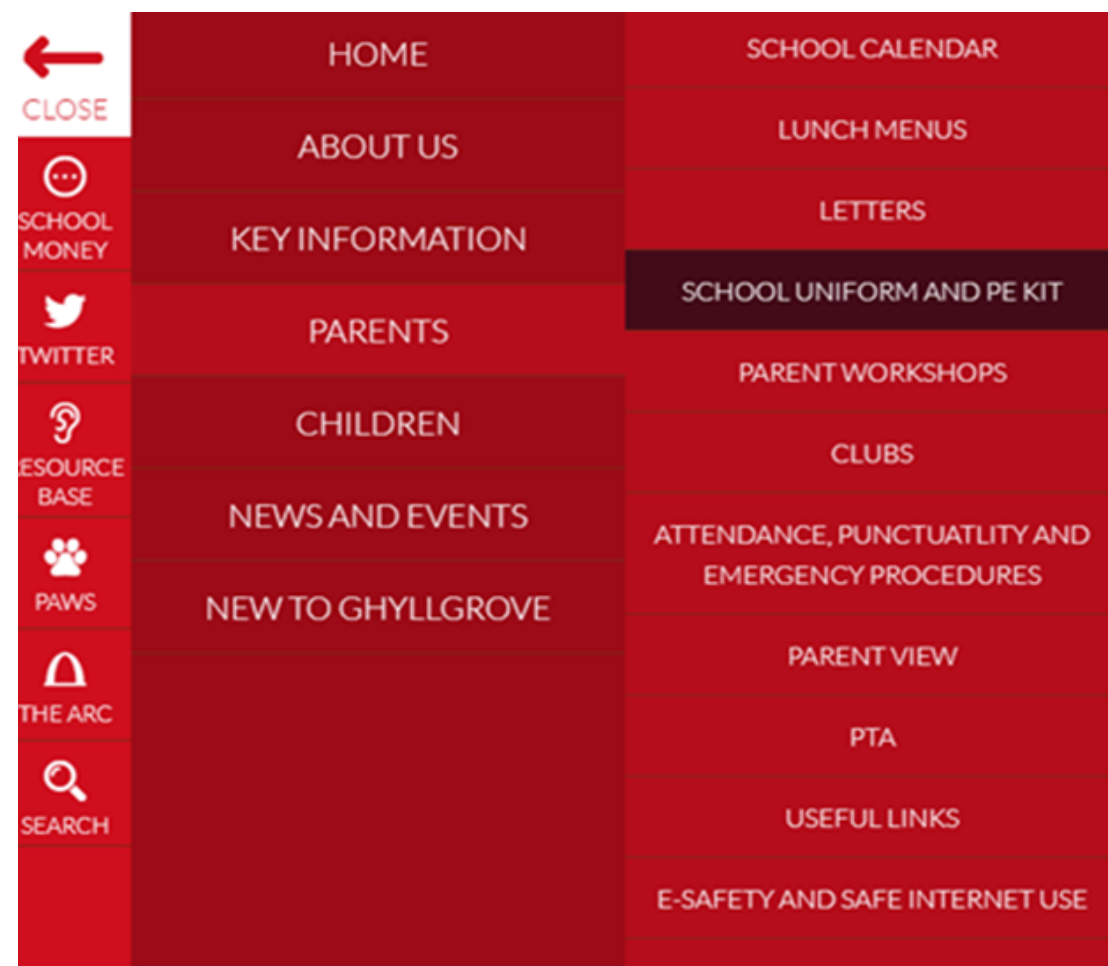
After School Club finishes at 5.30pm

Paperwork is available to fill out from today if you would like to sign up.

You can also contact Mrs Einchcomb in the school office via phone or email for more information.

# School Uniform

School uniform with the Ghyllgrove logo on can be purchased from our school website by using the link on our school website.



Online school uniform orders must be placed before August.



# School Uniform

You can also purchase school uniform from local supermarkets such as Asda, Sainsburys and Tesco. Please see the school website for our school colours.

You can also find school uniform at:

Laindon School Uniform Bank  
Manor Mission, Laindon, Basildon, SS15 6PA

Basildon School Uniform Bank  
203 Timberlog Lane, Basildon, SS14 1PB

# What can you do to help your child's learning when they begin school?

- Sharing books, talking about the pictures
- Encourage mark making, shopping lists etc.
- Encourage children to talk and answer questions.
- Practise counting at any time-climbing the stairs, shopping etc.
- Play simple board games
- Sing number rhymes and songs together
- Support any homework that comes home
- Practise turn taking with a friend, sibling or relative
- Practise following 2 step instructions, i.e. "put your toys away and then get your coat."

