Welcome to Reception
2026

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING RIDGEWAY

"Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential. Children develop quickly in the early years and a child's experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future life chances."

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Our Vision

At Ridgeway, we embrace children as individuals. By recognising and valuing children's particular strengths and talents, we seek to encourage their full potential.

Our aim is to create a nurturing, caring and stimulating early years environment where children are:

- Happy, secure and feel safe
- Independent, self-assured risk takers
- Confident and resilient
- Excited and motivated to learn
- Socially strong and able to form positive relationships.

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Meet the Team

- Mrs Jennings
- Mrs Masters
- Miss Pitcher

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Reminder of settling in sessions

- 3rd June – (with parents if they wish)
- 10th June – (with parents if they wish)
- 17th June - just children
- 24th June - just children
- 1st July - Just children

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Starting school:

Your child's first day will be either:

- 26 and 27th August Group 1 Mornings, Group 2 afternoons
- 28th August and 1st September Group 2 mornings and group 1 afternoons.
- 2nd September - all in, all day.

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Uniform

Please see our uniform policy on the website www.ridgewayacademy.uk/school-life/school-uniform We now offer a more 'active uniform' choice.

You do not have to have logoed items, but if you wish to purchase them they can be ordered via Gascoigne Clothing, a family run business based in Leicestershire.

Please click the link below to place your orders: (This can also be found on the website)

https://www.gascoigneclothing.com/ridgeway-primary-school

The password is: **RPA2018**

All items can be purchased from high street shops like supermarkets and we do carry a small selection of preloved items in school. Please ask at the school office.

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What your child will need to bring (settling in sessions)

- Water bottle (with water only please)
- Bag (with spare clothes in case of accidents)
- **Please make sure ALL items are named with your child's name**

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What your child will need to bring (once they start)

- Water bottle (with water only please)
- Bookbag/school bag (please bring every day!)
- Lunchbox (if having packed lunch)
- Wellies and waterproof coat and trousers to be kept at school
- Spare clothes to keep at school in case of accidents
- Coat/all in one- we go out in all weathers!
- Healthy Snack -We have fresh fruit for the children to help themselves to but if you would like to bring an additional piece of fruit or plain biscuit **(no chocolate!)**
- **Please make sure ALL items are named with your child's name**
- It is also important that your child knows what their coat/water bottle/shoes/lunchbox looks like!

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New Early Years Foundation Stage Framework 2021

- New framework to remove paperwork, recording and evidence gathering such as photos and learning journeys.

- More time for staff to interact with the children.

- Long, uninterrupted periods of time to play indoors and outside where the children can become deeply involved in their learning. This is how young children learn best.

3 Prime areas
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social, Emotional Development

4 Specific areas
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

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A typical day in Reception

8:40	**Please wait in the playground outside the Reception Base.**
8:45	Children come into school, hang up their coat, put away their water bottle and snack from home, self register and choose their lunch.
9.00	Phonics session (initially this will only be a few minutes)
9.30	Continuous Provision- Children have access to the indoor and outdoor areas. We encourage the children to choose it, use it, put it away.
11.20	Maths session (initially this will only be a few minutes)
11.55	Lunch
1.10	One of : PSED/Understanding the world/Music/Forest School/Expressive Arts and Design
1.30	Continuous Provision- Children have access to the indoor and outdoor areas. We encourage the children to choose it, use it, put it away
2.45 3.15	Storytime and Songs Hometime- Please wait in the playground outside the Reception base.

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PE

- We will have PE once a week. We will let you know which day this will be as soon as we know.
- Come to school in PE kit on PE days
- Velcro fastenings please!

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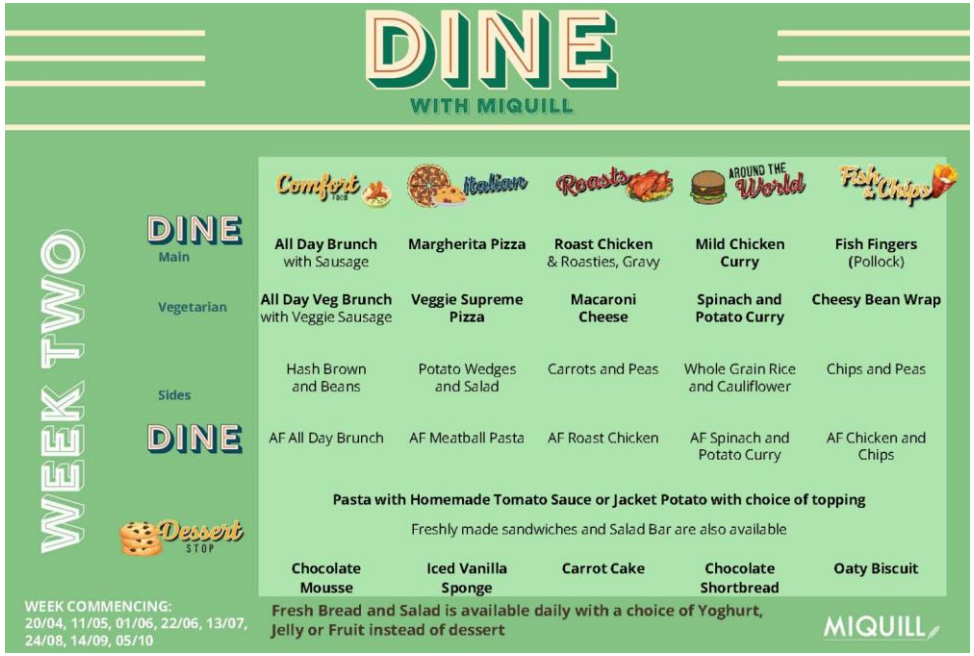
Lunches



