

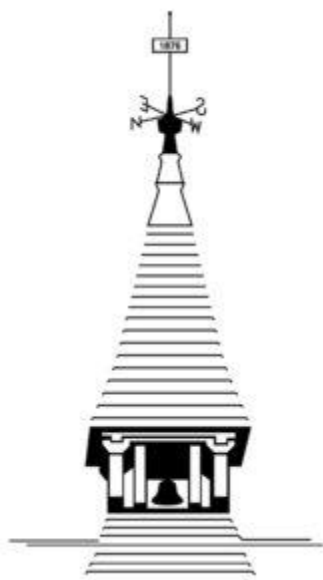
Sound & District Primary School



Early Years Foundation Stage

Mini Diamonds (Nursery)

Diamonds (Reception)



Welcome Pack

September 2026-2027

Welcome to our Early Years Foundation Stage

At Sound & District Primary School we now offer Nursery places for 3 and 4 year olds in our current Early Years setting in Reception.

All children in our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) will access a high quality education delivered by trained Early Years staff, Mrs Billingham (Class Teacher) and Mrs Huntbach (Higher Level Teaching Assistant). The EYFS team endeavour to make the children's transition into school an enjoyable and fun experience. We pride ourselves on the nurture we provide the children in our care. Children learn best when they are content and feel secure. Settling the children into school life is our top priority when they start. Building solid relationships with the children and parents is the key foundation to starting their learning journey at Sound & District Primary School.

Meet our EYFS Team



Hello and welcome to our Nursery! I am so excited to meet you and your family. We have lots of fun adventures planned through play, stories, songs and exploring both indoors and outdoors. We can't wait to help you grow in confidence, make new friends and become part of our Sound Family.

Mrs Billingham (Class Teacher)



Mrs Huntbach (HLTA)

Hello! I can't wait to welcome you into Nursery. I love helping children learn through play, discover new things and celebrate every achievement, big or small. Together we'll have lots of fun, make wonderful memories and enjoy every day together.

Sessions on offer for Little Diamonds (Nursery- 3 and 4 year olds)

Morning session 8.30am-11.30am

(3 hour session) Funding may be used or you can pay £18 per session.

Lunchtime session 11.30am-12pm

30 minute lunch session supervised by Early Years Team

Children can bring a packed lunch from home or pay for a hot dinner £3.20 per day

Afternoon session 12pm- 3pm

(3 hour session) Funding may be used or you can pay £18 per session.

Funded sessions

We offer both 30 hour funded sessions and 15 hour funded sessions.

30 hours funding

5 full school days 8.30am-3pm (with additional 30 minute lunch session)

15 hours funding

5 morning sessions (8.30am-11.30am) or 5 afternoon sessions (12pm-3pm)

If your child requires extra sessions these can be paid for at an extra cost of £18 per session. All sessions need to be booked a term in advanced and will be paid via Scopay.

Breakfast and After School Club (Rising Stars)

If your child requires wraparound care they can access our onsite breakfast and after school club called Rising Stars. All sessions need to be booked via Scopay and booked 4 weeks in advanced to ensure we have the correct ratios.

7.30am-8.30am- £6.00 per session

3pm-6pm- £13.50 per session

Settling in

The Early Years Team will offer settling in sessions to ensure a smooth transition. Due to the limited time this year we will offer a flexible transition for any children who may need this. Please contact school to arrange this so we can ensure they build positive relationships with the children and parents.

Parental involvement

At Sound & District Primary School we value the importance of parental involvement. We encourage parental engagement through meet the teacher meetings, stay and play sessions, via Class Dojo a school/home communication app that can be used to share work, information, and achievements.

Staff are always available to talk to you about your child during drop off and pick up and they will update you formally on your children during parents evening and through individual reports.

What will a typical day look like?

All EYFS children will be welcomed by staff at the EYFS door at 8.30am where parents will be able to handover to staff whilst children are supported to put their belongings away. Children will then settle into a morning activity.

During the sessions children will access a mixture of carpet sessions, adult focussed activities and child-initiated activities in the continuous provision including our outdoor area. All activities and carpet sessions will be age appropriate making sure there is clear progression for preschool and reception aged children. EYFS staff will closely monitor the progress of each child to ensure they reach their full potential, and activities will be carefully planned for to meet their needs.

During the morning sessions children will have a healthy snack and drink provided by the school. Please make sure your child comes to school with a named water bottle each day so they can access their drink throughout the session.

If your child is just attending the morning session they will be picked up from the office at 11.30am. Parents can park in the front car park at the main entrance.

During lunchtime EYFS children will be supervised by the Early Years Team eating their dinner in the hall before the rest of the school and accessing their gated outdoor area during their continuous provision in their outdoor environment.

If your child is attending the afternoon session you can drop your child off at the front entrance at 12pm.

In the afternoon children will access further learning opportunities and staff will ensure all children have the same learning experiences throughout the day.

At the end of the day all EYFS children will be picked up from the EYFS gated play area at 3pm.

Our curriculum

The Early Years Foundation

We have a personalised curriculum based on assessments of each child's learning. The children in Nursery and Reception learn indoors and outdoors through supported play, group work and one to one work with an adult. We closely monitor the progress of each individual child to ensure they reach their full potential.

There are 3 Prime Areas

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Communication and Language
3. Physical Development

Then there are 4 Specific Areas

4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Arts and Design

Phonics

At Sound & District Primary School we follow The Little Wandle programme. We begin with our youngest children in Nursey who learn to hear and distinguish different sounds around them. This provides them with a strong foundation for more 'formal' phonics sessions. Reception children will then begin to learn letter sounds (phonemes) and blend and segment to read and write.

PE

Your child will access physical activity during their sessions as part of the foundation stage curriculum. They will not need a PE kit but will need to bring in some comfortable trainers/pumps that they can keep in school.

Please make sure your child also brings into school a pair of named wellies and a waterproof coat so they can enjoy their outdoor provision.

Uniform

- Children in Reception wear full school uniform: blue logo school jumper or cardigan, grey skirt/shorts or trousers, black or grey socks and blue t-shirt. All uniform can be purchased from either Schools In Shop based in Nantwich 01270 618 957 or School Shop Direct based in Whitchurch www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk.

Children in Nursery are welcome to wear the school uniform as this makes them feel like an equal part of the wider school community and eases transition to Reception.

What can I do to help my child starting?

Encourage independence

We encourage children to be independent in EYFS by looking after their own belongings, putting on their coat and shoes when playing outdoors, eating their dinner using cutlery and drinking from an open cup. We also encourage children to use the toilet and wash their hands independently. We understand that some children may need more support with this but we encourage children to be toilet trained once starting EYFS. Please speak to one of the EYFS team if you need additional support.

Talk positively about starting Nursey

We understand that this is a big transition for you and your child. Remember to talk to your child about how exciting nursery will be even if you are feeling slightly apprehensive. Your child will quickly settle into school life. You can read books about starting Nursery with your child over the Summer holidays and role play schools at home. Please speak to our EYFS team if you need more support, we can't wait to meet you and your child.

Turn taking and listening

Practise sitting together and listening to stories with a parent and siblings, take turns listening and having conversations. Play simple games that involve turn taking and following instructions.

We hope this welcome pack answers any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact the school office on 01270 780270 if you have any further questions.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child in September.

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