

A Typical Day at



- 8am For some children, the day starts early as they attend the joint Breakfast Club provision hosted by the neighbouring Wingrave Preschool.
- 8.20am Families who live in catchment but at a distance are provided with school transport by the Local Authority. They arrive on site early and provision is made for them until the playground is open and supervised. Transport conditions apply but this could take the form of a taxi or minibus depending on address or route.
- 8.35am The school gates officially open for parents and children to congregate on the playground. A member of staff is present to supervise this period should parents choose to leave their children prior to the school bell ringing.
- 8.45am The school bell rings and the children are welcomed into school. Parents are asked to support the children's independence by leaving them at the courtyard gate to walk in with their classmates.
- 8.50am EYFS children are welcomed into school via their outdoor learning space gate – this slight delay enables parents to drop-off older siblings in the main playground. This alternative entrance helps reduce hustle and bustle for our younger children and provides important opportunities for parents to communicate with our EYFS staff, especially when starting school for the first time.
- 9am Learning begins straight away with short focussed activities during registration whilst our younger children generally start the day with phonics-based activities. Morning lessons generally have an English or Maths focus but the timetable varies to make the most of learning time, our staff, resources and other curriculum opportunities. We like to make the most of our topic-based learning with



practical, hands-on activities, making learning real and relevant .

- 10.05am As a church school, an act of Collective Worship/Assembly takes place every day – these include whole school themes, world events and occasions, Bible stories, visits from local Clergy, singing and celebrating. A highlight of every week is celebrating our learning achievements and counting up the latest Housepoint totals – the children compete in four Houses Teams both for individual and team recognition providing some healthy competition along the way. Our celebration certificates are awarded for positive learning behaviours, representing the school and tackling new challenges.
- 10.25am With the exception of EYFS, who have their own playtime opportunities throughout the morning, the whole school enjoy playtime together on the playground. Depending on the weather, the children are also able to use the playing field, climbing frame and MUGA sports pitch.
- 10.40am As learning continues this may include specialist teaching with our Music teacher and PE Coach. This arrangement provides joint preparation time for our class teachers in ‘tandem’ classes to plan and work together in creating an inspiring curriculum and rich learning opportunities. Some children may also have additional peripatetic instrument lessons (currently guitar or drums) which we host during the school day.
- 12.15pm The whole school enjoy lunch together with staggered sittings in our hall while other classes have chance to play outside with our Play Leaders. Provision is made for hot meals or packed lunches,; menu choices and relevant payment being made through our online ParentPay portal.
- 1.15pm Afternoons continue to provide a range of learning opportunities and subjects. This may include a visit to our outdoor learning space to explore the wonders of nature, or making use of our iPads and laptops for research or computing skills. Year 3 are fortunate to go swimming once a week on a Wednesday afternoon throughout the year so they can not only meet curriculum expectations but be-



come confident swimmers as a result. Some children may receive support in groups for specific needs however additional support occurs in lessons as much as possible.

3.10pm Our EYFS children are collected from their outdoor learning space gate allowing time for parents with older siblings to then make their way around to the main playground.

3.15pm Once the main gates open, all other classes are dismissed into the central courtyard - older children may choose to walk home with parental permission. This is a good opportunity for parents to catch a member of staff briefly should they have a query but ideally, to guarantee staff availability, an appointment would be made.

After school we offer a variety of after school activities which we review on a termly basis. We also host an after-school childcare club provided by the company 'Simply After School' in our school hall, this is open to all pre-school and primary age children.

We often organise school trips and visits to support our topics and do like to make the most of the time available. Sometimes we will leave early and return late to school to allow for coach travel and have maximum time at our exciting destinations.

4.15/4.30pm School Activity Clubs end; all children are dismissed from the front entrance, or can join the 'Simply' after-school club for a further session.

6pm 'Simply After School' provision ends.

Evenings With so many of our parents working during the day, we make the most of evening opportunities to invite parents to performances, Learning discussion appointments and workshops. These all enhance your children's learning experiences as you are able to support their learning at home and share in their achievements. Where possible, we will offer repeat opportunities during the day and evenings to provide a convenient choice for our parents with differing circumstances..



