



Reception Meeting 2026

Welcome to Folly Hill Academy
Rainbow Class

**The Kite
Academy
Trust**
Flying high
together





The Kite Academy Trust

Our Vision

For every pupil to be happy and healthy; to contribute positively to their communities and achieve academic excellence.





Our PIRRA Values

Positivity
Integrity
Respect
Resilience
Aspiration

Children are awarded Points for showing the PIRRA values, they collect these and achieve rewards and certificate





Mrs Vicky Harrison
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Clare Freeman
Academy Headteacher



Mrs Jade Riches
Assistant Headteacher &
Strategic Early Years Lead for Kite



Mrs Tuesday Bunch
Reception Class Teacher



Mrs Rachel Harris
Reception Class Teacher



Learning in Reception



Learning through play

Discrete teaching activities

Rainbow challenges

Group learning

Hands on and active

Based on children's needs and interests

Assessment through observation



A day in the life of a Reception child



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:35 – 8:50	SOFT START – Busy fingers Fine motor				
8:50 – 8:55	REGISTRATION				
8:55-9:30	Phonics Including writing books	Phonics Including writing books	Phonics Including writing books	Phonics Including writing books	Phonics Including writing books
9:30 – 10:30	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn
10:30 – 10:45	Maths input	Maths input	Maths input	Maths input	Maths input
10:45-11:05	Snack and milk	Snack and milk	Snack and milk	Snack and milk	Snack and milk
11:05-11:40	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn	Movement Maths
11:50 – 12:55	LUNCH ROUTINES				
1:00 – 1:15	REGISTRATION Reading for Pleasure				
1:15-1.30	Topic	Topic	Topic	Topic	Rainbow Challenge Certificates
1.30- 2:45	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn	1:30-2:20pm PE 2:20pm Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn	Explore and Learn
2:45 – 3:00	Talk 4 Writing	Talk4Writing	Explore and learn	Talk4Writing	Talk4Writing
3:00 – 3:15	Story and Show & Tell	Story and Songs	Story and Songs	Story and Songs	Story and Songs
3:15	END OF DAY				

Development Matters

Prime areas of your child's development



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building relationships



Communication and Language

- Listening, Attention and Understanding.
- Speaking



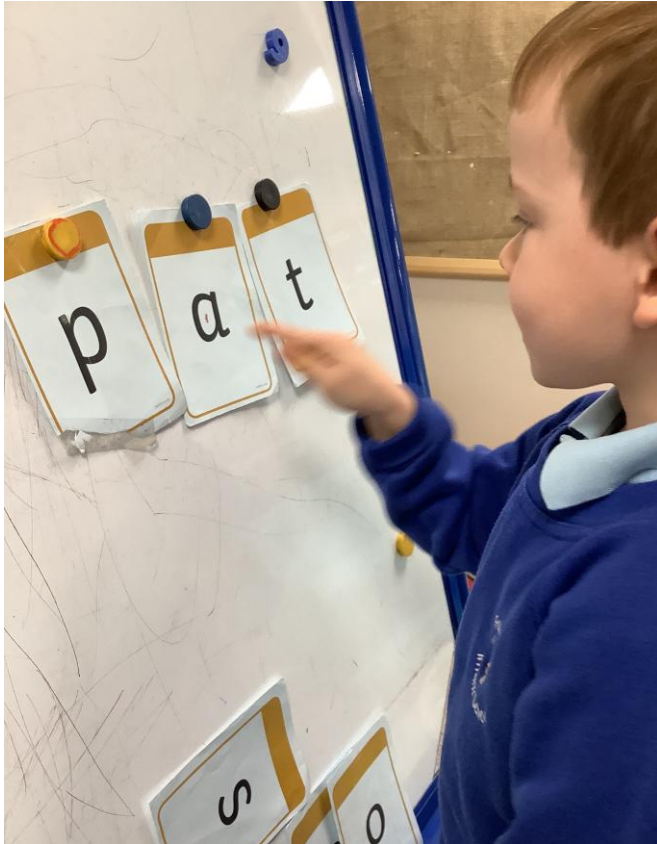
Physical Development

- Gross motor skills
- Fine motor skills



Literacy

- Comprehension
- Word reading
- Writing



Maths



- Number
- Number patterns





Understanding of the World

- Past and Present
- People, Culture and Communities
- The Natural World



Expressive Art and Design

- Creating with Materials
- Being Imaginative and Expressive





Topics / Themes

- Autumn 1: Marvellous Me
- Autumn 2: Fairy Tales, Folks and Food
- Spring 1: People Who Help US
- Spring 2: Animal Fever
- Summer 1: Watch Me Grow
- Summer 2: Awesome Adventures



Reception Baseline Assessment

Statutory Assessment introduced in 2020 updated 2025

The 2025 Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) is a statutory age-appropriate assessment of early literacy, communication, language, and mathematics, administered within the first 6 weeks of children starting reception, using new digital assessment services and compliant with Department for Education regulations.

