



Welcome to Rucstall!

Ash



2026 – 2027 (and beyond!)

Introductions

Miss
Hughlock
Headteacher



Mr Blake
Deputy
Headteacher



Ms Baugh
Assistant Headteacher
and SENCo



Mrs Earl
Class teacher



Mrs Martin
Teaching
Assistant



Pastoral Lead
Mrs Daulton-Hunt



Ash Class



Class Teacher:
Mrs Earl



Teaching
Assistant:
Mrs L Martin

Transition to Year R



Welcome Event on Monday 20th July.

You will be offered a **45-minute session to attend with your child**. This will take place in the EYFS classroom, where you will have the opportunity to stay and play together, helping your child begin to feel familiar and comfortable in their new environment.

1. 9-9:45am
2. 10-10:45am
3. 11-11:45am

During this time, you will also have the chance to meet your child's teacher and teaching assistant, who will be working closely with them in September.

Following your session, our admin team will contact you via email to confirm which sessions you will be attending ready for September.

Transition to Year R

Date	Time	Group	Parents/Carers role
Friday 4th September	9.00-10.00	1	Parents/carers to stay and play with children
Friday 4th September	10.30-11.30	2	Parents/carers to stay and play with children
Friday 4th September	13.30-14.30	3	Parents/carers to stay and play with children
Monday 7 th September	9.30-11.30	A	No requirement to stay
Monday 7 th September	13.30-15.30	B	No requirement to stay
Tuesday 8 th September	9.30-11.30	B	No requirement to stay
Tuesday 8 th September	13.30-15.30	A	No requirement to stay
Wednesday 9 th September	9.15-13.30	All children	Parents required to stay 9.15-10.00 for coffee and curriculum
Thursday 10 th September	8.45-15.15	All children all day going forward (unless specific transition timetable)	No requirement to stay

Transition to Year R

- School Visits – 2nd and 3rd September 2026
(sign up today)

Welcome Visit – What to Expect

- This visit is a chance for you and your child to get to know our EYFS team in a relaxed and friendly environment.
- You will have the opportunity to ask any questions in a 1:1 session.
- You and your child will take part in a ‘stay and play’ session in the classroom, helping your child become familiar with their new setting.
- Arrival information:
- Please come to school via the main entrance gate.
- This is the gate you will use every morning when your child starts school.



School times

8.40 – 8.50am –

School gates open and register closes at 8.55am.

12.00 – 1.00pm –

Lunch time – Children will have their lunch in the dining hall first and then go onto the field or playground for lunchtime play.

3.15pm –

Home time – children will sit in the classroom, teachers will call their names to go when we can see their parents or carers.



