Misterton Primary and Nursery School 2026 /2027

Welcome to EYFS

Introduction

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage at Misterton Primary and Nursery School, where we provide a nurturing, calm and supportive environment for every child to thrive. The EYFS is the stage of education for children from birth to five, focusing on developing key skills across areas such as communication, physical development, personal, social and emotional development, literacy and mathematics through play and exploration. At Misterton, our spacious indoor and outdoor environments provide rich opportunities for children to learn through hands-on experiences, helping them to build confidence, independence and a love of learning. We place a strong emphasis on wellbeing, ensuring that all children feel safe, valued and ready to learn, while supporting each child to make progress and develop firm foundations for their future in school.

Provision







Curriculum

In the EYFS, children learn across seven areas of learning:

Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

At Misterton, we believe play is central to learning, helping children explore, develop skills and build relationships. We provide a balance of child-led and adult-led learning, giving children opportunities to follow their interests alongside guided teaching. At key points, children are also grouped within their year groups for focused learning to support their development. Curriculum plans can be found on our school website.

EYFS staff team



Mrs Savory

EYFS teacher/ EYFS Lead

Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Baillie

Level 3 Teaching Partner



Mrs Neal

Support Assistant



Miss Soulsby

Senior Teaching Partner

The school day

School opens 8.40am

Morning session starts 8.45am

Morning session ends 11.45am

Afternoon session starts 12.45pm

School day ends 3.30pm

All drop offs and collections are from the classroom door on the EYFS playground.

Wraparound care:

Here at Misterton, we offer a Breakfast and After School Club.

Breakfast Club:

7.30am - 8.15am - £3.25

8.15am onwards - Free club

Afterschool Club:

Sessions currently start at;

1hr - £4.75

1.5hr - £7.00

2hrs - £9.25

2.5hrs - £11.50

Sessions run from 3:30pm - 6:00pm Monday to Thursday and 3:30pm – 5:30pm on a Friday.

All clubs must be booked in advance via Arbor. You can top up your account online and book sessions; however, bookings can only be made if there are sufficient funds available in your account.

Once your child has started at Misterton, you will be registered on Arbor and receive a 'Welcome to Arbor' message, which will include guidance on how to use the system.

If you have any questions or require support, please contact the school office at officeadmin@misterton.notts.sch.uk.

Food, drinks and snacks

All children under the age of five are entitled to free milk. This is provided through the Cool Milk scheme, where milk can be ordered by parents on a weekly, monthly,

termly or yearly basis. Milk can continue once your child turns five, although there will then be a small charge.

To arrange this, please register your child on the Cool Milk website (www.coolmilk.com) before they start school.







We also ask that your child brings a labelled water bottle to school each day

Children in Reception and Nursery are offered a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day as part of a national healthy eating scheme. This helps to encourage healthy habits and supports children in learning about the importance of a balanced diet.

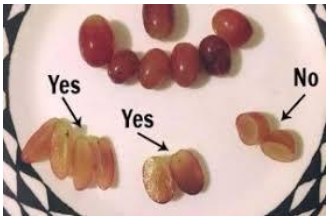
Lunches

At Misterton Primary and Nursery School, we work with Ideal School Meals to provide healthy, balanced meals for our children. Their menus are carefully planned using high-quality ingredients and meet all government nutritional guidelines, helping to promote healthy eating habits. Meals are freshly prepared and include a variety of options, including vegetarian and allergen-friendly choices, with menus available online for parents to view.

Online menu access for parents to review, pre-order meals and contact details to ask questions.
https://www.idealschoolmeals.co.uk/







Children are also welcome to bring a packed lunch, which should be in a labelled, sealable container and follow our Healthy Schools policy. Please do not include sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy or isotonic drinks, or glass items. As we are a nut-free school, we kindly ask that no foods containing nuts are brought into school. Additionally, if you are including grapes in your child's lunch box please cut them lengthways for their safety. (See image above).

PE for Reception children

Our PE day will be on a Tuesday. You will need to send your children into school in their PE kits on this day. Our school PE kit consists of:
*Black shorts (jogging bottoms when the weather is colder)
*Plain white t-shirt
*Trainers or plimsolls
*Red school jumper or cardigan

If your child wears earrings please can you remove these before they come to school on their PE day.

School Uniform:

Branded school uniform can be purchased at https://myclothing.com/.

However, most supermarkets stock the red jumpers/cardigans that form our school uniform.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Skirt or pinafore dress.
- Trousers or shorts (grey or black).
- Blouse, shirt or polo shirt (white or red).
- Sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper (red).
- Black flat sensible shoes (preferably Velcro).

Jewellery is limited to one pair of plain stud earrings and a simple wristwatch.

Reading and Phonics

At Misterton Primary and Nursery School, we follow the Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics programme to support children in learning to read. This scheme begins in Nursery. RWI is a structured approach that teaches children to recognise sounds, blend them to read words, and develop confidence and fluency as early readers. Through daily phonics sessions, children build strong foundations in reading while developing a love of books.

Our aim is to instil a love of reading, and we encourage this by sharing books both at school and at home. Children can choose a book from the classroom library to take home and enjoy with you. Each child will receive a Reading Record where you can note the books you have shared and add any comments, including books read at home.

We ask that children bring a book bag to school. Books are changed weekly, so please ensure your child brings their book bag into school.

Follow this link for more information and videos to support parents/ carers:
Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl

Mathematics

At Misterton Primary and Nursery School, we follow the White Rose Maths approach from Nursery onwards. White Rose Maths is designed to develop a deep understanding of number through a clear, structured progression. Children learn

through practical activities, discussion and problem-solving, helping them to build confidence and secure foundations in early maths.

We are proud to be a White Rose Maths Champion School, demonstrating our commitment to high-quality maths teaching. This means we focus on developing children's understanding through careful sequencing, use of mathematical language and opportunities to explain their thinking, ensuring every child can succeed and enjoy learning maths.

Follow this link for more information:

Advice and guidance for parents | White Rose Education

Toileting and Self-Care

We aim to support all children in developing independence in line with current Early Years best practice. Where possible, children starting Nursery should be increasingly independent in their toileting, including using the toilet, attempting to wipe themselves and washing their hands. We understand that every child develops at their own pace, and we will work in partnership with families to support this.

All families will be asked to complete an Intimate Care Plan to help us understand and meet your child's individual needs. Where required, parents and carers should provide any necessary items such as pull-ups, wipes and creams. You are very welcome to keep larger packs of these items in school so that your child is consistently well supported.

Developing independence in self-care skills, such as putting on coats and managing shoes and socks, is also an important part of preparing for school. Practising these skills at home will help your child to feel more confident and settled when they start.

For further guidance on supporting your child's independence, you may find this helpful: A guide to toileting

Oral Health

Oral health is an important part of your child's overall wellbeing and is included within the EYFS curriculum, particularly within Physical Development. We support children in learning about healthy habits, including how to look after their teeth and make healthy choices. We encourage families to brush their child's teeth twice a day, limit sugary foods and drinks, and attend regular dental check-ups. Staff are always happy to offer advice and support if needed.

For further guidance, please visit: Children's teeth - NHS

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child to Misterton Primary and Nursery School. Starting school is an exciting milestone, and we are committed to making this transition as smooth, happy and positive as possible for every child and their family.

In the Early Years, we believe that strong relationships between home and school are key to helping children feel safe, confident and ready to learn. We pride

ourselves on providing a nurturing, calm environment where every child is valued and supported as an individual.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point, please do not hesitate to get in touch – we are always here to help. We look forward to working in partnership with you and getting to know your child as they begin their journey with us.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Savory

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