

Welcome to Horncastle Pre School



We look forward to welcoming your child to our Preschool



Our Amazing Nursery Team



Mrs Craig
Preschool
Teacher



Mrs Elvin
Preschool
Teaching
Assistant



Ms Jackson
Preschool
Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Suzanne
Preschool
Teaching
Assistant

We hope your child will be..

- Happy
- Engaged
- Inquisitive
- Creative
- Resilient
- Independent
- Confident



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of Reception.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

We will be learning...

Communication and Language
(extending our speaking, listening
and understanding skills)



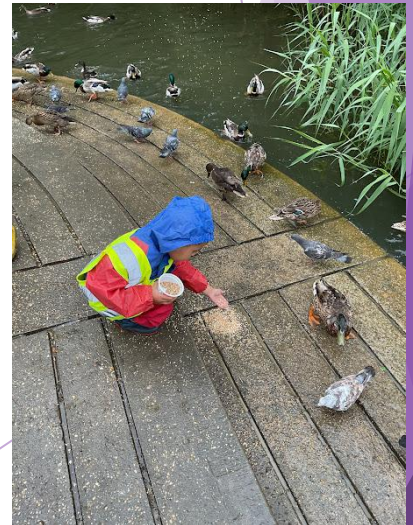
PSE Development (making friends, taking turns, growing in confidence and following rules)



Physical Development (developing our gross and fine motor skills and developing our self care skills)



- Literacy (developing a love of books, pre-reading skills and confidence to write independently)
- Mathematics (counting, problem solving and shapes and measures)
- Understanding of the World (finding out about our world and the people who live in it).
- Expressive Arts and Design (creating pictures, models, music, songs and dance!)



Working closely with parents

- Evidence app where you can send in what you have been doing at home
- Termly sessions where you are invited in to enjoy your child's learning
- Parents evenings twice a year
- End of year school report
- Open door policy where you can discuss your child's progress



Monitoring Progress

- We record your child's learning and progress in a learning journey. This is made up of observations from your child's play.
- The learning journey is recorded electronically using iPads and tracking software
- We have a parents' meetings at the beginning of the year
- We encourage parents to make contributions to their child's learning journey



Before coming to school

- Talk positively to your child about school
- Accustom your child to be left with other adults
- Encourage them to ask for help
- Encourage them to be independent with small tasks. i.e. putting on their coat
- Share and take turns
- Independent in using the toilet

Session Times

- Morning Nursery begins at 8:55am and finishes at 11.55am.
- Afternoon Nursery begins at 12.25pm and finishes at 3.25pm.



What happens during a session?

The children independently choose their activities from the different areas inside or outside. The adults closely observe the children through their play and interact with the children to move their learning forward. The children come and get snack when they are hungry. At the end of the session we will do a phonics session or some maths and finish with a story and rhymes.



If your child is staying all day ...



The children who stay all day can bring a packed lunch with them or you can buy a hot school dinner from the school kitchen. Once they have had their lunch, they continue with their independent learning and end the day with an adult led carpet session.

Outside classroom

The children will be outside learning every day.

They will need suitable clothes every day.



We do have waterproofs for wet days.

Forest School



What your child needs?

- Their name on **everything!**
- School uniform
- Easy shoes
- A **named** water bottle
- Sun hat / sun cream on if hot
- Hats and gloves if cold
- Named wellies to be left at school



School Uniform

Uniform consists of

- Grey
trouser/shorts/skirt/dress
- White/purple polo t-shirt
- Purple jumper/cardigan
- Plain black shoes/trainers

PE Kit

- Black jogger/shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black trainers
- Purple
jumper/cardigan/fleece



Useful Apps



Parent Hub App

This is our main way
of communicating
with families



Arbor

Arbor App

This is used to book
meals, consent and pay
for trips and book and
pay for wrap-around care



evidence**me**

EvidenceMe App

This is how we
document your child's
progress

Cool Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to free milk. Once over 5, milk can be paid for at a subsidised rate. You can register for this through the Cool milk website.



The poster is split into two main sections. The left section has a blue background and features a cartoon character of a boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a white lab coat and a blue cap, holding a glass of milk. A real boy in a yellow shirt is also shown drinking from a glass of milk. The right section has a dark blue background and features a cartoon character of a boy with blonde hair, wearing a white lab coat and a blue cap, holding a glass of milk. The text on the left section reads: "Cool Milk Free & Subsidised SCHOOL MILK Register your child today! www.coolmilk.com". The text on the right section reads: "Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK? Child UNDER 5 Child OVER 5. Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online. Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online. Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information. Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and Milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEIRA. REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY Register online www.coolmilk.com. Need help? Send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on 0800 321 3248. FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA - SEARCH COOLMILKSCHHEME".

Cool Milk
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Register your child today!
www.coolmilk.com

Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?
Child **UNDER 5** *Child* **OVER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and Milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEIRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com

Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA - SEARCH COOLMILKSCHHEME

What we need from you

- Visual on your child's birth certificate
- Paper forms completed including permissions
- Early Years entitlement form completed
- Catering form completed

Attendance

- If your child is ill, please let the school know by 9am that day, either by a voicemail (option 1) or an email to enquiries@horncastleprimary.co.uk
- A message should be sent every day, unless you know how long they are going to be off.



Happy Days - Wrap-around Care

Breakfast Club

- Open from 7.45am
- Children are provided with breakfast but must be in school by 8.15am to have breakfast
- Price £4.00 a session

Afterschool Club

- Provide two sessions.
- Short session runs until 4.30pm. Children are provided with a snack. Price £4.00
- Long session runs until 6.00pm. Children are provided with a hot meal.
- Price £9.00
- All enquiries go to Mrs Baker via email wraparoundcare@horncastleprimary.co.uk

PTA

- We have a fantastic group of people who run our Parent and Teachers Association (PTA)
- They support the children with funding for a variety of resources and experiences including school trips and books for school.
- They would love to gain some extra support whether that is helping at discos or wrapping presents at Christmas! Any help would be gratefully received.

Pop Up Shop

- We have a fantastic pop up shop which consists of pre loved school uniform and non school uniform.
- Items are not priced but a donation is appreciated (cash only).
- Money raised goes to the PTA which goes back into the school

Settling into Preschool

We believe that transitions into preschool are highly important for a smooth start into school life.

At Horncastle, transitions consist of:

➤ Moving up day session where your child will visit school with their adult. This is **Monday 13th July**. You can sign up to this today.

➤ Staggered start in September to support children with new rules and routines and a new setting.

Finally...

- We want your child's first experience of school to be a happy one and we look forward to working with you to make it one.
- If at any time you have any questions please don't hesitate to come in and talk to Mrs Craigs or Mrs Withers

