

Starting Reception at Storth 2026



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'Everything is Possible'

We are looking forward to your child starting in Reception. You will find lots of useful information in this leaflet. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact school on 015395 62517 or head@storth.cumbria.sch.uk



Reception children can start school full-time on Wednesday 2nd September 2026. We are very flexible, so if you feel that this is too much for your child they can be collected early or have a day at home.

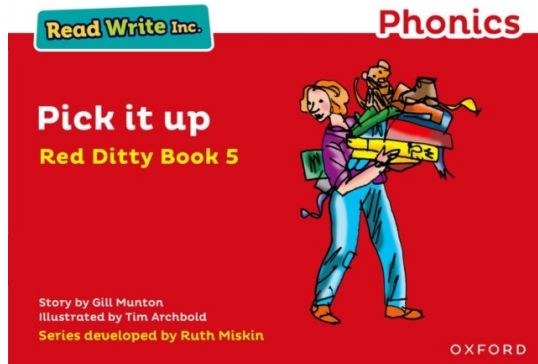
Your child will take part in forest school whilst in Reception. They will require waterproof clothing, a spare set of clothes and wellies. Warm layered clothing will be required during the Winter months. Further details will follow.



Reception children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum as they did in Nursery. It is a play based curriculum. We usually have a number of small adult input sessions and the children then undertake independent and enhanced play based provision.

Book bags can be bought from Mrs Barker in the office for £7.27. Please bring to school each day. Keyring attachments are great for easier recognition.

The children will have daily phonic lessons. We will spend time concentrating on Phase 1 phonics first, which is an essential basis for learning to read and write. Children all learn at different speeds, some children will therefore progress sooner than others. The phonic scheme that we follow is Read Write Inc.



Reading books will be sent home during the first few weeks of school. The first reading books have no words, the children are encouraged to talk about what they think is happening, the character's feelings and predict what may happen. Books with words will be sent home as they learn new letter sounds during phonic sessions. Please do read with your child as much as possible at home and record this in their reading record.

Uniform

Dark grey school trousers, skirt, pinafore, shorts, white or dark green polo shirt, green jumper or cardigan, black Velcro school shoes (not trainers). School jumpers and cardigans are available to order via the school website and are delivered to school. Many children wear plain green cardigans and jumpers available from supermarkets. Girls can wear green gingham dresses.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING



No jewellery should be worn other than a watch. Long hair must be tied back with plain hairbands and bobbles.

We ask that you purchase a Storth PE tshirt available from our website link to Coniston Corporate. Your child also requires black shorts, black tracksuit bottoms and black PE pumps/trainers, the Velcro ones are best and don't slip off as easily. In their PE bag please also put a spare set of underwear and socks (girls often wear tights and they need socks to wear with their pumps). A drawstring PE bag is best for storage. We will send them home each half term for washing. Earrings must be removed or taped up before school on PE days. **PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!**



Please make your children as independent as possible in getting dressed in preparation for getting changed for PE.

Reception children are eligible for Universal Free School Meals. Lunches need to be ordered via School Hub, you will be provided with log in details. You can of course send a packed lunch. Do not put too much food in their lunch box. We will 'encourage and try' to make your child eat, but full children are happier children. Milk is free up to a child's 5th birthday. Once 5 this can be paid for via the Cool Milk website. All infants receive free fruit each day. We also have our tuckshop which is 20p per day with a choice of toast, rice cake or breadsticks. Please pay weekly or half termly by cash or BACs.

Each day please send your child with:-

- Water bottle (containing water only)
- Book bag
- Waterproof coat (warm in Winter)
- Hat & gloves/sun hat
- Suncream in Summer (applied before school and bring in a named bottle so it can be reapplied)
- Wellies (to stay in school)



Please inform the office if your child is going to be absent from school on head@storth.cumbria.sch.uk

Your child does not need a rucksack to carry their belongings in each day! We do struggle for space! Additionally your child should not bring in any toys from home.