

How can I follow my child's progress?

The staff at Abbey 345 Pre-School are very approachable and will always find time to talk to you about your child.

There are Open Evenings 2-3 times a year when you can discuss your child's progress and view the work on display. You are encouraged to bring along your child so that they can also show you what they have learnt and achieved.

Our online learning journal (Tapestry) is available to all parents for you to follow your child's achievements.

The Foundation Staff of the local school (South View) are invited to attend on an informal basis during the final parents evening.

When are the School Readiness Sessions?

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| Monday | 9.00am - 3.30pm - with lunch |
| Tuesday | 9.00am - 3.30pm - with lunch |
| Wednesday | 9.00am - 3.30pm - with lunch |
| Friday | 9.00am - 3.30pm - with lunch |

School readiness sessions commence in the autumn term before your child goes to school.

Your child will be offered hours which are suitable for you. Our Wednesday sessions in particular, are jammed packed with exciting activities, so don't miss out.

We have a snack charge of £1 per day which is invoiced on a half termly basis.



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**Welcome to School
Readiness**

The aim of School Readiness

To develop learning skills at an individual pace. Continue extending the children's development in the stated key areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Continue to develop characteristics of learning that prepare them not only for starting school but for life. These include creative & critical thinking, becoming active & self-motivated learners who are willing to 'have a go' and learn focus through play & exploration.



What can I expect my child to learn?

The children will be following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. They will be encouraged to learn to work co-operatively with others, playing games to extend their social skills and extending their concentration span. There will be emphasis on fine motor skills e.g. pencil control, use of scissors and I.T skills, all of which are extensions of areas covered in all Pre-School sessions. The sessions also aim to extend language, mathematical and science-based concepts where the children experience practical hands on activities. They will be eating lunch during the session, which will help foster their independence.



Forest School

All School Readiness children will have the opportunity of taking part in Forest School sessions. These sessions take place on alternate Wednesday afternoons in local woodland. They are an amazing way of extending your child's learning, curiosity and knowledge of the natural world. By mastering valuable life skills such as fire making, outdoor cooking and tool use, children become independent and confident learners.

What do I need to remember?

A Packed Lunch

Eating a packed lunch with your friends can be great fun for your child. It is a social occasion where they chat and eat together. It can, sometimes, encourage them to eat more than usual as they want to be like their friends.

The children only have a limited time to eat and drink so please try not to overload their lunch box! It is important to realise that not everything may get eaten. You know your own child and what they like to eat.

Some suggestions would be:

Sandwiches, cheese, fruit, crisps, cake, fromage frais, yogurt, a drink etc. If packing Grapes (or food of a similar shape) please slice lengthways to avoid a potential choking hazard.

Please do not include fizzy drinks or sweets, or foods that may be associated with food allergies i.e. nuts.

Does Pre-School have contact with other Schools?

Yes!

In preparation for your child starting school, class teachers are invited to come in and meet the children. They get to see them in surroundings the children are confident in and can see how they interact with the Pre-School staff. In June/July, the children go into school and spend time there. By the time they start in September they are familiar with their new surroundings and ready to begin full-time education.

Do the children have any special trips or visits?

Yes, they do!

A special end of term visit is arranged for the children by the Pre-School. The venue may change from year to year, but the children's enjoyment and fun is of great importance. Previous visits have been to The Butterfly Park, Sacrewell Farm, The Exotic Pet Refuge & Let's Play. There are other activities during the year specifically for the School Readiness Group too- such as yoga sessions, cookery, woodwork and dance.