

STARTING RECEPTION!

at Our Lady of Compassion

Miss Brough



Play is the
highest form
of research

Albert Einstein



PLAY GIVES
CHILDREN
A CHANCE
TO PRACTICE WHAT
THEY ARE
LEARNING.
-MR. ROGERS

"Play is often talked
about as if it were
a relief from serious
learning. But for
children, play is
serious learning."

—Mr. Rogers

Doorstep Visits!

- ▶ My name is Miss Brough and I am going to be your Reception teacher.
- ▶ I'm SO excited to meet you all!



Doorstep Visits

We would usually run 'home visits' to meet our new children. I am hoping with new COVID guidance this year to be able to come and meet you outside your house at least, before you start school! A little visit from me will help the children to feel comfortable and familiar with me, before starting school. I have a few little bits of information to drop off and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to sign up for a doorstep visit, sign up sheets will be available in the Nursery from Monday 21st June. An exact time cannot be given. The time slots available are:

- ▶ Monday 5th July 9am-12pm
- ▶ Monday 5th July 1pm-3pm
- ▶ Tuesday 6th July 9am-12pm
- ▶ Tuesday 6th July 1pm-3pm
- ▶ Wednesday 7th July 9am-12pm

Starting school!

Here is a little bit of information about starting school:

- ▶ School starts at 8:55am. For the first few weeks, Reception will operate an 'Early Doors' system, where children can be dropped off between 8:45am-8:55am at the garden entrance (opposite the nursery door) and a member of staff will be waiting to welcome them into class. After a few weeks of settling in, children will join the rest of the infants on the playground each morning.
- ▶ Our first week – Term starts on **Wednesday 1st September.**
- ▶ The **first 2 days are going to be half days (Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd)**, to allow children to settle in slowly. The pick up time on these days is 12pm, from the same place that you dropped off in the morning, at the garden entrance.
- ▶ **Friday 3rd September** will be your first full day. It will then be full days everyday going forth.
- ▶ **School finishes at 3:10pm.** Children can be picked up from Reception class door, on the infant playground. Reception is the middle classroom.

General Information

If you visit our school website, you can find a virtual tour video of your new classroom. Our class has many exciting areas to explore... cut and stick, playdough, a home corner, construction, painting, drawing and we have class iPads! <https://www.olocprimary.co.uk/admissions>

We encourage children to have school dinners. School dinners are free for children until they reach Year 3. There are many choices of food, the menu includes; pizza, curry, spaghetti Bolognese, roast dinner and many more! There is also a choice of sandwich or jacket potato if you don't want the hot choice.

We ask for all school uniform – including PE kits, ties and shoes – to be labelled. You can find all uniform information on our school website <https://www.olocprimary.co.uk/uniform> . Whittakers Schoolwear shop in Southport stocks our uniform.

Children can bring a water bottle with their **name on – only water is allowed**. Children can leave their bottles in school daily, which they can refill and take home on a Friday. We also provide children with a drink of milk and a piece of fruit each day for snack.

Our Curriculum

The Early Years curriculum is different from the National Curriculum.

► ***We have 7 areas of learning and development in Reception:***

- ❑ Personal, Social and Emotional Development – developing friendships and developing ourselves.
- ❑ Physical Development – Developing skills through PE and holding writing tools correctly.
- ❑ Communication and Language – Listening to others, communicating clearly and showing good understanding.
- ❑ Literacy – learning to read, write and understand stories.
- ❑ Mathematics – developing maths skills such as, counting, recognising numbers and adding.
- ❑ Understanding the World – learning about the world around us – animals, growing, community, history.
- ❑ Expressive Arts and Design – being creative and using our imagination – art and music.



Structure of each day in Reception

- ▶ We start the day by gathering together for the register and welcome.
- ▶ We then start Phonics– Whole class session using a programme called ‘Read Write inc’. We learn a new sound every 2 days. We practise reading and writing words containing each sound we learn.
- ▶ We have a morning play time with Year 1 and Year 2 on the playground – a snack of fruit and milk is provided for all children.
- ▶ We learn Maths after playtime.
- ▶ Then we have lunch – Staff are always present to support children. A choice of hot dinner, jacket potato or sandwich is available.
- ▶ Afternoon work – RE, IT, PE, Topic, Music, Art.

