

2024-2025



WATER VOLES CLASS PRESCHOOL AND RECEPTION



Teaching Staff:

- Mrs Ellerby
- Mrs Shipman

Teaching Assistants:

- Miss Gullidge
- Miss Walsham

Welcome to Water Voles Class! We are thrilled to be your child's teachers this year. We believe in creating a warm, nurturing, and stimulating environment where children can explore, learn, and grow. We focus on play-based learning, encouraging children to develop their curiosity, creativity, and social-emotional skills through a range of engaging activities.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. We cover all areas of learning and development, including:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** Building self-confidence, making friends, and developing independence.
- **Communication and Language:** Developing speaking and listening skills, exploring vocabulary, and enjoying stories.
- **Physical Development:** Fine and gross motor skills, healthy lifestyles, and outdoor play.
- **Cognitive Development:** Problem-solving, creativity, and exploring the world around them.
- **Literacy:** Phonics, early reading, and writing experiences.
- **Mathematics:** Number recognition, counting, shapes, and spatial awareness.

Class Schedule

Our daily schedule is flexible, and child led.

- Forest School – Thursday mornings, we have Forest School. Children should come to school in their Forest School clothes (warm clothes that will keep them dry, including boots or wellies) with their school uniform in a bag to change into.

Communication

- We will communicate with parents through newsletters, class Dojo messages, Tapestry and parent-teacher meetings.
- Parents can contact us via emailing the school office or by speaking with us at drop-off or pick-up.