DINE WITH MIQUILL

WEEK TWO

	Comfort	Italian	Roasts	Around the World	Fish & Chips
DINE Main	All Day Brunch with Sausage	Margherita Pizza	Roast Chicken & Roasties, Gravy	Mild Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers (Pollock)
Vegetarian	All Day Veg Brunch with Veggie Sausage	Veggie Supreme Pizza	Macaroni Cheese	Spinach and Potato Curry	Cheesy Bean Wrap
Sides	Hash Brown and Beans	Potato Wedges and Salad	Carrots and Peas	Whole Grain Rice and Cauliflower	Chips and Peas
DINE	AF All Day Brunch	AF Meatball Pasta	AF Roast Chicken	AF Spinach and Potato Curry	AF Chicken and Chips
	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce or Jacket Potato with choice of topping				
	Freshly made sandwiches and Salad Bar are also available				
Dessert STOP	Chocolate Mousse	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Shortbread	Oaty Biscuit

WEEK COMMENCING: 20/04, 11/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07, 24/08, 14/09, 05/10

Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert

MIQUILL

In your welcome packs you will receive an example menu.

Each day there are five choices.

Please tell your child what the options are each day so that they are ready to choose their meal when they come to school that morning.

<u>Packed lunches should be healthy and contain no nuts please. This includes peanut butter and chocolate hazelnut spread.</u>

We have a number of children in school who have serious nut allergies.

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Breakfast and After school club

- Breakfast club is available from 7:45am each day
- After school club is available until 6pm
- Both clubs offer refreshments for the children
- We accept childcare vouchers and are registered for the government tax free childcare scheme.
- You can book your session via Arbor. Sessions must be paid for at the time of booking.
- If you have any questions please do not

hesitate to call the office on 01858 465800.

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Drop off and pick up

- Reception school times are 8:45am- 3:15pm
- When you come to school in the morning, please wait in the playground outside the office.
- The children will come in when one of the members of staff opens the door to greet them.
- If you are not able to pick your child up at the end of the day, please advise us or the office in advance who is to collect.
- Please also let us know if they are attending our after school club or castle lane after school club.

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Illness

- If your child is ill please telephone the school office and leave a message on the answerphone in the morning.

- Any child with sickness or diarrhoea must not return to school for at least 48 hours after the last episode.

- Please make sure we have up to date contact details in case your child is ill at school and we need to contact you.

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Pupil premium

- Pupil Premium funding, which is received by the school annually, is used to improve pupil attainment and to help overcome any barriers to learning in order to close the gap and give pupils the very best chance to go on to be successful learners later in life.
- Qualification for this funding is dependent on a number of things – if you would like any further information or think that your child might qualify, please do contact the school office and let us know.

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Getting ready for school

The more that your child can do by themselves, the more confident and ready to learn they will be.

Children should be able to:

- Walk distances confidently and not be in a pushchair or carried any more.
- Recognise their coat, shoes and wellies and put these on/take them off and fasten them.
- Take themselves to the toilet, wipe themselves and wash their hands.
- Sit and listen to a story and sing a range of nursery rhymes.
- Use a knife and fork to eat.
- Eat whole pieces of fruit.
- Tidy up their belongings and toys.

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School activities prior to start

- Please email us a photo of your child for self registration and a family photo to help them settle. We will display these and also give the children chance to talk about their families etc. to get to know them.

- ejennings@rpa.learnat.uk

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Contact details and keeping in touch

- **Website**: https://www.ridgewayacademy.uk
- **School office:** office@rpa.learnat.uk
- **Tel no:** 01858 465800
- **Reception email:** eyfs@rpa.learnat.uk

- **Arbor App**
  https://www.ridgewayprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Arbor+Parent+App&pid=80

- **Facebook:**
  https://www.facebook.com/ridgewayprimaryacademymh/

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Any questions?

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