# The First Few Days

There can be a lot to remember in the first few days, but please do not worry! Your child will quickly be teaching you the routine 😊

- All clothing named
- Red school book bag everyday \*No Rucksacks\*
- Wellies and spare set of uniform named and left in school
- No hooped earrings or jewellery to be worn
- A water bottle - please ensure this is clearly named
- Toys/items/comforters from home cannot be brought into school
- Ensure you have spoken to your child about their lunch choice.
- Shoes named and velcro - no laces please

# Other Matters

- Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child. The office must also be informed of this so please phone or email prior to your child being collected (even if this person is on your list of contacts). For safeguarding reasons, the person must bring ID with them. If this is a regular friend/relative collecting, they will still require ID whilst staff get used to all the new faces!
- You will receive news and information over the school year via email, text or Tapestry. Please ensure the school have all up to date information.

## Other Matters

- Playground entrance - You will enter through the main KS1 gate and wait on the playground. Please wait behind the red line until your child's teacher comes out. Children will walk across the red line independently and line up with their teacher. They will then be taken into the classroom. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please wait at the red line and someone will come over to you. Getting the children into class safely is our first priority.

**Please return your admission forms, proof of address and birth certificate to the main school office ASAP**



# Class Visits

Class visits will take place this month:

Class 1: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Class 2: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Class 3: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

- These visits will take place in the EYFS classrooms and garden. You will be able to meet the staff and ask any questions you may have.

Due to space in the classrooms, babies and younger siblings are unable to attend these visits.

Please make sure you have booked a time before you leave.

# Class Visits

All children are invited to another visit to see their classmates.  
During the class visits in a few weeks, the class teacher will let you know which date to attend:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July: 3.45pm - 4.15pm

Or

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July: 9.15am - 10am

# September

All children will start school on:

Monday 8th September 2025



# Our School Nursery

- Our Nursery environment is calm and inviting, we promote learning in an engaging space.
- The Nursery staff are qualified and have many years of experience in early years.
- The transition to Reception is smooth and we take individual needs into account when supporting the children on their next step.
- In the summer term we follow Read Write Inc. giving the children a head start for Reception.
- The children get to know our school and will be making valuable relationships with staff and their peers!

If you would like to visit our Nursery, please let the school office know and we will happily show you around 😊

**Ghyllgrove  
Primary School  
Nursery**



**OPEN FOR NURSERY ADMISSIONS**

**About Us**

- We offer two sessions, 9.05-11.35 and 12.45-3.15
- Nursery spaces are available for children who are 3 and 4 years old and starting Reception the following school year.
- Fully funded for 12.5 hours a week



**Pop into our school office and pick up an application form or you can find one on our school website.**

**We can't wait to see you!**



Telephone: 01268 450067  
Email: [admin@ghyllgrove.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ghyllgrove.essex.sch.uk)  
[WWW.GHYLLGROVEPRIMARYSCHOOL.CO.UK](http://WWW.GHYLLGROVEPRIMARYSCHOOL.CO.UK)



# School Website

Our school website can provide you with all the information you need for starting with us in September. Please look for the 'New to Ghyllgrove' section on the main menu.

<https://www.ghyllgroveprimaryschool.co.uk>





# What is Tapestry?

- It is fully secure and only password holders can access the features.
- Parents only access their own child's Learning Journal.
- Parents can add their own comments, videos and photos from home.
- EYFS homework will be set through Tapestry.



TAPESTRY  
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

# Why Do We Use Tapestry?

- It increases the time spent interacting and playing with the children.
- It gives us as practitioners more time to spend planning and creating exciting learning opportunities rather than printing, cutting, sticking etc into books.
- It creates a two way communication between the EYFS team and the parents and carers.
- It enables us to show what the children really do at school which will give opportunities to extend the children at home.



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# How It Works

- Photos, videos and observations uploaded to Tapestry.
- Access via app or website.
- Opportunity to write back or input examples of what the child is doing outside the school day - weekend trips, exciting learning opportunities, trip to the shops etc.
- There will be observations each week and some whole class/group learning experiences.
- You will receive an activation in the next few weeks - please check your junk/spam folder for the email, and follow the instructions on how to set up your account.



TAPESTRY  
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# Contact Us

You can always contact us via phone or email:

- Phone: 01268 450067
- Email: [parents@ghyllgrove.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@ghyllgrove.essex.sch.uk)
- You can also keep updated by following us on X: @Ghyllgrove



# Before You Leave Today:

Sign in

Profile forms – If your child is currently in Ghyllgrove Nursery, you do not need to complete this.

Tapestry consent – If your child is currently in Ghyllgrove Nursery, you do not need to complete this.

Sign health consent sheet

Make a note of your class number

Look at uniform

Finish admission paperwork

Speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns.

# Thank You

We look forward to a happy partnership in your child's first year at school and beyond.



If you have any questions about your child starting Reception with us this September, please do not hesitate to contact us.