Welcome to Reception

Staff in Reception

Mrs Church – Class Teacher
Mrs Arnold – Class Teacher (Wednesdays)
Miss Simper – Class Teacher
Mrs Holder– Teaching Assistant
Miss Beck – Teaching Assistant

Classes will be allocated before the Summer holiday, and you will be informed.
Your child will be in either Holly Class or Maple Class

Induction dates

Class Swap Day

Wednesday 1st July (check times)

9.30am – 11.30am

OR

12.45pm – 2.45pm

(check your email)

All children will attend full time

From Wednesday 2nd September

N.B. If your child currently attends Blossomfield Nursery come at your normal time on Class Swap day

Curriculum

We have learning themes on which our learning is based.
E.g. Let's Explore, Animal Safari

There is a weekly newsletter for parents to inform you of the next week's learning

What do you need for September?

Book Bag - £7
Please buy this from the school office (or tonight) and send in with your child every day.

Please make sure your child has a named leak proof water bottle.

Your child will need to **come to school** in PE kit on PE days. A white t-shirt, black shorts/joggers/leggings, trainers and school sweatshirt.
Please provide black Velcro pumps to leave in school. Please make sure they are named clearly.

Please register with Cool Milk if you want your child to drink milk each day.

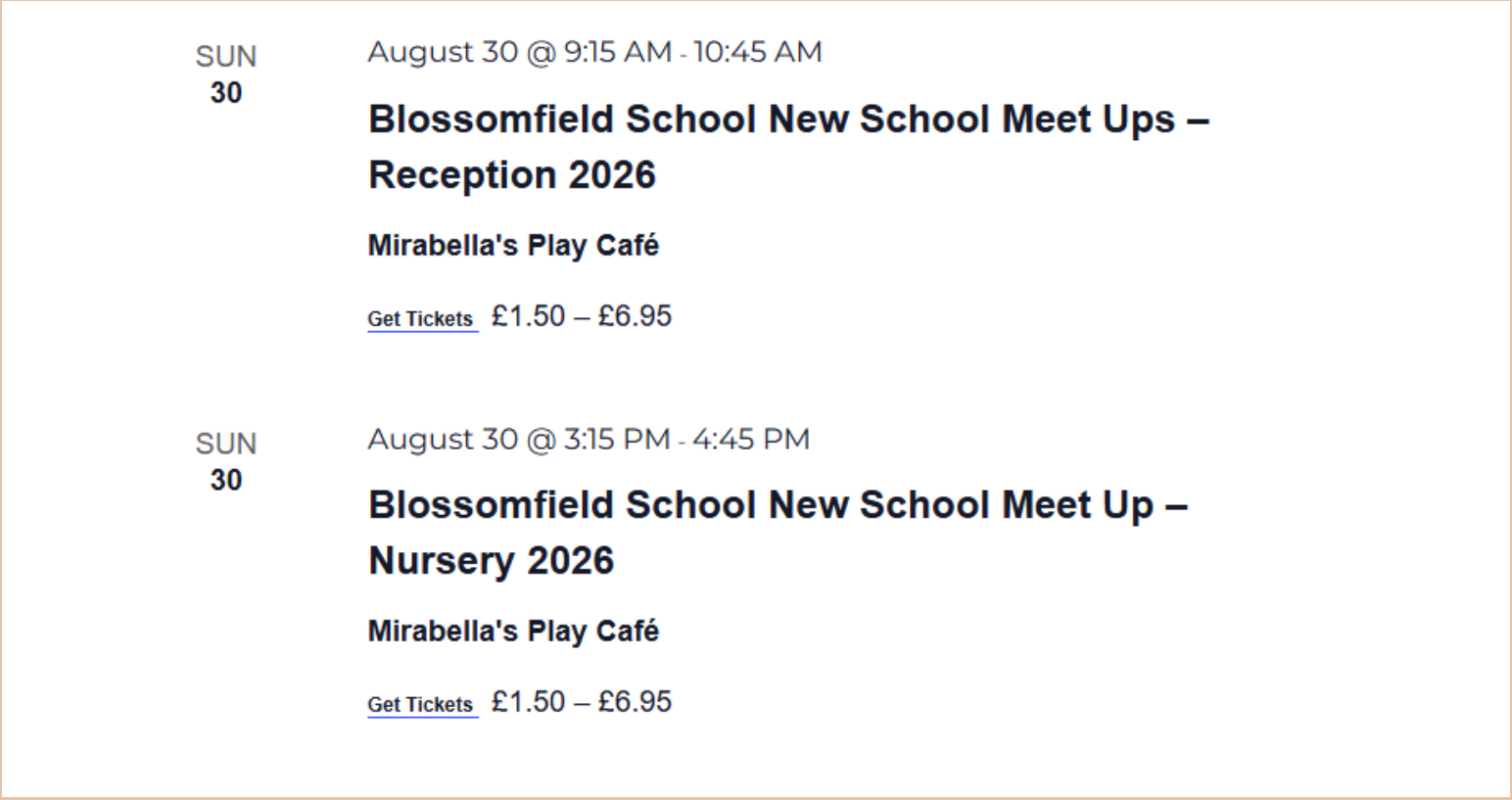
New starters at Blossomfield meet up….

