

EYFS Welcome Pack

Welcome to our school. We are a small school with big aspirations!

Wheal Friendly

Wheal Friendly class is home to the children in our Nursery and Foundation Stage. Friendly is staffed by the teacher - Mrs Kelly Murley (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Evey Evison (Fri), who are supported by teaching assistants Mrs Louise Ashby and Mrs. Ward.

In Wheal Friendly we love learning through play. Our half termly topics are based on the children’s interests and we fully immerse the children in learning through this using stories, roleplay, trips, having visitors, art activities and many more. Our planning and assessment is linked to the EYFS curriculum and we monitor the children through observations all of which are shared with the parents using an online learning journey.

At Blackwater School we know about the benefits of outdoor learning and how important it is for a child’s development, which is why in Wheal Friendly we have a fantastic learning garden which has a door straight off the classroom. This means that the children have the choice to practice their learning indoors or outdoors during the school day.

Wheal Friendly is a mix of Nursery and Reception age children. We have experienced staff who have high expectations and can give the individual care and attention needed to a variety of needs. If the Nursery children do continue onto Blackwater School our transitions are seamless with little or no stress involved. To enquire about Nursery places please contact the school office.

We do daily phonics and maths sessions which are designed to be multi-sensory and tailored to the needs of the children. The sounds and numbers we are learning are always shared with the parents so can be reinforced at home if needed. We work hard to build good relationships with parents and we are happy to support the whole family at this crucial time of development.

Meet the team

   

Mrs Evey Evison Mrs Kelly Murley Mrs Louise Ashby Mrs Tina Ward



Mrs Lisa Springall

Beginning school is an exciting event in the life of a child and there will be lots of new things to learn. We want to ensure that your child is well prepared for this important event. We aim to make it a happy and memorable experience and hope that this welcome pack will provide you with some useful information that will help your child to settle into our school quickly.

**Useful contacts:**

School website: [www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk)

School office: [secretary@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk)

Class teacher: [kelly.murley@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:kelly.murley@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk)

Mrs Evey Evison: [head@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk)

Uniform: [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) and <https://www.trophytextiles.co.uk/products/primary-schools/blackwater-school/>

Tapestry information and user guide: [www.tapestry.info](http://www.tapestry.info)

Tapestry login: [www.tapestryjournal.com](http://www.tapestryjournal.com)

**Parents:**

* Please name ALL your child’s clothes! It’s important that all their clothes are named including vests, pants and even socks!
* We love to hear about what your child’s interests are at home so we can incorporate their interests in the nursery environment. You can complete the interests form enclosed in this welcome pack.
* Please upload any photos of special occasions, achievements and family outings onto Tapestry. Your child will discuss these with their friends during circle time.
* If you have any concerns or questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask.

Nursery

How can my family help me get ready for Nursery?

**Encourage your child to have a go!**

* Develop self-help skills by encouraging your child to take off and put on their own jumper and coat. Support your child in doing up zips, buttons and poppers; you can make this fun by dressing up toys in old clothes. Encourage your child to take their shoes and socks on and off. Give them time to practice.
* Support your child in getting to the toilet on time, wiping themselves, flushing the toilet and washing their hands. Sometimes children are so involved in play that accidents happen. Please talk to you child about what to do if an accident happens, reassuring them and telling them to tell an adult.
* Encourage your child to blow their nose themselves, bin the tissue and wash their hands.

**Teach your child to communicate their needs**

* Sing songs and rhymes together which will develop their vocabulary.
* Talk to your child about shared experiences that you have enjoyed such as visits and things that you have seen.
* Recognise and talk through your child’s feelings and different emotions, this will help them understand and communicate how they are feeling with staff.
* It is important for children to listen and follow instructions at nursery. These skills can be enhanced at home by playing games such as snap and giving simple instructions such as hang your coat up and wash your hands.

**Feeling safe and secure in the new environment**

* Share the pictures of your child’s teachers so they know who will be in their classroom. Encourage the children to identify the adults by name so they feel familiar when they come into class.
* Your child will have a peg with the photo and name on for their coat, therefore it would be helpful for your child to begin to recognise their own name. To reinforce this, you could put a name card on the fridge or play a treasure hunt game, finding name cards around the house.



Daily Timetable

8.45am-9.00am- Self registration/ morning mark making

9.15am- 9.30am- Morning welcome/ Circle time

9.30am- 10am- Phonics

10am-11am- Free flow and adult guided tasks. Staggered snack groups from 10am.

11am-11.30am- Maths

11.30am-11.45am- Story time/ Get ready for lunch

11.45am- 1pm- Lunch time

1pm-2pm- Topic based- Own learning/ small group activities

2pm-3pm- Free flow and adult guided tasks

3.00pm-3.10pm- Story time and getting ready for home

Uniform

*School Uniform*

Nursery children aren’t required to wear a uniform but you may want to purchase a jumper or school t-shirt for your child to wear.

Our school uniform comprises a bottle green jumper or cardigan with our school logo and a gold polo shirt also with our school logo.

Children should wear charcoal grey trousers, shorts or a skirt with black school shoes.

During the summer dark green gingham summer dresses may also be worn. PE kit should be a white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls/trainers. A spare pair of socks for PE would also be advantageous. During the winter, children may wear black jogging bottoms or leggings.

School uniform is also available with logo from <https://myclothing.com/> and <https://www.trophytextiles.co.uk/products/primary-schools/blackwater-school/>

Things to bring to school

**Please make sure all of your children’s possessions are named**

* A school book bag
* PE Kit in a drawstring bag
* A coat suitable for the season
* If having packed lunch, a named lunch box and water bottle