Our Phonics Programme – Read Write Inc



- ▶ Phase 1 – Recap some nursery activities – identifying sounds, rhyming & rhythm activities.
- ▶ Phase 2 – Recap and learn single letter sounds – a, b, c, d, e etc & and read simple words – cat, dog, sit, map etc.

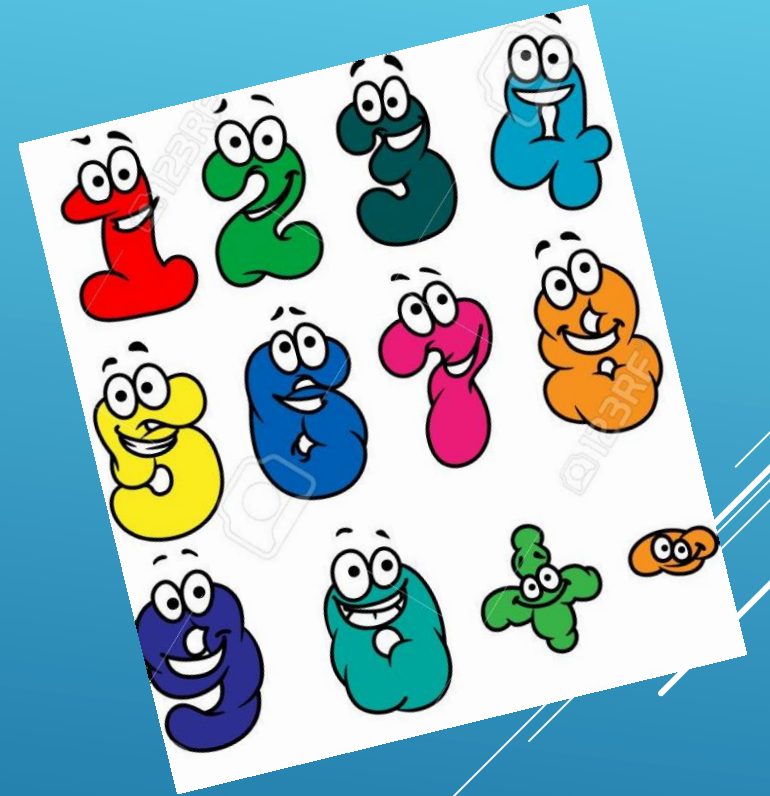
Children learn to read through learning the letter sounds, not the letter names. We don't teach capital letters – always use the letter sounds.

- ▶ Phase 3 – Learn harder sounds – oo, ee, ar, or, sh and use these sounds to read books and write sentences independently.
- ▶ Reading books will be sent home and we also have an online system for books – you will receive a login when you start school.



Suggestions for activities at home over the summer

- ▶ Practise writing your name.
- ▶ Practise counting up to 20
- ▶ Read and enjoy story books
- ▶ Practice rhyming
- ▶ Practise getting dressed and undressed
- ▶ Practise using a knife and fork.
- ▶ Practise fastening your coat by yourself.



KEY LINKS



- ▶ **Our School website** - <https://www.olocprimary.co.uk/>
- ▶ **Class page** - <https://www.olocprimary.co.uk/uniform>

- ▶ A video tour of our classroom - <https://www.olocprimary.co.uk/admissions>



My Twitter - @MissBroughOLOC – Follow me to see our class and updates most days.



Reception class email – reception@olocprimary.co.uk

Consent forms

You will soon be invited to join our school communication system called 'Arbor'. This is how we communicate with parents. There will be a range of consent form that you need to complete electronically using this app, to allow your child to:

- ▶ Have their photos posted on our website and twitter
- ▶ Go for visits out in our local area with their class
- ▶ Interact with our school dog, Luna.