Lunchtime choice

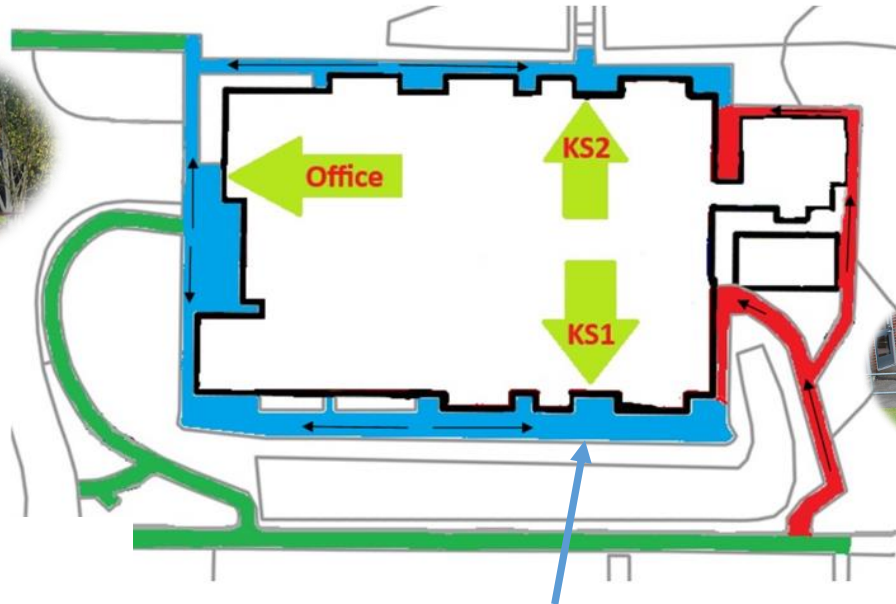


Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 1/9, 22/9, 13/10, 3/11, 24/11, 15/12, 19/1, 9/2, 9/3	Option One	Chicken Pizza With Salads	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Vegan sausage in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Chocolate sponge	Syrup Sponge with Custard
WEEK TWO 8/9, 29/9, 20/10, 10/11, 1/12, 5/1, 26/1, 23/2, 16/3	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Pork Hotdog with wedges	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Cheese & Vegetable Quesadilla	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegetables of the Day	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 15/9, 6/10, 17/11, 8/12, 12/1, 2/2, 2/3, 23/3	Option One	Classic cheese @tomato pizza with wedges	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with garlic bread	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	All day Veggie breakfast	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	Flapjack	Cornflake Tart

Please do not send in with snacks, we will provide these!

Packed Lunches: Needs to include healthy, balanced meal with no nuts (including chocolate spread sandwiches) or fizzy drinks.

One way system



Morning Drop-off

- Classroom registration: **8.55am**
Pupils are expected to be in class within this 10-minute window.
- School gate open: **8.40–8.50am**
- Cloakroom doors open: **8.45–8.50am**
- If arriving after **8.50am**, please go to the office to sign your child in.



Afternoon Pick-up

- School gate open: 3.10–3.25pm

Reminder: A one-way system operates around the school grounds.

Arrival



Adults will direct children to put their things away in their own marked cubby hole.

Collection



Our environment

We use a continuous provision approach at Rucstall. This means our indoor and outdoor environments are organised into different areas, each with resources that children can access all the time.

In each area is a core range of resources that the children can access all the time.

Everything is stored on open shelves so children can independently choose what they need.

Fantastic news – our Reception environment is being improved over the summer. Watch this space... you will see these exciting changes in September!



Outside



A typical day



Preparing for Year R

- Independence – anything you can do to help your child become more independent and give them more responsibility will help them prepare for Year R.



Independence using the toilets

- One of the most important things that you can do before your child starts school, is to equip them to be able to go to the toilet independently.
- However, we realise accidents do happen so we also ask that your child has a change of clothes in school.
- If there is a more significant accident, parents will be rung and asked to attend.
- Washing hands, with soap, after going to the toilet and start to get them use to hand dryers.



Preparing for Year R

- Literacy: Recognising their name, encourage love of books and reading (library, bedtime stories, shopping lists), role play/acting out stories they like.
- Numeracy: Encourage number recognition, counting forwards and backwards to 10/20, counting objects, recognising shapes.



Help your child prepare by:

- Using the 'My new school' book- pictures – to familiarise your child with the school and adults
- Complete the 'This is me' booklet
- Do some of the activities in the booklet and you will learn more in the future at our workshops in September



School Uniform

At Rucstall Primary School, we believe our uniform helps children feel proud, belong, and be ready to learn.



Uniform



Burgundy sweater,
cardigan or fleece
(this item must have
the school logo)



Grey skirt or pinafore,
Grey trousers or shorts
Red gingham dress (summer)



White polo shirts



Flat black shoes



White/grey/black
socks or tights

Our school uniform can be purchased from two suppliers:

Flamingo - <https://flamingo-clothing.school/>

Skoolkit - www.skoolkit.co.uk, 15 Church Street, Basingstoke Town Centre

PE and Sports Clothing Kit List



Suitable sports trainers



White short sleeved
t-shirt (round neck)



Rucstall fleece with logo
(optional from Skoolkit or
MyFlamingo) or black, plain
tracksuit top (no hoodie)



Black shorts (required all
year round for gymnastics)
Black tracksuit trousers
(winter only)

PE kit



Jewellery



For safety, we ask that jewellery is kept to a minimum



Simple watches may be worn, but removed for PE.



Hair should be neat, practical and natural in style, with longer hair tied back. Simple hair accessories are encouraged.



During warmer months, children may wear a plain hat.



Rain Coat – it is England after all!



Wellington boots – stay at school so we ask that sizes are checked at the end of each term.



