



# Reception Parents Meeting

20th May 2026



# What is the EYFS?



Reception is a continuation from Nursery to Pre-School. **The Early Years Foundation Stage** covers the first stage of a child's care from birth to five years old. It sets the standards to ensure that all children learn and develop, as well as keeping them healthy and safe. The EYFS is about supporting the whole child – helping them grow confident through play, exploration and meaningful relationships. Parents, your involvement matters and is key in laying the foundations for lifelong learning.



There are **seven Areas of Learning**. They are:

**Communication and Language**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

**Physical Development**

**Literacy**

**Mathematics**

**Understanding the World**

**Expressive Arts and Design**

At the end of the EYFS, there are **17 Early Learning Goals** that children are expected to achieve.

# The importance of developing communication and language skills



We aim to create a language rich environment. We encourage more conversations between adults and children, but also between children and their peers. Forest School every Tuesday supports this.

## There is a focus on how reading stories is important to help children develop in all of areas of learning

- Daily reading of stories encourages an enjoyment of reading from a young age
- Listening to stories develops imagination, ideas and language
- Children are also encouraged to use story ideas in their play
- Our Favourite Five



At North, children are encouraged to learn and develop through play and exploration. The adults support this through guidance and the teaching of skills. Stay and Learn is a chance for parents to visit the classrooms and see the learning in action!

Throughout the year the team will spend a lot of time getting to know your child by talking to them, playing with them and finding out what their interests might be. We plan around these interests and teach many skills through three daily challenges which are completed in our inside and outdoor classrooms. You will be updated on your child's progress throughout the year and how you can support learning at home.





# Tapestry Online Profiles

- Secure profile page for every child.
- Photos, video and written observations of learning.
- Email alerts when an entry is made into the journal.
  - Uploading from home.
- A chance to find out exactly what your child is learning at school.
  - Enriching conversations about school life.
    - Download the free Tapestry app.

# Journal of Rosa Olley

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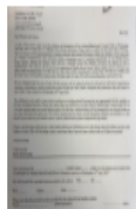
## TOP SECRET: Dress up like a pirate day next Thursday!

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We always like to begin our week with a surprise theme and next week it will be pirates. The children will not know until they come in on Monday morning. Throughout the week we will be learning about...

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## Muddy Boots

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Please look out for a trip letter tonight! Please return the form as soon as possible. Thank you.

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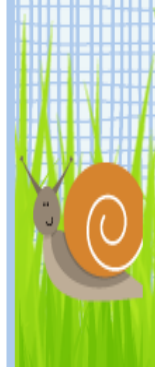
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## Rosa's half term

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# Visible Learning

## The Reception Learning High Five

North is proud to be a Visible Learning school and in the Foundation Stage we focus on developing the language of learning. We explicitly teach the children the skills of a good learner.

In the Early Years we will be encouraging and teaching children to follow our Learning High Five code to become great learners.

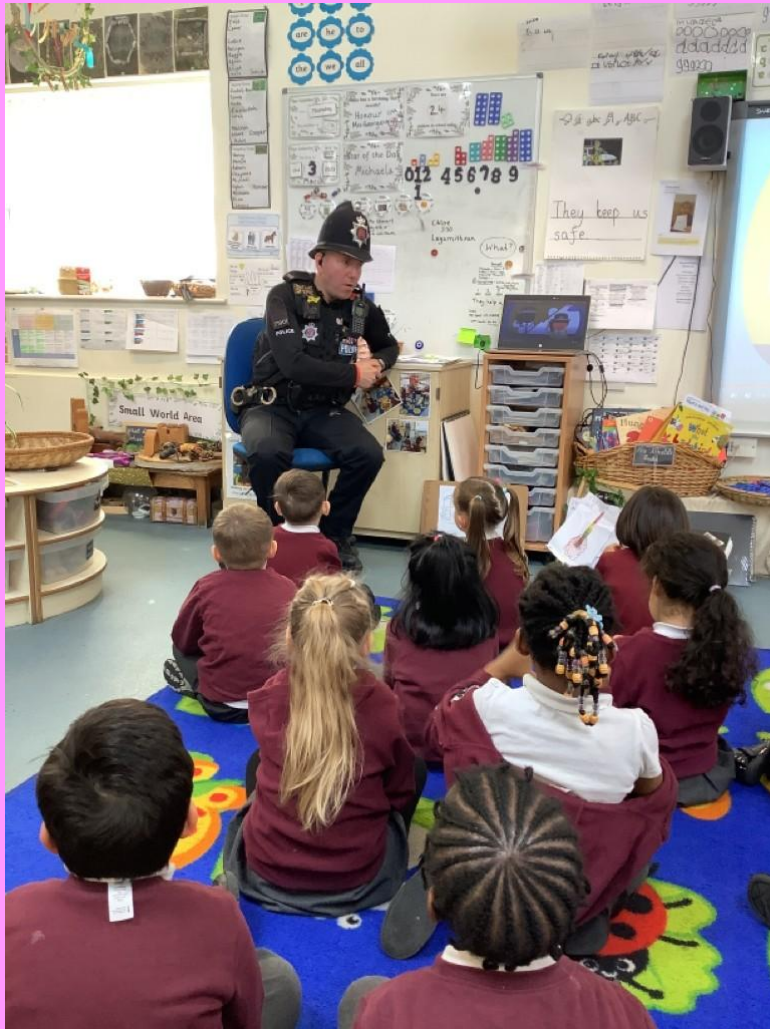
# Happiness



To say “yes” and do your best.



# To ask questions



# Collaboration



To ask for help if you are stuck



# Ensuring a smooth induction into Reception at North



- Nursery and Pre-School visits
- Twilight visits to Reception classrooms (packs)
- Tapestry profiles set up before the Summer holidays with videos from Reception staff
- Summer Project to complete
- LABELS! When buying uniform, coats and water bottle, please label everything clearly.
- Small group visits begin in September. Please read the letter given out tonight detailing your child's group and visit dates. Please look carefully at the dates.
- Parents meeting in September with your child's class teacher.
- **If you have any concerns about any area of your child's development, please come and speak to us. The more we know about the children, the smoother the transition will be.**

School Readiness - Research shows that a child's relationship with their parents is the most important factor in their development, and there's a lot you can do at home

- Encourage me to use the toilet independently.
- Encourage me to dress and undress independently.
- Praise me when I am independent at meal times, sit at a table and encourage me to use a knife and fork and feed myself.
- Talk lots. Chat, narrate, ask questions and let your child respond in their own way.
- Play together. Follow their lead in play. Join in their world – pretend, build, explore.
- Sing and read stories together.
- Play games with me so that I can practise taking turns and sharing.
- Encourage me to talk to friends and family to help me become a confident communicator.
- Praise their efforts and celebrate their persistence.
- <https://startingreception.co.uk/>

