



Acorns Newsletter

September 8th 2023



What a super start!

We have had a wonderful few days getting to know you, and your children, and are so proud of them all for their brilliant start to school life. We are so impressed by how confident and independent they have all been as they have explored and played.

Children, you had super looking eyes to find all the things on your Acorns Spotter!



School lunches

We hope you all enjoyed sampling our tasty school dinners – a big thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff team!



You will now be able to book your child's school lunches in advance via the School Gateway system. Please contact the school office if you are having any problems with this and they will gladly help you. Please ensure your child's meal is ordered before 8am each day. If you choose to send your child with a packed lunch, please ensure their lunch bag is clearly named and that the food items provided are nut-free. Please note, you can switch between packed lunches and school dinners as frequently as you wish according to your child's meal preferences. Our Acorns team will be in the hall supporting the children during mealtimes. Please do let us know if you have any concerns for your child. We will also feedback to you if we notice any difficulties they may be having.

Collecting your child from school

To make collection time efficient and safe, we will ask you to form two lines in the car park outside our Acorns front gate. If your child's surname begins with the letters **A–J**, please line up on the left side of the gate as you face the Acorns building. For surnames beginning with the letters **K–Z**, please line up on the right. A member of our staff team will dismiss the children one at a time on each side of the gate.

As there are many of you to get to know, we will be asking you for your child's password which you provided on your 'Going Home Arrangements' form. Please do not be offended if we continue to need to ask you for this password for a while – it is simply that there are many faces for us to remember. If you have not yet provided us with a password, please come to school tomorrow prepared to fill in the form before you leave at drop off time.

Book to Share



This week, we will be introducing the children to our Acorns 'Book to Share' library. Each day your child can choose a book to bring home and read with you. Please ensure your child puts their book back into their book bag in order to return it to school and swap it for another.

We understand that accidents sometimes happen with our books – please can you let us know if a book has been damaged so that we can make sure it doesn't go back into our library.

Please tap on the link below to watch to a super-quick and informative video from Ruth Miskin's Read Write Inc. phonics programme, which highlights the life-long benefits of reading each day with your child. [Why Read to Your Child?](#)

Your child's school belongings

Your child needs to bring the following items into school every day:

- a school book bag (no rucksacks please as we cannot store them easily)
- a coat suitable for the weather
- a water bottle

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly named – please don't forget to name the clothing they are most likely to remove e.g. jumpers and shoes, as many of these items look the same and are likely to get muddled. If you cannot source labels, a permanent marker or biro will do the trick nicely – we can do this for you on request.

Your child will have a drawer for their jumper and a box for their water bottle. Please do not place these items into their book bags as water bottles may leak and damage the books inside and if the book bag is too bulky it will not fit into your child's drawer. To help your child recognise their book bag, we recommend you attach one small keyring or tie a special ribbon to the handle.

Please discourage your child from bringing toys to school unless they need it as a comforter – as you can imagine it is very tricky to ensure 60 toys are kept safe. If a comforter is needed, please ensure it is clearly named (only one item please).

Our Acorns weekly Newsletter

We will endeavour to send out this newsletter each week via email to keep you informed of your child's learning experiences. It will also be published on our school website. We hope to include photographs of your children engaged in the learning experiences, however we do need your consent for this. If you wish for your child to be included, please check the consents on your registration forms. This information is held by our school office if you need to check.