

# EYFS Newsletter 2025-2026

## Introduction and welcome

Welcome! EYFS is split into Ash Class (Mrs Marshment and Mrs O'Shea) and Oak Class (Miss Cross). We are also very lucky to have Miss Ewing, Mrs Norman, Miss Fox and Miss Sturt that work with us across both classes. Although we are two classes, we operate as one unit and learn together.



Mrs Marshment  
EYFS Phase Leader  
Ash Teacher (Mon, Tue, Wed)



Mrs O'Shea  
Ash Teacher  
(Wed pm, Thurs, Fri)



Miss Cross  
Oak Teacher



Miss Ewing  
LSA



Mrs Norman  
LSA



Miss Stuart  
LSA



Miss Fox  
LSA

## Home school communication

There are opportunities to speak to your child's class teacher(s) after school on the playground at the end of the school day. Please also do feel free to pass on brief messages in the morning. If a longer discussion is required, please contact the office team who will arrange for your child's teacher to phone you. We do ask that parents do not email teachers directly. Teachers and the senior leadership team can be

contacted via email using [admin@weeke.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@weeke.hants.sch.uk) There will be other opportunities to come in to school for curriculum events throughout the year.

### Timetable Information

Tuesday and Friday – PE (children will get changed in school)

Wednesday afternoon - Mrs Marshment, Mrs O'Shea and Miss Cross will have PPA time (planning, preparation and assessment). Mrs Cajales, Miss Ewing, Miss Fox, Mrs Norman, Miss Stuart and Mr McGettigan will teach Ash and Oak class. This is when they will have the opportunity to do some forest school (outdoor) learning with Mr McGettigan in small groups. Thursday morning – Mrs Marshment will have her leadership time and Mrs O'Shea will teach Ash Class.

### Behaviour

We are proud of the good behavior in our school and work alongside our families to promote our school values of respect, responsibility, kindness and excellence. Our behaviour policy, which is based on our school values, is available on our school website - [Weeke Primary School - Policies](#) When children in EYFS make good choices, demonstrate positive learning behaviours and model our school values, stickers are always available!

### Home learning

In Early Years, we encourage daily reading. This could be your child reading to you or you reading and enjoying a book with your child. We really want to foster a love of reading in Early Years. Please visit our EYFS year group page on the school website. It is updated half-termly with suggestions of how you can support your child's learning at home, linked to our theme.

### Reading



Our school uses *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* as our systematic, synthetic phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling.

In Early Years, we start with daily phonics lessons and then we introduce reading lessons later this half term. When we start reading lessons, your child will be issued with a reading book each week. To begin with, the books will be wordless. There will be guidance in the back of the book to suggest how to use this with your child. We recommend that you aim to read the school reading book with your child **daily**. Over time you will also have access to e-books, which will be matched to your child's phonic stage so that they can read it independently.

**During Autumn Term 1 we will be running a parent workshop to explain the Little Wandle phonics and reading programme in detail. A date will follow soon.**

Here is the link to the Little Wandle parent page -

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

In addition to the Little Wandle reading books, your child will visit the school library each week. Here they will be able to select a book of their choice. Library books must be returned each week in order for your child to select another one.

***Little Wandle reading books will be given out and then collected in on Thursdays.***

***Library books will be chosen from school on Thursdays and will need to be returned into school on Mondays.***

Sharing books makes a big difference to your child's education and language development. When you read to your child you are making a positive impact on your child's reading ability and their love of reading. Reading a book and chatting about it has a positive impact on your child's ability to:

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening and comprehension skills.

**A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success!**

Children also have access to e-books through the Hampshire Library Service and the SORA app. Please refer to the relevant page of our school website (link below) for further information, if your child hasn't yet accessed this facility.

[Weeke Primary School - School Library](#)

### Attendance

One of the most important ways in which you can support children's learning and education is by ensuring they attend school as regularly as possible. If you're not sure whether you should send your child in, please don't hesitate to contact us or check our website for more information: [Weeke Primary School - Attendance](#)

At Weeke Primary School, we have a strong ethos and emphasis on attendance and punctuality. We know from experience and research that ensuring a child's attendance is kept high supports their education, well-being and future success. Attendance really does matter.

### Curriculum Overview

At Weeke we follow the Early Years Curriculum and Development Matters. These documents are available to read on our Early Years page on the school website, see link below. Updated curriculum overviews which accompany this newsletter will also be saved on the school website-[Weeke Primary School - EYFS Ash & Oak](#)

### Helping in school

We welcome parent/carer helpers in school. If you are able to come in to school on a regular basis, even for just an hour per week to listen to readers, we would very grateful. Please contact the school office [adminoffice@weeke.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@weeke.hants.sch.uk) or speak to your child's class teacher. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked.

## Uniform

Children should wear Weeke Primary School uniform, as detailed on our school website: [Weeke Primary School - Uniform Information](#)

Please note that only plain hair accessories only may be worn. Large bows or bright coloured ribbons woven into braids are not acceptable hair accessories. Hoodies are not school uniform and should not be worn to school.

## PE

Please remember that PE kits are part of school uniform. PE t-shirts do not have to be branded, but do need to be either white or in your child's correct house team colour. PE kits need to be kept in school. **Please make sure every item of clothing, even socks are clearly labelled.**

## Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Please ensure your child has a coat or light waterproof and wellies at school with them every day. Children do continue to play outside in the rain.

Children in year R, 1 and 2 are provided with fruit or vegetables each morning. **Nuts or nut products (e.g. Nutella, peanut butter, nut bars) should not be brought in to school as snacks or in lunchboxes as we have a number of children who have a severe allergy to tree nuts and peanuts.**

## Collection from school

Please let staff know if your child is being collected by someone other than their usual parent/carer.

## Birthdays

We ask that sweets or cakes are not brought into school as we have a number of children with food allergies and intolerances.

## Dress up days and unwanted outfits

We would love your good quality used / unwanted dress up outfits for our themed days in school. Please pass to your child's class teacher.

## Keeping up to date

It is vital that the school office has your up to date contact details. Please 'like' our school Facebook page, the WPSA page and check the fortnightly 'In The News' for school news.

- Newsletters are available via our website: [Weeke Primary School - Letters & Communications](#)
- The calendar is available here: [Weeke Primary School - Calendar](#)

## Joining our school

Do you know someone who is interested in their child joining our school? See our information on open days: [Weeke Primary School - 2025-2026 Open Days](#)