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Welcome to Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School

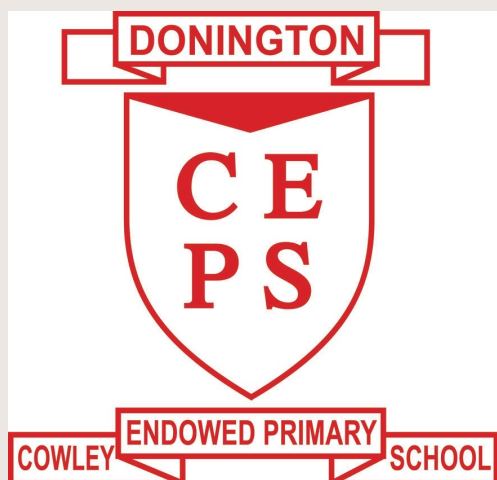
Parents Meeting: June 2025



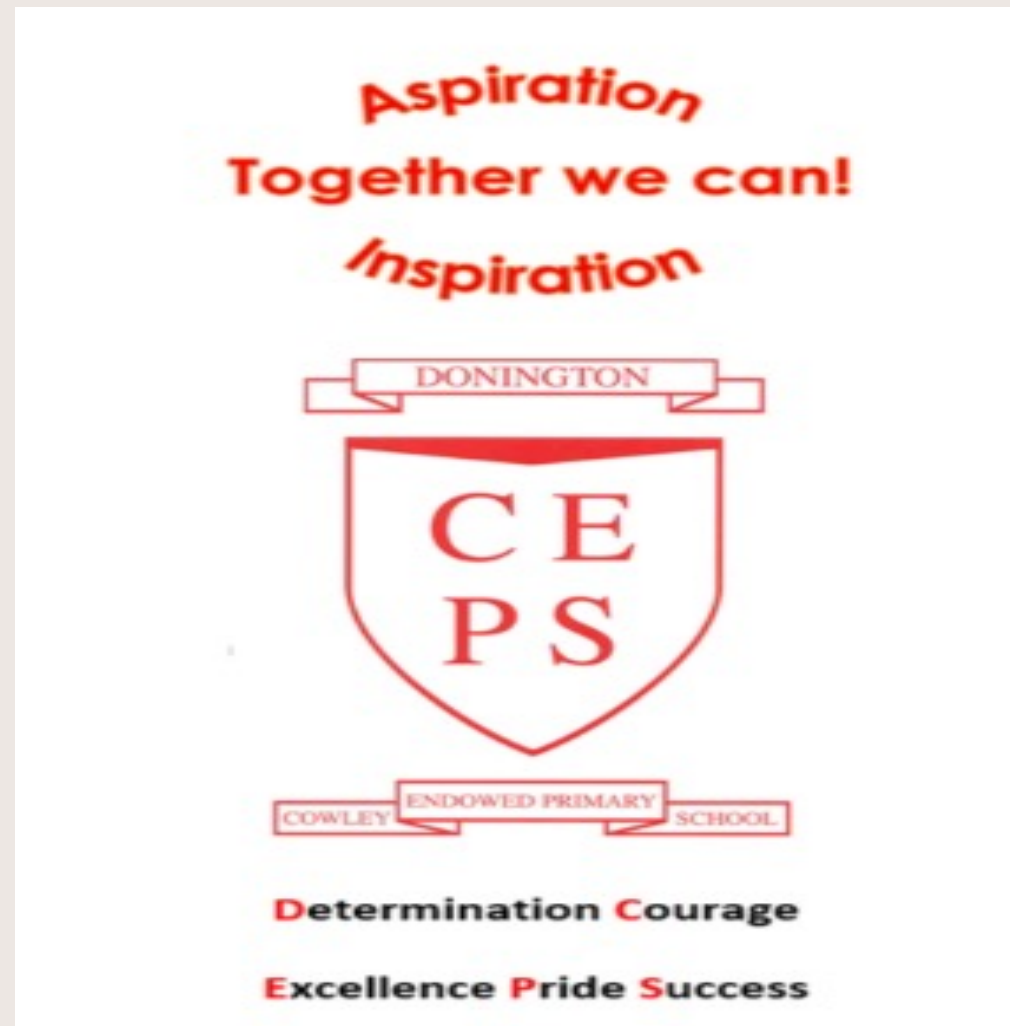
Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, Department for Education 2021

“Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential. Children develop quickly in the early years and a child’s experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future life chances. A secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right.”

Horizon Schools Federation



Our School Values



Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Foston

Executive
Headteacher



Mrs Ogden

Assistant
Headteacher and
SENDCo



Mrs Tubb

Assistant
Headteacher



EYFS Team

- **Mr Smith**

EYFS Lead

Ladybirds Class Teacher




- **Miss Rolfe**

Dragonflies Class Teacher



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




In the EYFS there are specific areas that we must cover in our curriculum.

The Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



There are three characteristics of effective learning that are taken into account when we plan and guide children's activities.

