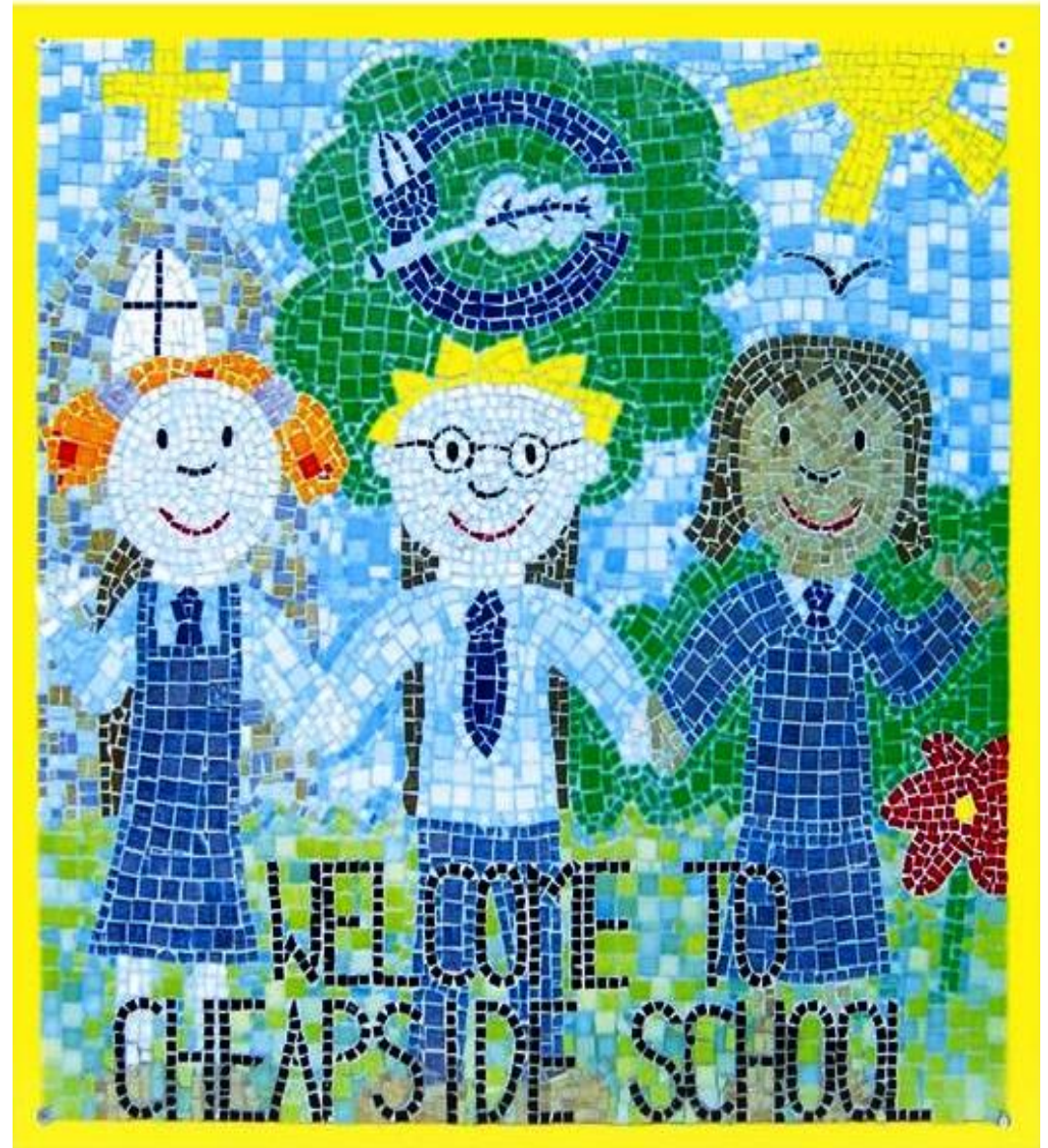


Starting School at Cheapside



An introduction for new families



Welcome!

- New and exciting stage in your child's life.
- Make new friends, enjoy new experiences.
- Develop the skills they need to be effective learners.
- Work with you as **partners** to help ensure your child has the best possible start to their school career.
- A copy of this presentation will be uploaded onto the school website under the tab – Children – Class Pages – Wren Class Reception New Starters 2024-2025.

<https://cheapside-ce-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/wren-class-new-starters-september-2024/>



Wrens Class!



- Your child will be based in Wrens Class for their reception year.
- The class teacher will be Mrs Coe and will be supported by a teaching assistant during the morning.
- Your children will also have the opportunity to visit our Forest School, take part in a PE lesson, practise riding a balance/pedal bike and enjoy our covered outdoor area.
- Mrs Hignight is our SENCo.
- We have an 'open door' policy. If you have any worries or concerns about your child, please speak to Mrs Coe or Mrs Hignight by making an appointment with the School Office.