Satchel (Skool Kit)



Water bottles are available from the school at a cost of £2.00

Attendance

- Please let us know by 9:15am if your child is absent.
- Attendance is very important, and we encourage children to attend whenever they can.
- Please keep medical appointments out of school hours where possible and contact the school for any absence requests.
- Regular attendance supports your child's progress and confidence.



Table 1

Number of days absence	Equals attendance one school year
9.5 days	95%
19 days	90%
28.5 days	85%
38 days	80%
47.5 days	75%
57 days	70%
66.5 days	65%

Table 2

Number of days absence	Attendance over past six weeks
2 days	93%
3 days	90%
5 days	83%
8 days	73%
10 days	67%
15 days	50%

Making attendance count



Good routines really make a difference. Regular bedtimes and calm, organised mornings help children feel settled and ready for school.

You can help by:

- Starting routines early and allowing extra time in the morning
- Being clear that school attendance is important
- Praising and encouraging positive choices



If your child is worried or unwell, please talk to us – we are here to support you.

Even arriving a little late is better than not being here at all.

Working together, we can help your child feel confident, happy and ready to learn.

Medication and Forms



- A new medical form is required each year for every medication (including inhalers and epi-pens).
- Instructions have been emailed to relevant parents—please check and respond.
- Inform the office if your child no longer requires medication.
- Report any new medical concerns directly to the office.
- Parents must ensure all medical information is accurate and up to date.
- Children cannot attend off-site activities without correct medication and completed forms.
- First Aid 90% of staff are fully Paediatric First Aid trained and meet HSE, EYFS and CIW requirements.

Head Bumps



- All head bumps are recorded. A wristband and notification email are issued.
- Parents will be contacted if there are any concerns (e.g. swelling or symptoms).
- If symptoms develop later, parents will be advised to seek medical attention.

Health and Care

Is my child too ill for school?

Use this guide to help decide whether your child should stay at home or can attend school. Based on NHS and government health guidance.

■ KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- A high temperature
- Vomiting or diarrhoea (48 hours symptom-free)
- Chickenpox (until all spots crusted)
- Measles (4 days after rash appears)
- Impetigo (until healed or 48 hours after antibiotics)
- Scarlet fever (24 hours after antibiotics)
- **Ear infection** with a high temperature or severe earache

■ YOUR CHILD CAN USUALLY ATTEND SCHOOL

- Coughs and colds (no high temperature)
- **Sore throat** (unless there is also a high temperature)
- Cold sores
- Conjunctivitis (if otherwise well)
- Head lice or nits
- Hand, foot and mouth (if well)
- Slapped cheek syndrome
- **Ringworm** (once treatment has started)

Parental Engagement

- Invitations
- Reporting
- Newsletters
- PTFA



PTFA Newsletter

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who created amazing bakes for our first ever Rucstall Bake off and to all those who purchased cakes.

Thank you to all who donated Easter Eggs and attended the Mini Easter Fayre.

As always, a huge thank you to all our volunteers who help to plan, set up, run and tidy up after events!



Rucstall
Parent, Teacher and Friends'
Association

Funds raised
Match Funding - £1000 from
Morrisons employee volunteering

Rucstall Bake off and cake sale
£226.48

Easter Mini Fayre £529.19

Upcoming event

Summer Fayre

Friday 12th July
2024

Can you help?

Volunteering in any capacity helps us to raise money to support the children.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with planning, setting up and running events, just 1 hour will make a huge difference.

Please speak to one of the committee or email
ptfa@rucstall.hants.sch.uk

Wrap around care



Breakfast club starts at 7:45



Afterschool club runs until 18:00

A message for
our chair of
governors,
Graham
Fisher.



Who can help?

First point of
contact:
Class teacher
Mrs Earl



Second point of contact:
Assistant Headteacher and
SENCo
Ms Baugh



Another point of contact:
Pastoral Lead
Mrs Daulton-Hunt



Deputy
Headteacher
– Mr Blake



Headteacher
Miss
Hughlock





Our priority is ensuring
your children are
happy and confident in
their new school.

Please see Mrs Earl and Mrs Martin for:

- Special dietary requirements
- Wrap around care information
- School visit sign up

