



*"Let all that you
do be done in
love."*

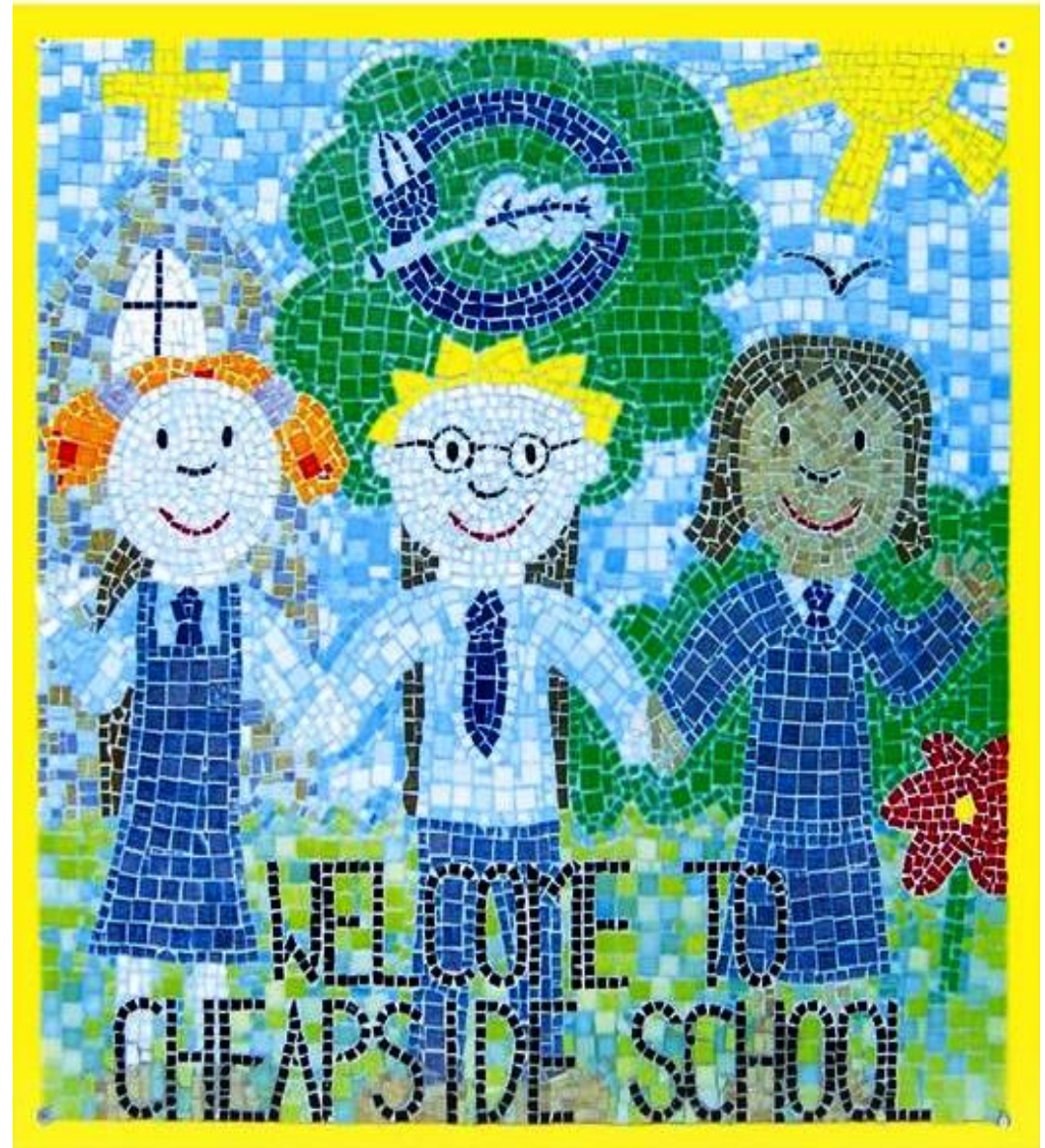
1 Corinthians 16:14



Starting School at Cheapside



An introduction for new families



Our Four Pillars

School Development Priorities | 2026–2027



PILLAR 01

Writing

To develop a purposeful, progressive writing sequence that raises attainment for all pupils.



PILLAR 02

Curriculum

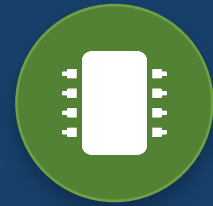
To deliver an exceptional provision through a rich, balanced and inclusive curriculum, developing a personalised approach for all pupils.



PILLAR 03

Teaching

To provide the highest standard of teaching, linked to the latest pedagogy.



PILLAR 04

Technology Infrastructure

To develop and maintain a robust, modern technology infrastructure that enhances teaching, learning and operational efficiency.

Achieving Our Best — In Thought, In Word, In Deed.

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 2026.



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 as and when is needed.
- Your children will also have the opportunity to visit our Forest School with Mrs Miles, take part in a PE lesson, practise riding a balance/pedal bike and enjoy our covered outdoor area.
- Mrs Read 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 Read by making an appointment with the School Office.



