

Gilbertstone Primary School

Reception Induction 2026-2027



A big warm welcome to Gilbertstone

We're delighted to welcome both our existing families and those who are joining the Gilbertstone family for the first time.

This presentation includes all the key information you'll need to help your child make a smooth start to school in September.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via email:
office@gilbertstone.bham.sch.uk or phone
0121 464 4664 – We're always happy to help.



Meet the Gilbertstone Team



Mrs O'Reilly
Headteacher



Mrs Hoo
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Carrington
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Alden
Green Reception



Mrs Evans
Early Years Lead.
Green Reception



Mrs Kane
SENCO



Mrs Gothard
Inclusion
Manager



Miss Sadiq
Red Reception

Attendance at Gilbertstone

- At Gilbertstone, we value high attendance and strive for our pupils to be in school every day.
- Children who have a high attendance:
 - Achieve their academic potential especially in their basic skills
 - Emotional well-being benefits
 - Improved abilities to socialise and form friendships
 - Access to a wider range of extra-curricular opportunities

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Every minute counts in school...

- 5 minutes late every day means around 3 ½ days of education are missed
- a score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year.

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Pastoral support at Gilbertstone

Learning Mentor Support – Anxiety, bereavement, friendship difficulties etc.

We work with children who need additional support with their emotional well-being. For children who may need more specialist support we can refer to outside agencies.

Early Help referrals to support wider family needs such as financial difficulties, benefit checks, domestic abuse, parenting support, housing, SEND needs etc.

School can refer to the Early Help locality team via a 'Family Connect' referral as well as signposting to other agencies for additional support.

Admission Arrangements

Thank you for accepting your child's place with us, we're delighted to welcome you to the Gilbertstone family.

You should have received a welcome pack containing important forms, please ensure these are returned to us as soon as possible.

Please make sure your child's birth certificate has been presented to the school office.

Today's meeting is part of our induction process and will help you feel informed and prepared for September.

You will receive an invitation to a Stay and Play session in September.



Golden Rules

* Treat others as you wish to be treated *

- These simple but powerful values are displayed in every classroom and throughout the school. Staff refer to them regularly to support positive behaviour and relationships.
- It would be helpful if you could take some time to talk to your child about these rules before they start. They're not just for school; they're values that can be reinforced at home too.

Uniform



Uniform can be purchased from Midland Schoolwear and Clive Marks.



A red jumper or cardigan

Please ensure your child has a bookbag. We are limited on space and do not have the capacity to store backpacks.



White polo shirt, shirt or blouse



Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore



PE Kit

White t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms (for outdoor PE) and black pumps



Early Years Curriculum

We offer a balanced and nurturing curriculum that combines child-initiated, spontaneous play with adult-led activities to support and extend learning. Our carefully planned continuous provision creates a rich, engaging environment where children can explore, investigate and develop independence, curiosity and a love of learning.



Reception Classes

We have two reception classes, known as 'Green group' and 'Red group'.



Each group has its own base classroom, where they'll have their focused teaching sessions.

In addition to the classrooms, we have a shared learning space called 'Blue room', which offers further opportunities for exploration and play.

Children and staff from both classes work across the whole provision, allowing for a rich, varied experience and strong relationships with the wider team.



A typical day in Reception

Morning:

- Registration
- Literacy teach
- Guided reading teach
- Handwriting
- Continuous Provision
- Milk and Fruit
- Outdoor learning

Afternoon:

- Maths teach
- Direct phonics
- Discreet Speaking and listening activities
- Continuous Provision
- A focus on a specific area
(Understanding the world/Expressive Arts & Design)
- PE / Forest School

Rewards and Praise



School Meals

- All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to free universal school meals.
- School offers vegetarian and halal meal options.
- If you do send a packed lunch, please ensure it is balanced; no fizzy drinks are permitted.
(We are a nut free school)
- Children should bring a water bottle in every day with water.
 - Milk and fruit is offered daily