- Mirabella's play café
  3 Manor Walk
  Solihull

- Sunday 30th August at 9.15am until 10.45am.
- Book a place www.mirabellasplaycafe.com

Booking….

This will help us keep the session just for Blossomfield.



School Readiness

Everyone working together to achieve the best outcomes for children

Things to work on...

- Having a 2-way conversation
- Independence
- Manners
- Sharing
- Listen and respond to a simple instruction
- Express needs by speaking clearly

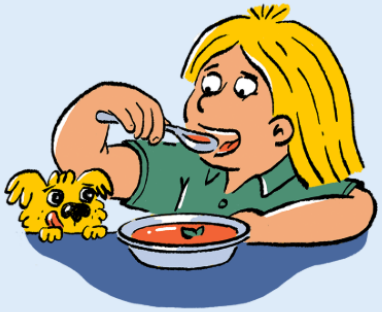
The definition: skills to practise before starting Reception

New skills take time to learn. Practising at home will help your child move into school more easily and with confidence.

Growing independence

Taking care of themselves

- Putting on/taking off their coat and shoes
- Using the toilet and washing their hands
- Getting dressed with little help, e.g. after using the toilet or doing PE
- Using cutlery (e.g. fork and spoon, chopsticks) and drinking from an open cup
- Spending time away from you, learning they can be looked after by caring adults



Play, creativity and curiosity

- Taking part in imaginative play (e.g. role play)
- Drawing, painting, colouring and sticking
- Sharing story books with caregivers, looking at pictures and talking about the characters
- Exploring the world around them (e.g. looking closely at the natural world or playing safely with objects at home)

At school your child will be meeting lots of new people and make new friendships. Some things to help them get ready include:

Building relationships and communicating

Being with others

- Practising sharing and taking turns with toys
- Talking to them about how they are feeling and why
- Looking at story books together and speaking about what characters are feeling is a good way to do this
- Beginning to recognise what others are feeling, e.g. understanding if a friend is sad
- Encouraging them to set boundaries for themselves and others (e.g. knowing how to say 'no')

Communication and language

- Singing along with songs and nursery rhymes
- Talking happily to others about activities, experiences and the world around them
- Showing they need help by speaking clearly (in basic English or sign language)
- Recognising the pattern of their name (so they can find it on their coat peg or jacket)

Listening and engaging

- Paying attention for short periods of time
- Listening to and following simple instructions
- Carrying on with a task even when it's difficult and bouncing back if things go wrong

Healthy routines

- Going to bed around the same time each night, waking up in time to get ready for school
- Limiting screen time to the recommended daily amounts (see advice)
- Eating a healthy diet and trying new foods
- Brushing their teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice a day (you'll need to supervise this until they are at least 7)

Physical development

Getting moving for at least three hours a day

- Walking up and down steps (one foot at a time, using the wall for support)
- Climbing, running, jumping and playing
- Catching a large ball (most of the time)
- Doing simple puzzles and craft activities, strengthening their grip with cutting and sticking

Digital support

- **Solihull-specific**
- Start for Life offer | Solihull Council
- Solihull Family Hub App at Google Play and Apple App Store
- Welcome to Solihull Family Hubs - YouTube

- **National**
- Home - Starting Reception – Government-backed website
- Muddle Puddle Parenting (UK Gov and Peppa Pig ☺)
- BBC CBeebies Parenting (includes BBC Tiny Happy People that has evaluated positively with parents/carers with low

STORYSACKS
- Make a Story Sack

Do you enjoy sharing books with your child?
Would you like some more ideas on how to bring stories to life?
Do you enjoy craft activities?

FREE Course! | Blossomfield Infant and Nursery School | Mondays for 6 Weeks
Starts September 14th | 9.15am - 11.15am

CRECHE AVAILABLE!

Our "Playing with Language" course helps you and:

- develop essential early skills through play.
- build skills for future reading, writing, and maths.
- create unique story sacks for home use.
- join a supportive parent community.

This 6-week course is perfect for parents, carers, and grandparents with Foundation Stage children.

Sign up at the school office!

HELPING WITH ANXIETY

Is your child experiencing worries or anxiety?
Do you want to learn practical ways to support them through stressful situations?

Helping with Anxiety Course

Blossomfield Infant and Nursery School |
Thursdays | Starting January 2027 (for 6 weeks)
9:15am - 11.15am.

Our supportive course helps you and:

- understand the root causes of child anxiety.
- learn practical strategies for managing stress.
- build communication and coping skills.
- connect with a supportive parent community.

This course is ideal for parents and carers seeking guidance on supporting their child's emotional well-being.

Register interest at the school office!

Blossomfield Childcare

We offer …

- Before and after school club
- Holiday club

REGISTER NOW

And Finally

Please make sure you read all the induction information on the website.

Please feel free to email us if you have any questions:
s4reception@blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk