



The BAWB Federation
Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools
Mid-Dale Excellence in Education
Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper



Welcome to Reception at the BAWB Federation

Reception children are all taught in our specialist EYFS setting on our Bainbridge site

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1. A message from our Headteacher

Mid-Dale Excellence in Education

Welcome to the BAWB Federation: Bainbridge C of E, Askrigg VC, and West Burton C of E Primary (and nursery) schools.

Our schools are located in the picturesque villages of Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Our schools are happy places with high aspirations for all our children and we work actively with our parents and community to ensure that we provide the best educational experiences for our children.

We work very closely as an effective federation and have combined our resources to teach all EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) and Y1 children at Bainbridge.

Our website contains a wide range of information and is updated on a regular basis.

<http://b-a-wb.co.uk/>

Please feel free to contact us if you would like Further information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Charlotte Harper".

Charlotte Harper, Headteacher



2. Welcoming staff



We are incredibly excited about this next academic year.
We look forward to a happy partnership in your child's first year at school and beyond.

Teaching Staff in Reception:



Mrs Johnston



Mrs Middleton



Mrs Baldwin



Mrs Iveson



3. Before you arrive

- Our very helpful admin team will provide you with any forms that are required before your child starts school (this will include the school admission form, medical information and photo consent forms).
- **Your child will receive a book bag and a named water bottle on their first day in reception.**
- **Our school uniform policy is available here** <http://b-a-wb.co.uk/parents-and-carers/uniform>
- You can purchase school uniform by visiting <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk>
- **Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly marked**



4. Transport Arrangements

- The school your child is registered at is known as their 'home school', if they are not registered at Bainbridge then this school will be known as their 'taught school'.
- **If your child is registered at Askrigg or West Burton school, they will have the option to be transported to and from Bainbridge, at the beginning and the end of the school day (in line with normal school start and end times).**
- Please speak to our admin team if you would like more information on school transport.



5. At school - What the day looks like



- Reception children attend school full-time,
- The day begins at 8.30am (not later than 9am)
- Morning playtime includes fruit and milk (fruit is free for all and milk is free until they turn 5 years old)
- Lunchtime is from 11.50am to 1pm. Reception pupils are entitled to a free healthy school meal
- Afternoon playtime
- The school day finishes at 3.30pm.
- Where necessary, if you feel your child is not yet ready for full time education, the days and times they attend can be tailored to suit their individual needs. Please initially discuss this with the class teacher. Further discussions will be held with the Head teacher and the County Council.



At school - Learning areas



We have 3 adjoining classrooms, 2 indoors and 1 outdoors with a very extensive range of fabulous resources.

The children free flow throughout all three areas during the day working alongside our Nursery and Year 1 children.

These areas include: Sand, building, arts and crafts, playdough, water, dressing up, puppets, stories, role play.





At school - Outdoor learning

Our fantastic outdoor areas include many extras such as bikes, cooking area, 'forest', race track, football pitch, fruit and vegetable garden.

Children enjoy opportunities to learn outdoors. Learning to play together helps them develop important social skills such as managing their feelings and behaviour.





At school - Activities

Children can access these activities (which are adapted in planning to suit interests and move learning on) independently and they develop resilience and co-operation by staying on a task and working with friends.





6. The Curriculum

We follow the **Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2012)**

Your child will follow the EYFS curriculum at an appropriate level and we tailor our curriculum to your own child's needs at a bespoke level.

We use a document called Development Matters

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/04/4Children ParentsGuide 2015 F
INAL WEBv2.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/04/4Children%20ParentsGuide%202015%20FINAL%20WEBv2.pdf)

Phonics

All staff throughout the school are trained rigorously in the RWInc (Read, Write Inc.) phonics programme.

Here is a link with an introduction to the scheme.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjIPILhk7bQ>



The Curriculum – Early Learning goals



In their Reception year, your child will work towards achieving the 17 Early Learning Goals, through a balance of adult led and child initiated learning.

As teachers, we will encourage your child to learn and achieve through a well-planned and stimulating environment, underpinned by quality play experiences.

Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language:

Listening and attention, understanding, speaking

Physical Development:

Moving and handling, health and self-care

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feelings and behaviour, making relationships

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy:

Writing and reading

Mathematics:

Numbers, shapes, space and measures

Understanding the World:

People and communities, the world, technology

Art and Design:

Exploring and using media and materials, being imaginative



The Curriculum - Directed Learning

- The children have a phonics and maths lesson every day. These lessons start off very short and build up as the children's stamina and knowledge increases.
- They also have time in the week dedicated to RE, music, PE and Forest Schools learning.
- Other activities at different times in the year include yoga and bike instruction.



The Curriculum- Directed Learning



7. A closer look at playtime and lunchtime



Playtimes:

We have morning and afternoon playtime in our large grounds. The children are free to play with the rest of the school if they wish.

All children in Reception receive a free piece of fruit every day. Milk is provided and is free of charge until they are 5 years old.



Lunchtime is 11:50-1pm:

Reception pupils are entitled to a free healthy school meal. The children all sit together in the hall.

Reception staff supervise lunch so your child will have a familiar face. After lunch, children can enjoy playing in the playground again.

Hydration:

The children have named water bottles in the classroom so they can have access to a drink whenever they need to.



8. Community



Bainbridge has enriching links to two local parishes.

We regularly visit St. Oswald's in Askrigg and St. Andrew's in Aysgarth

We love coming together as a community to worship many special Christian festivals.





9. Collective Worship

At the end of each day we come together in our taught schools for collective worship. This is usually held in the school hall. On a Monday and Friday we are joined by our older children virtually.



10. What can you do to support your child as they begin school?



- Read/share books - talk about the pictures.
- Encourage children to talk and to develop new vocabulary and listening skills.
- Practise counting at any time - climbing the stairs, how many grapes etc.
- Play simple games and help them to develop their resilience.
- Sing number rhymes and nursery rhymes together.
- Help them to recognise their own name.
- Encourage them to be independent – dressing, fastening coats, toileting.
- Help them to negotiate, share, be kind and be a good friend.





11. Other matters...

- Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child. Please email bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk or ring the school office 01969 650336.
- Any sickness/diarrhoea, must be followed by at least 48 hours absence.
- Advice on common illnesses can be found [here](#)
- Any absence requires a telephone call to the school office by 9:15am
- Any prescribed medication can only be administered by prior arrangement with the school office and by completing the form [here](#)





12. The first few days

There can be a lot to remember in the first few days, but please do not worry as your child will quickly be teaching you the routines!

- **Wear your PE kit on the day you have PE**

<http://b-a-wb.co.uk/parents-and-carers/uniform>

- **For Forest Schools please wear trousers and your PE top, if the weather is wet please take wellies and waterproofs**

- **Free water bottle (named)**

- **Free fruit in the morning and milk. Milk is free for under fives,**

- **Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named**





13. Here to support you

We want the children to be happy and enjoy school because that is when they learn more!

If you have any concerns about your child then please come and talk to us.

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