Example Menu's



Week One Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken or pork sausages with mashed potatoes	Beef lasagne with diced potatoes	Roast chicken with roast potatoes and gravy	Mild beef chilli con carne with rice	Battered fish and chips and tomato ketchup
Vegan quorn Cumberland sausages with roast potatoes	Vegetarian mince lasagne with diced potatoes	Roast quorn fillet with roast potatoes and gravy	Vegetarian mince chilli con carne with rice	Cheese and tomato pizza and chips
Peas Coleslaw	Mixed garden salad Sweetcorn	Garden beans Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Baked beans
Jacket potato with a choice of tuna mayo, cheese or beans, Tuna or cheese sandwich	Pasta with tomato and basil sauce or tuna or cheese sandwich	Jacket potato with a choice of tuna mayo, cheese or beans, Tuna or cheese sandwich	Pasta with tomato and basil sauce or tuna or cheese sandwich	Jacket potato with a choice of tuna mayo, cheese or beans, Tuna or cheese sandwich
Lemon sponge and custard	Shortbread and fruit slices	Iced chocolate sponge	Apple crumble with custard	Fruity Friday shortbread and apple slices

Week Two Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef burger in a bun with potato wedges	BBQ chicken with rice	Roast turkey with roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken wrap and potato wedges	Fish fingers with tomato ketchup and chips
Cheese and tomato pinwheel with potato wedges	Chickpea and vegetable biriyani with rice	Roast quorn fillet served with roast potatoes and gravy	Tomato and veggie mince pasta bake with potato wedges	Vegetable and bean wrap with chips
Garden salad Coleslaw	Peas Broccoli	Garden beans Carrots	Mixed garden salad Sweetcorn	Peas Baked beans
Pasta with tomato and basil sauce or tuna or cheese sandwich	Jacket potato with a choice of tuna mayo, cheese or beans, Tuna or cheese sandwich	Pasta with tomato and basil sauce or tuna or cheese sandwich	Jacket potato with a choice of tuna mayo, cheese or beans, Tuna or cheese sandwich	Pasta with tomato and basil sauce or tuna or cheese sandwich
Jam sponge and custard	Mini sultana cookie and tinned peaches	Pineapple upside down cake and custard	Chocolate brownie	Fruity Friday



Ready, Steady, Reception!

Parents and Carers, help your child have the best start to their Reception year by working on these key skills at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional Skills

No longer use a dummy or bottle

Have a consistent, structured bedtime

Help tidy up and put things back

Play with things safely and without breaking them

Know that my belongings are my responsibility

Use words to tell you how I feel

Wait my turn and take turns with others

Leave my parent or carer and know they are coming back



Language & Listening Skills

Make a choice using my words

Talk about myself using 'I' rather than 'me'

Listen to a story from a book for a short period of time

Sit still on the carpet or floor and listen while others are talking

Follow simple instructions given by an adult

Recognise my written name

Know and sing along to nursery rhymes

Listen to and identify sounds around me



Physical Skills

Be able to dress and undress myself: shoes, socks, trousers, coats, jumpers, t-shirts, tights, zips & buttons

Be able to open my lunchbox or bag and open my food packaging

Have an effective pencil grip

Go to the toilet independently: wipe myself, pull my clothes back up, flush the toilet & wash my hands

Be independent at mealtimes: drink from an open cup, feed myself using cutlery, cut up my food with a knife and fork, carry a plate or tray

Hang my coat and bag on a peg

Wipe my nose with a tissue then throw it away

Line up one behind the other and walk in a line.



Look through the booklet in your pack regularly with your child.



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Welcome to Reception!

Reception is lots of fun!
We can't wait for you to start your Learning Journey!

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Home – School links

- Workshops to attend with your child.
- Weekly newsletter emailed on a Friday.
- Parent Evenings throughout the year
- Reading and library books sent weekly
- Proud Clouds
- ‘Marvelous Me’ box
- Reception email address – Keep us updated with what your child is doing at home. Email in pictures/descriptions of what you’ve been up to (e.g. a day trip, attending a club for the first time, making cakes etc)

reception@gilbertstone.bham.sch.uk



September phased start

Week Beginning 31/08/26

Children are invited to a stay and play session on:

Thursday 3rd September or Friday 4th September with their grown up.

Week Beginning 07/09/26

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th

} Half of the children will come in the morning
8.45 – 11.30am

} Half of the children will come in the afternoon
12.30 – 3.15

All children in all day from Wednesday 9th September

Important Information

Start time: 8.45am

(doors open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am)

You will walk your child down to the Reception classroom doors but will have to say goodbye at the door.

Finish time: 3.15pm

You will collect your child from the same doors.

If your child is absent please contact the school office.

Keep all emergency details updated.





We look forward to welcoming your children in September

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you