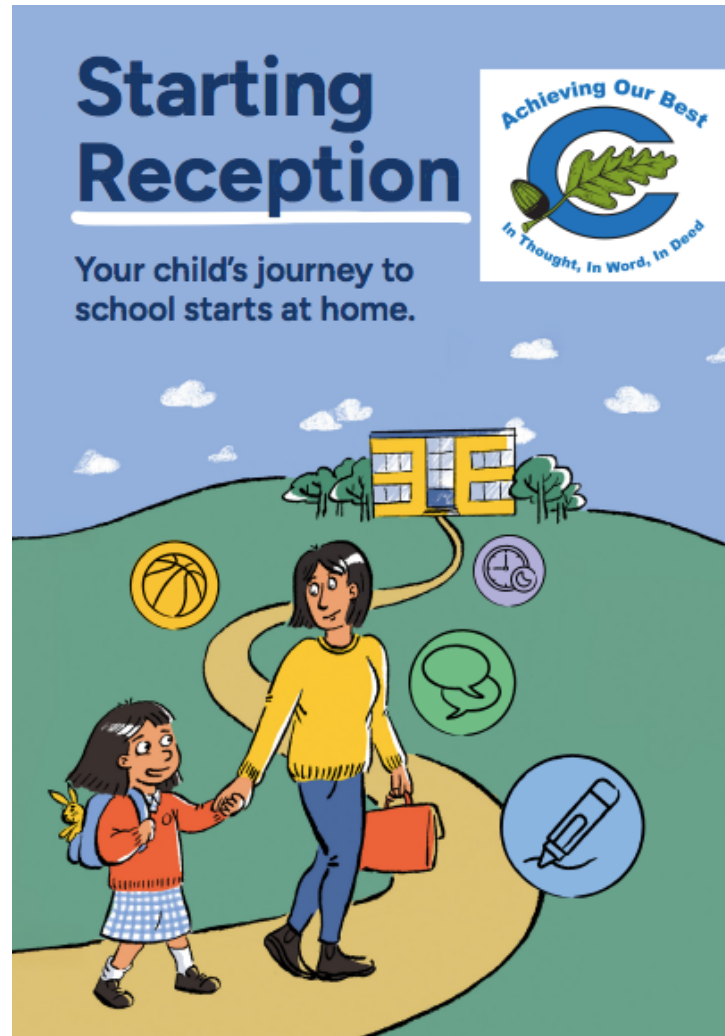
“Is my child ready for school ?”

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
- ✓ Be able to open, close and put things in their school bag
- ✓ Say goodbye to their parents with a smile !!!!!!!



<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/cheapside-ce-primary-school/UploadedDocument/8275919e-b5d6-4237-bd78-894b066311bb/starting-reception-information-booklet.pdf>





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 with Mrs Miles.



A Typical Morning in Wren Class!

08:30	Register & Table Activities & reading with a teacher
09:00	Special Helper Calendar & Timetable
09:10	Whole School Assembly
09:30	Snack time – fruit & milk
09:45	Phonics Lesson
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
13:40	Busy Time & reading with a teacher
14:45	Tidy up time
15:00	Story Time
15:10	Home Time

How will I know what my child is learning?



- 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.



- Regular newsletters will be published on the class page on our website and on Tapestry
- We collect key pieces of children's work to share with you in a Learning Journey, Tapestry and a 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 at Parent's Evening.

Information for parents:
Reception baseline assessment



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Starting school in September – how does it work?



- A Parent-teacher meeting will take place on **Wednesday 2nd 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.
- **If your child has an allergy, please book a telephone appointment with Mrs Coe, via the school office, before the end of the Summer Term, so that we can put measures in place before your child starts school in September.**
- **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 **Thursday 3rd September 2024**. We would like the children to arrive at 9.30am and be collected at 11:30am.
- On **Friday 4th September** we would like to invite your child to stay for lunch on this day. The lunch will be 'hot' main meal or Jacket Potato or a vegetarian option. Your child can also bring a packed lunch as a 'back up' if required. The timings for this day will 09:30 – 12:30pm.
- Your child will start school full time on **Monday 7th September**. The school day will begin at 8.40am and finish at 3:10pm. Children can be dropped off from 08.30am.
- 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
- 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. The Headteacher will send out a message to advise the date.
- Cheapside CE Primary School - Uniform - **deadline** Friday 17th 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.



Mrs Leitch – Office Manager

- PTA (Parent Teacher Association) – all parents are automatically part of the PTA. It is a crucial for raising funds in order to provide additional extras for the children such as contributions towards school trip. It also an excellent way to meet new friends at the social events that are held throughout the year.

<https://www.cheapsideschool.org.uk/pta>

- Attendance – all absences must be reported before 09:30 each day and all appointments (Doctor's, Dentist, etc) must be requested in advance via the school office.
- School lunches – pre ordered on Scopay.

Any Questions?