1. Playing and exploring

2. Active learning

3. Creating and thinking critically

Topics

- We are currently in the process of redesigning our curriculum to provide continuity and depth for children as they move from Reception into Key Stage 1.
- Some examples of previous topics are:
 - Jurassic adventure
 - Out of Africa
 - Pole to Pole
 - Ticket to Ride



Our Classrooms



Our Outdoor Areas



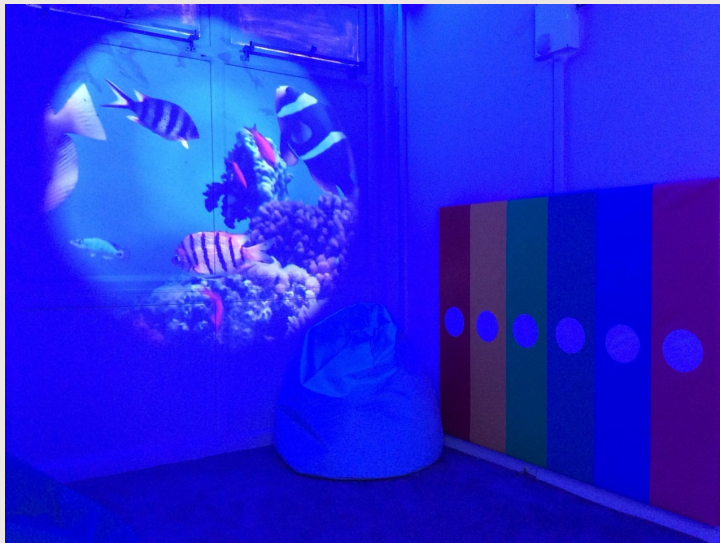
Facilities around the school

Sensory Garden



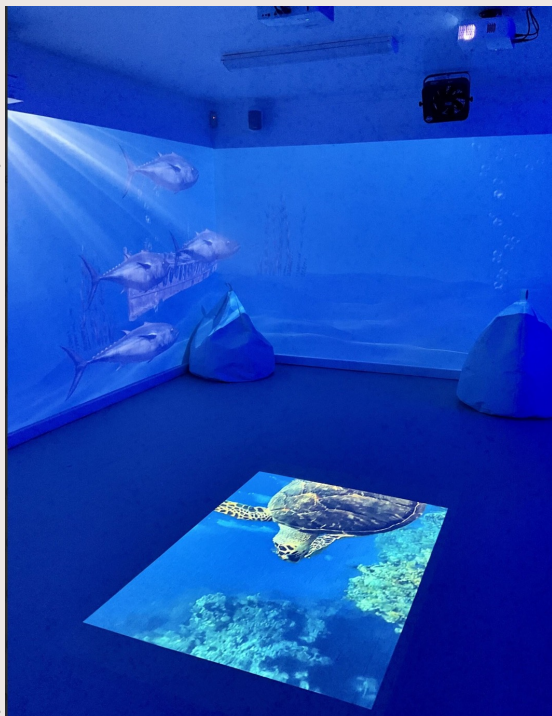
Facilities around the school

Multi-sensory room



Facilities around the school

Immersive Suite



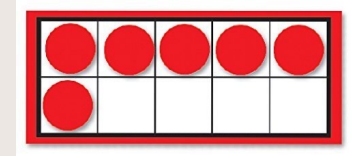
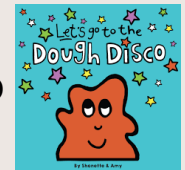
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Kitchen



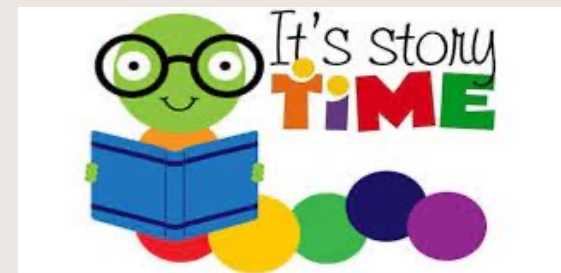
A typical morning in Reception...

- 8.45am Come in, hang coat up, fine motor skills, such as dough disco
- 9am Register
- 9.10am RWI then continuous provision inside and outside
- 10.15am Milk Time
- 10.30am Play time
- 10.50 Literacy/Maths/ Own Learning and adult focused tasks (inside and outside)
- 11.45am Get ready for lunch/ story
- 12.10am Lunch



A typical afternoon in Reception...

- 1.10pm Register and brush teeth
- 1.30pm Topic /Music/PSHE –
 - » adults guided activity and independent learning (inside and outside)
- 1:45pm Continuous Provision
- 2.45pm Assembly/story time
- 3.05pm Get ready for home time



Reception Learning is not always clean!
Please be understanding!

Forest School

The children will get the chance to enjoy Forest School sessions in our school grounds.



Read Write Inc

Read write inc is our school phonics scheme. Videos and links are available on the school website to help you support your children at home.



