



NORWICH SCHOOL

ALL THINGS
RECEPTION



Welcome



Anita Barclay

HEAD OF PRE-PREP

Norwich School is delighted to welcome children from Reception, offering a wonderful educational environment in which to nurture and challenge children to reach their full, individual potential. Norwich School remains as the leading independent school in Norfolk and offers a delightful introduction to any child's learning journey. Children can now enjoy 14 years of outstanding education in the same beautiful and unique setting and become well prepared for the next stage of their lives. Reception embraces children's independence and positive approach to learning, challenging their skills and ability with a strong focus on the school's ethos and values. Children are offered the freedom to make choices and encouraged to respect others and their environment and take pride in their achievements. Throughout the year, we provide many opportunities for Reception to celebrate events with the rest of the Lower School, allowing them to become fully integrated into Norwich School life.



Brad Rafftree

HEAD OF EARLY YEARS

In Reception at Norwich School, we believe that experiences are the catalyst for developing understanding of subject knowledge. We have designed our curriculum to accelerate understanding based on experiences. We also believe in creating a calm and nurturing environment for pupils to feel secure in and ready to explore new things and discover their full potential. The Reception year is the perfect platform for developing a child's self-confidence, resilience and desire to learn, as they begin their journey at Norwich School.

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Curriculum

In Reception, our education focuses on fulfilling the seven areas of learning and development within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), with a purpose of inspiring pupils to explore interests and reach their full potential.

The nature of learning is heavily play and exploration focused, including subject-specific lessons, such as numeracy and literacy. This approach provides pupils with a vast knowledge which can be explored in greater depth within the continuous provision. We provide a range of opportunities within the curriculum and pupils experience mastery level learning to embed knowledge and understanding.

We believe that Characteristics of Effective Learning (CoEL) are the foundations for learning. The CoEL are attitudes towards learning. These are demonstrated in the forms of pupils exploring and trying new things, having the willingness to have a go, always trying their best and thinking critically and creatively.

SEVEN AREAS OF LEARNING

Our seven areas of the curriculum are separated into Prime Areas of learning and Specific Areas of learning.

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

- Making Relationships
- Self-Confidence and Self-Awareness
- Managing Feelings and Behaviours

Physical Development (PD)

- Moving and Handling
- Health and Self-Care

Communication and Language (CL)

- Listening and Attention
- Speaking
- Understanding

Specific Areas

Literacy

- Reading
- Writing

Mathematics

- Number
- Shape, Space and Measure

Understanding the World (UW)

- People and Communities
- The World
- Technology

Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

- Exploring and Using Media and Materials
- Being Imaginative

SPECIALIST APPROACH

A feature of the Lower School curriculum is that we combine excellent pastoral care led by experienced primary trained professionals with the judicious use of specialist teaching drawn from the staffing expertise of the Senior School. Pupils are able to access the full range of fantastic facilities available to pupils of all ages at Norwich School. Pupils in Reception enjoy specialist teaching in the following areas: Computer Science, Digital Literacy, Music, Modern Foreign Languages, Art, Design and Technology and Sports Education (Dance, PE, Games and Swimming).



WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

The co-curriculum of Norwich School encompasses a vast array of experiences and opportunities. Pupils in Reception are fully integrated into the Lower School's co-curricular provision, which includes an impressive variety of trips, musical concerts, drama productions, sport and clubs. Clubs open to Reception pupils include Wildlife Club, Football Club, Cooking Club and Multi-Sports.

Pupils in Reception enjoy trips to enhance their understanding of curriculum topics and to extend their learning experiences. They have visited Holkham Hall to experience the Farm to Fork journey and Wells-next-the-Sea to enjoy a shoreline scavenge and woodland investigations. Reception pupils also frequently enjoy exploring Norwich Cathedral.





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IT'S THE BEST
DECISION WE
HAVE EVER
MADE FOR
OUR CHILD

Reception Parent



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Norwich School (Reception) provides the most fantastic learning environment for its pupils. The staff are highly dedicated and are passionate about providing the best possible education, alongside a strong focus on the school's values and ethos. The extra-curricular activities and beautiful surroundings help to make Norwich School a truly wonderful place to send my son.

Reception Parent



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I would like to thank all staff that are involved with my daughter's Reception school education at Norwich Lower School – the provision has been both nurturing and challenging. Her enthusiasm for school is infectious; she exudes positivity about her classroom experience. Children are clearly at the heart of all planning and delivery of a creative and stimulating curriculum. My daughter feels happy and safe – she feels comfortable to take risks with her learning and now often refers to herself as an 'expert'! The confidence and willingness to learn and engage in hands-on tasks and experiences is cultivating a secure foundation for her future education.

Reception Parent

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I am really happy about the progress of my son throughout this academic year. I would like to say a big thank you to all members of staff. My son feels very comfortable at school. The class is very friendly. Every child is treated as an individual.

Reception Parent





DAILY ROUTINES

Reception pupils can arrive at school between 8am and 8.40am. Pupils can be collected from school between 3.30pm and 4pm to facilitate both a prompt departure for those without siblings and pick-up arrangements for those with siblings finishing at 4pm. Pupils can stay at school and attend a club of their choice or attend After School Club between 4pm and 5pm. Pupils can also stay at school for an additional hour between 5pm and 6pm in our After School Club.

Reception enjoy their lunch in the Lower School Hall. The pupils can choose from a range of delicious hot meals each day and the menu can be accessed at home through the online School Portal. Our excellent catering team are able to accommodate most dietary intolerances, allergies and specific diets. Lunches are included in school fees.

NORWICH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

For entry into Reception, children are assessed for a readiness to learn. This is carried out through a variety of individual and group activities designed to gauge independence of thought, curiosity, articulacy, sociability and problem-solving ability in structured and non-structured situations.

The admissions process is designed to give us confidence that a child will be capable of progressing through all further stages of education at Norwich School without needing to sit additional entrance exams. However, as in other parts of the school, the ongoing progress of a child must

demonstrate their ability to access the curriculum successfully, whether preparing for entry into the Senior School or Sixth Form. The school will always consult with parents well in advance if there are any concerns for a child's educational welfare.

Application forms can be accessed and completed on the Admissions page of the school website. The assessment process is two-stage. Firstly, children will be invited to a small group assessment of one and a half hours. Secondly, children are invited to a social activity session.

Please ring the Admissions Department on 01603 728485 with any questions and they will be able to help you.



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