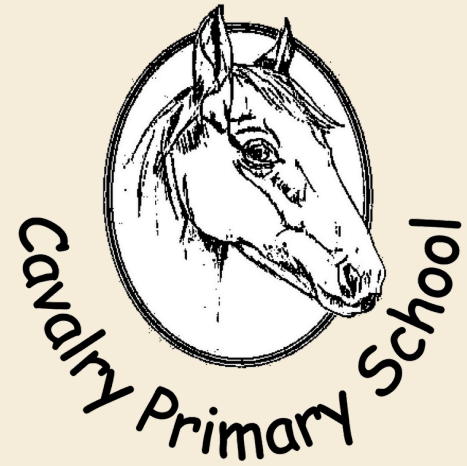


# STARTING RECEPTION AT CAVALRY - FAQ'S



## How will you know my child?

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We want to know your child BEFORE they start in Reception. We will meet you during our New to Reception meeting in the summer term. At this meeting we will give you your 'Welcome to Reception' pack and provide you with all the information and dates that you will need. During this evening, there will be an opportunity for you to sign up to a one to one meeting for you and your child with your child's class teacher in September. This is a 10-15min chat so that you can tell us about your child - anything and everything we need to know! You can also ask any questions that you have thought of since the first meeting. You will also be asked to sign up to one of our workshops - a chance for us to go through all the important bits about what to expect and how you can support your child whilst they are in Reception. This is a 1hr workshop whilst the children are part-time and is really valuable.

We will shortly be contacting your child's pre-school setting and finding out what they enjoy doing whilst they are there and to know other information like who their friends are. We will also try to arrange to visit them at their setting in the summer term.

The first class visit which was 1 to 1 with the teachers gave the perfect opportunity to express any concerns privately, or talk about any medical / personal issues you may want to discuss without the worry of being in earshot of other parents. This for me personally helped a great deal. I worry more than I need to over anything and everything, so having this opportunity to talk 1 to 1 in private, really made me feel at ease.

# What will my child need?

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The only things your child needs when they start school are a school uniform, a water bottle, a sun hat and a pair of wellies. They will not need a PE kit until after the half term in October and will never need a pair of plimsoles!

Did you know that you can get uniform for FREE? We run a uniform exchange so you can get good quality second hand (and a few brand new!) items that you can request free of charge throughout the year.



# Will they be with their friends?

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Where possible and appropriate, we try to keep groups of children together. We talk to their pre-school settings when deciding which class they will be in and try to make sure they have some of the familiar faces from their pre-school setting. Even if your child comes to us not knowing other children please try not to worry, the children quickly settle into life in their new class and we work hard in the first few weeks to make sure they make lots of new friends.



# How can I prepare my child for school?

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You may think we are hoping that they will be able to write their name or count to 10? No, these are the things that are really, really important, as we know they make a big difference to your child;

- get a good bedtime routine in place - getting plenty of sleep does make such a difference to their readiness to learn and engagement in school
- encourage them to be independent with toileting and getting dressed
- talk about school, the staff and what they might see and do
- try to make it to all of our visits and the start of term. It really helps to settle the children if they attend this crucial transition time

# How can I keep in contact and up to date with everything at Cavalry?

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There's a lot going on all the time at our busy school ! Although it may seem like a long way off until your child is in Key Stage 2 and working with the Royal Opera House or even in Year 5 and off to Wales for the week , there's a lot to be proud of and celebrate for every year group! We regularly share our highs, whilst also keeping you up to date with important dates and events in the future.

[www.cavalry.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.cavalry.cambs.sch.uk)

Our school website is a wealth of information and it's here that you will find the term dates for the current year and the next year. We cannot stress this enough - DO NOT BOOK A HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME! Your child misses a lot of learning, even if you go for just a few days! On the website you will also find a calendar to show important dates in school during each month. There is a parent section where you can find information about uniform and school meals as well as other information. For all updates and information specific to Reception we will put them under the tab "New to Reception 2024'.

Contact the school office by telephone on [01354 652814](tel:01354652814)

Email the school office on [admin@cavalryprimary.org](mailto:admin@cavalryprimary.org)

This will reach our office staff during opening hours with anything you need to let us know.

Email the Reception staff on [Reception@cavalryprimary.org](mailto:Reception@cavalryprimary.org)

This will reach our Reception teachers if you have a query or concern and will be answered when they are not teaching.

Keep an eye on our social media [www.facebook.com/CavalryMarch](http://www.facebook.com/CavalryMarch)

Please support our PTFA (and consider joining if you can!) [www.facebook.com/CavalryPTFA](http://www.facebook.com/CavalryPTFA)

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