

Mundella Primary School- Foundation Stage Newsletter - Autumn 1 2026

We would like to start by welcoming you all to Mundella Primary School! We can't wait to get to know you and your children! We will do everything that we can to make sure that your child gets the best start to school possible and that they have lots of fun along the way!!

Staggered start timings and information- If your child is due to attend a morning session you will be able to drop your child off between 8:40am and 8:50 am. Please enter via the main gate on Derbyshire Lane. The morning session will finish at 11.40am. Children will be collected via the side gate on Mundella Place. Afternoon sessions will start at 1pm and finish at 3pm. Children will need to be dropped off via the side entrance on Mundella Place. When collecting your child from an afternoon session you can enter the playground via either gate and collect your child from their classroom entrance.

At the beginning of each session, it is preferable for children to be dropped off at the entrance to their classroom. Several members of staff will be there to help your child when coming into the classroom. Separating from parents and carers at the door helps children to become more independent and also allows for a calmer and less congested start to the school day.

'All About Me' scrapbook- Our topic this half term is 'All About Me'.

All children who had a home visit will have received an 'All About Me' book. This is a scrap book for your child to fill in about their interests, hobbies, who they live with or special family outings etc. We hope you have enjoyed filling them in and we are excited to read through them with your child. The books will stay in school but please feel free to add new photos or mementoes throughout the year. We would really appreciate it if you could pop in a family photo so that we can photocopy them and display them in the classroom to help create a sense of community. It also enables the children to feel more comfortable in their new environment. If you have not received a book please let your child's teacher know.

Uniform - It is always so lovely to see the children in their new school uniform! Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear, such as, **velcro fastenings and not laces** (unless they are able to tie them independently.) Please remember that we are asking children to come in a PE kit on their PE days. We will not be starting PE properly for a little while, we will let you know via Marvellous Me when this will be. But just so you know, Marvels outside PE day will be Monday and inside PE day will be Thursday. Rockets outside PE day will be Tuesday and inside PE day will be Friday.

PPA time- Teachers have time out of the classroom to plan and prepare. Miss Glossop will have her PPA time on a Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Godden will be out of class on Thursday afternoon and Friday. This will all be covered by our HLTA, Miss Booker.

Lunches - Children will be staying for lunches for the first time on Friday 4th September! If your child is having a packed lunch, your child will need to bring their packed lunch with them into their classroom in a morning. We will then take their packed lunches to the dining room when it is lunch time. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal. If your child is having a hot dinner, it would be useful if you could look at the menu (included in your starter packs) with your child the night/morning before coming to school to make their meal choice. Please be aware that lunch orders have to be sent to the office by 10am. If your child has a medical appointment and you know they will be late, you can ring the office to place your order. If your child is late and you have not phoned in, unfortunately your child will not be able to choose and will be given the jacket potato option. Staff will be on hand for the first couple of weeks to support children with the lunchtime routine. If you have not got a menu please let a member of staff know and we will get one to you ASAP.

Snacks and Drinks- Please be aware that we are a healthy school, if you are sending in a snack from home please ensure that it is one of the following: fruit, vegetables, breadsticks or unprocessed cheese. Please ensure that the snacks you send in **do not contain nuts**. We encourage all children to bring in a named water bottle daily. Please be aware that bottles should contain only **water** and not juice or squash.

Marvellous Me - We will update you on what we have been learning each week via Marvellous Me. If your child has impressed a grown up at school you will be able to see that they have earnt a 'thumbs up'. You will receive more information about Marvellous Me in a separate letter.

Many thanks, The Foundation Stage Team ©