“Is my child ready for school ?”

In Reception we like the children to be able to:

- ✓ express their needs appropriately
- ✓ Use the toilet independently, including being able to wipe themselves.
- ✓ Wash and dry hands
- ✓ Blow their nose
- ✓ Sit up at a table
- ✓ Understand how to use a knife and fork
- ✓ Dress and undress themselves
- ✓ Sit quietly to listen to a story or a piece of music
- ✓ Wait patiently
- ✓ Share and take turns
- ✓ Tidy up things they have used
- ✓ Say goodbye to their parents with a smile !!!!!!!





Foundation Stage



What is the Foundation Stage?

- Foundation Stage 1 takes place in a pre-school or nursery between the ages 3 and 4. Foundation Stage 2 takes place in a Reception class of an Infant or Primary school between the ages 4 and 5.
- The Foundation Stage Curriculum at Cheapside is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**, alongside adult directed small group and whole class activities.
- Although we have 'topics' throughout the year we change and adapt our EYFS curriculum to follow the interests of the children.
- At Cheapside part of this learning will take place outdoors in Forest School sessions.



A Typical Day in Wren Class!

08:40	Register & Table Activities
09:00	Special Helper Calendar & Timetable
09:10	Whole School Assembly
09:30	Phonics Lesson
10:00	Snack time – fruit
10:15	Playground with Y1 & Y2
10:30	Literacy or Maths Lesson
10:50	Busy Time – Free Choice & adult led small group work
11:55	Lunch Time with Y1 & Y2

Afternoon

12:30	Playground with Y1 & Y2
12:55	Register
13:00	Lesson 3 – RE, PSHE, Music, Art, Understanding The World or Handwriting & Dough Disco
13:30	Reading Practice
13:40	Busy Time
14:40	Tidy up time
14:50	Story Time
15:00	Home Time

How will I know what my child is learning?



- Regular newsletters will be published on the class page on our website.
- We currently use a piece of educational software called 'Tapestry' to record your child's 'Wow' moments and whole class activities. You will receive an email at the end of July asking you to activate your account. Please upload any photos of your child's 'wow' moments or achievements over the summer holidays! There will be some optional activity ideas on Tapestry if you would like to have a go at them with your child.



- We collect key pieces of children's work to share with you in a Learning Journey and Topic Book.

The first few weeks..

- Help your child settle, ensuring they feel safe and are happy, and encourage and support with exploring the new environment and with making new friends.
- Be introduced to their Year 6 Buddy.
- What do they **already know**? We use this information to help plan for the next steps for every child. This is what is generally referred to as the **Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)** .
- You will be invited to discuss your child's progress & adjustment to school within the first term.

Starting school in September – how does it work?



- A Parent-teacher meeting will take place on Thursday 5th September prior to your child starting school. This is to give you an opportunity to tell us about your child and discuss any worries or concerns you may have about them starting school.
- Please ensure you have signed up for a time slot for this interview. We would love your child to accompany you to this interview. They will have an opportunity to play in the classroom whilst we meet. You are welcome to stay and play for a small while afterwards with your child.
- We would also like to look at your child's learning journal and any reports that the pre-school have given you so please bring these along with you.
- **Please return any outstanding forms to school before the end of the Summer Term.**

Children invited to attend for the morning session



- Your child will begin school for the **morning only** on **Friday 6th September 2024**. We would like the children to arrive at 9.30am and be collected at 12.15am.
- We would like to invite your child to stay for lunch on this day. The lunch will be 'fish and chips' or Jacket Potato or a vegetarian option. Your child can also bring a packed lunch as a 'back up' if required.
- Your child will start school full time on **Monday 9th September**. The school day will begin at 8.40am.
- If you are running late or your child is going to be absent, please let the school office know by 09:30am at the latest.

Why the phased start?

- A calm and positive start to school
- Smaller groups allow us time to really get to know your child
- Some of your children might be anxious or tearful, they might have difficulty separating from you and settling.
- The interview sessions are a good opportunity to let us know if you think your child will have difficulty settling.

What do I need to do now?

- Make sure you have signed up for an interview time for your starting school interview. Details about how to do this have already been sent out.
- Return any forms enclosed in your initial welcome pack, ensure the office staff have seen your proof of address paperwork.
- Ensure your child has a school uniform for September. They may wear the summer uniform at the start of term, but they will need winter uniform by the end of September depending on the weather. Mrs Searle will send out a message to advise the date.
- <https://www.cheapsideschool.org.uk/uniform/> - deadline Friday 26th July
- **PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!!!!!!!**
- Please ring or email the school if you have any questions or concerns about your child starting school – 01344 621112 or school.office@cheapsideschool.org.uk.

Unity...

I dreamt I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher, the tools she used
Were books and music, art and play.
One was a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.....
.....And each agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone
For behind the parents stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.



Any Questions?