[Parent video: What is Read Write Inc Phonics - YouTube](#)

The first few weeks

We will be carrying out assessments to find out what the children already know and can do and will then use this information to help us develop an individual learning programme for each child.

We will be using 'Tapestry' to record 'Wow!' moments and you will be able to access these from your mobile or a laptop once you have been signed up. We want to spend as much time as possible interacting with the children rather than taking photos all day.



The first few weeks

- *All the children will start full time from Thursday 4th September*
- *On a P.E day the children come to school in their P.E kit and stay in it all day*
- *There is the option to bring their own packed lunch or have a free school dinner. The school dinners are provided by Willoughby Foods and they are lovely. We often find that children will try things that they haven't tried before. If your child has a packed lunch from home please don't pack too much*
- *Free fruit is provided at playtime and milk after playtime*

<https://www.willoughby-foods.co.uk/>



Class Website

- *Each class will have their own page on the school website that will contain:*
 - *Photos of learning*
 - *PE/Forest school days*
 - *Staff*
 - *Important dates*
 - *Topic information*

Class Website

Welcome to Ladybirds Class

The sun is finally starting to come out and the days are getting warmer! It is almost time to start the summer term. This will be the children's last term in Reception so we will be working on transition into Year 1 as well as making sure that we have lots of fun!

Make sure to keep an eye on the weather and apply sun cream at home ready for school.

Important information:

- Label everything! Trying to sort out 26 identical jumpers at the end of the day is incredibly difficult. If clothes are labelled it will make it so much easier. – Thank you
- Please bring in a **labelled** pair of wellies
- PE is on a Friday – Please send your child to school in their PE kit and ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed
- We will be outside in all weathers so dress for the weather of the day
- Please pack a change of underwear every day (just in case) as children get very busy and excited often forgetting to go to the toilet until it is too late.
- Remember to regularly check the school website/tapestry for updates
- You can always email me any question on ladybirds.class@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

Summer Term

Our topics this term are 'Terrific Tales' and 'Amazing Animals'. Below you will find the spring term newsletter and the topic overviews showing the exciting learning that we have planned this term!

This will be the children's last term in Reception and we will be doing lots of preparation work on moving into Year 1 over the course of this term.



Summer term newsletter.pdf



Summer 1 - Terrific Tales.pdf



Summer 2 - amazing animals.pdf



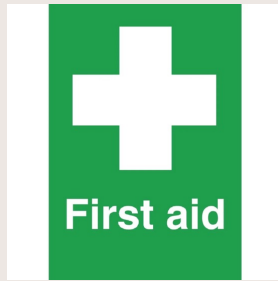
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We decided to spruce up our outside area so have planted a selection of flowers!



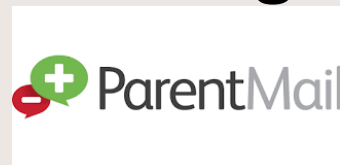
Attendance

- Please ensure your child is in school on time. School opens at 8:45am
- The gates close at 8:55am – if your child arrives after this time they will need to go through the school office.
- It is important your child is in school every day
- If your child has any appointments, please inform us



Medical Matters

- Any sickness or diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hours absence
- Any absence requires a note, a telephone call or a message via ParentMail explaining why



- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended
- Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement

Uniform





P.E Kit



Uniform

Please ensure all clothing is named. Spare clothing is useful in September.

Uniform is available from

<https://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/school-uniform/primary-school/donington-cowley-endowed-primary-school.html>

Please see our school website for more details.



What does my child need at school?

- Coat- good to bring one every day as our weather is so changeable!
- Forest school clothes- we will send you a letter detailing this nearer the time
- Book bag- please bring every day so letters, library and reading books can be transported safely
- Change of clothes
- Wellington boots
(to be kept at school)



Do not bring a drinks bottle (children will be provided with cups in school)

Our New Nursery!



Come and join us!

Nursery children will have access to our fantastic, wider school provisions including:

- Sensory garden
- Multi-sensory room
- 3D Immersive suite
- Forest school
- Trim trail
- Kitchen
- Library

Tours of the school welcome but please be aware our Nursery development will not be completed until September.

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🌐 <https://www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk/web>

Children from 3 years old! REGISTER NOW!

Only 16 places available!

Determination Courage Excellence Pride Success

- Opening September 2025
- 16 spaces and filling up fast
- Mornings, afternoons and full day sessions available
- Open 9-3

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 10th June – 1.30 – 2.30pm (Parents to stay with child)
- Tuesday 1st July – 1.30 – 2.30pm (Parents to stay with child)
- Tuesday 8th July – 1.30 – 2.30pm Coffee Session. Drop off children to EYFS classroom, parents then welcome for a coffee and chat and ask any questions
- Monday 21st July – 9.30 – 11.00am (Parents to drop off and go)
- Monday 21st July – 1:30-2:30 New Nursery Children Teddy Bears picnic

PTFA



And Finally...

- If you have any worries or concerns, please do ask or email and we will do our best to help you 😊
- Thank you for coming. We are looking forward to seeing you all in September