Purpose and Framework

The RBA assesses children's **early literacy, communication, language, and mathematics skills**. It consists of two components, where pupils interact either verbally with the teacher, via touchscreen devices, or with toy bears for some math questions

Focus Child - observation/assessment



In the Kite Academy, we use a focus child approach. This is a shared approach between school and families and entails us spending much of the week supporting, watching and engaging with your child in the setting.

Each child is focus child at least once over the course of the year.

During this time staff will spend time engaging in play.

We will ask you to update us on home life e.g. big upcoming events, which helps to inform our knowledge of your child.

At the end of the focus week, there will also be a narrative on Tapestry detailing your child's next steps.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL



A short video showing you how to set up your account

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7ROkDnb4I0>



Our uniform consists of:

Folly Hill – Brenda's Schoolwear

- pale blue polo shirt with academy logo or plain pale blue polo shirt
- royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with academy logo
- grey trousers/knee length shorts/ knee length pinafore dress/ knee length skirt
- blue gingham dress in summer
- white/grey/black socks or grey/black tights
- black sturdy shoes (no trainers please)
- weatherproof coat
- summer hat
- book bag
- PE bag
- royal blue PE t-shirt with academy logo or plain royal blue t-shirt
- plain white PE shorts
- black jogging bottoms
- black PE plimsolls or trainers



Your child will need



- Spare clothes
- A coat
- A water bottle
- A packed lunch if not opting for a hot dinner. This must be a healthy lunch with no foods containing nuts (no chocolate spread).



Please label everything !





Getting ready for school

- Getting dressed
- Putting on shoes and coats
- Using cutlery
- Toileting and washing hands independently
- Listening to stories
- Singing nursery rhymes

Contacting the school



- Website: www.follyhill.kite.academy
- Email: school@follyhill.kite.academy
- Tel: 01252 716 121



Transition Information

Stay and Play Session 1: Weds 1st July 9.30am-10.30am

Your child is invited to spend time in the classroom. Please bring his/her birth certificate with you to the visit. You are asked to stay with your child in the classroom so that you can support them with settling in.

Stay and Play Session 2: Weds 8th July 9.30am-10.30am

Children are invited in to spend time in the classroom without parents getting to know their class teacher and early years practitioners. There will be tea and coffee available for parents in Starlight room if you wish to stay on site. This also offers an opportunity to get to know other parents and carers.



Transition Information

Starting School:

Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September are Inset Days (school is closed to all children)

Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Monday 7th September : Home visits will take place and Reception is closed to all children.

Tuesday 8th September: Children in school from 8.35am-11.30am

Wednesday 9th September: Children in school from 8.35am-1.10pm (children will stay for lunch)

Thursday 10th September: Children in school from 8.35am-3.15pm

From Friday 11th September the children will be in school full time. Your school gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am. End of day is at 3.15pm.

Breakfast & After School Club



Breakfast Club runs Monday - Friday in term time from 7.45am until 8.40am. It is run by Mrs Nixon and Mrs Hooper and is available for Folly Hill pupils only.

After School Club runs Monday – Thursday 3.15pm - 5.45pm (a half session until 4.30pm is also available). It is run by Miss Gardiner and Miss O'Dell and is available for Folly Hill pupils only.

Sessions must be booked for a half term in advance or can be booked as a one off if places are available. Please check with the school office for availability. Payment should be made in advance using our secure online system (Arbor) once you have booked your place at the school office.

We do accept most childcare voucher schemes and the government tax-free childcare initiative.

If you would like to enquire about places, please contact the school office on 01252 716 121 or email school@follyhill.kite.academy.

Current Prices:

Breakfast Club - £8.25

After School Club Half Session (until 4:30pm) - £9.55

After School Club Full Session (until 5:45pm) - £13.30

Extra Curricular Activities



There are several extra curricular club options available – these are all run by external providers and are booked and paid for directly with the provider:

Mondays 3.15-4.15pm

ARTventurers art club



Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm

Boppin dance club (open to Reception children from the Spring term in January)

Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm

GT Sports Multi Sports club



Fridays 3.15-4.15pm

Pinpoint Tennis club

Booking information will be available shortly



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- **Protein** for muscle repair and growth
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- **Potassium** to regulate fluid and blood pressure
- **Phosphorus** to strengthen bones and generate energy in the cells
- **Iodine** to support healthy cells and metabolism



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Questions