



Palace Wood
PRIMARY SCHOOL

You are starting school - how exciting!
We hope you enjoy looking through this booklet all about your new school.

Summer 2024



Who will teach me?

Mrs Edwards



Class Teacher

Maple Class

My name is Mrs Edwards and I am so excited to meet you all in September! I have a 14-year-old son called Taylor and an 11-year-old daughter called Daisy. I live in Allington with my husband, children and my pet cat Enid. I love reading, singing and going for walks with my family and friends. My favourite books are “Where the Wild Things Are” and “The Day the Crayons Quit”. I am looking forward to finding out all about you when you start school. I will be sharing the class with Mrs Uttridge and will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Uttridge



Class Teacher **Maple Class**

Hello! My name is Mrs Uttridge and I am very excited to meet you in September. I live with my husband, 2 children and my cats Felix and Jasper. I love visiting new places, cooking and especially reading. My favourite books are Mr Men and Little Miss as they have amazing adventures. I will be sharing the class with Mrs Edwards and will be working with you on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I am looking forward to finding out all about you when you start school.

Miss Gower



Class Teacher

Beech Class

Hello! My name is Miss Gower and I am very excited to get to know you all in September. I love reading, spending time outside with my family, baking cakes and walking my dog Koop. My favourite stories are 'Giraffes Can't Dance', 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'The Lion Inside'. I can't wait to find out all about you when you start school. I will be sharing the class with Mrs Finch and will be working on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Finch



Class Teacher

Beech Class

Hello! My name is Mrs Finch. I am so excited to meet you and get to know you in September. We are going to have so much fun exploring and learning new things together. I have two daughters, a 21-year-old called Ally and a 3 year old called Sofia. I live locally with my husband, daughters and my pet dog Kali. I love being outside visiting country parks, zoos, farms and the seaside. I also enjoy spending time sharing books with Sofia. Our favourite books are “We’re going on a bear hunt” and “Brown Bear. Brown Bear, What do you see?”. I am looking forward to finding out all about you when you start school. I will be sharing the class with Miss Gower and I will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Miss Gilks



EYFS teaching assistant

Hello children! My name is Miss Gilks and I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September and having lots of fun throughout the year. I have three children that keep me busy. I love watching films, reading, walking and enjoy meeting new people.

Miss Baker



EYFS teaching assistant

Hello! My name is Miss Baker. I cannot wait to meet you all in September, we are going to have so much fun! I love spending time with my two daughters who are 11 & 7. I also enjoy baking in my spare time and trips to the beach with my family. I can't wait to hear what your favourite things are!

Miss Holliday



EYFS teaching assistant

My name is Miss Holliday and I have 2 children and a cat called Duke. My hobbies are playing the piano and singing. I can't wait to meet you all in September!

What colour will I wear for PD?

You will be in one of our four House Teams. The Houses are named after our four values: Curiosity, Compassion, Courage and Challenge. Each House wears a different colour. The colour is listed under the value.



Yellow



Red



Green



Blue

You will have PD (Physical Development) once a week and you will come to school in your House colour and your PE kit.

Who are the school leaders?

Mrs Cairns

Headteacher



I am the Headteacher here at Palace Wood. It is a lovely, happy place where we all care about each other and we will work hard to make sure you feel excited about coming here each day. You will get to enjoy our lovely grounds, fantastic classrooms and take part in interesting lessons.

Seeing you all in your classrooms and finding out what you have been learning is something I love to do and I'll often pop in for a chat. If you have completed some great work, your teacher might send you to find me, so that I can also take a look and reward you with a special Palace Wood award. We celebrate everyone's achievements in Excellence Assembly every Friday and send home the information on our weekly newsletter.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all in September.

Mrs Mason

Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Childs

Deputy Headteacher



Assistant Headteachers



Mrs Doyle



Mrs Cooper



Mr Burnett



Miss Tye
Special Needs
Coordinator



Mrs Bryer
Family Liaison Officer

What will I do at school?

Self register

When you come into school in the morning, to let us know you are here, you will need to put your name next the lunch box if you are having a packed lunch or on the tray if you are having a school dinner.



Snack Time

You will have two snacks a day. Every morning you can have your fruit or vegetable snack from home. Your snack pot and water bottle should have your name on it. Some children have milk. In the afternoon you will be offered fruit or vegetables for a snack. This is a social time when you can chat to your friends.



Curiosity Time

During the day you will have lots of time to play and learn. We have lots of exciting activities planned!



Lunchtime

You will eat your lunch in the hall. You can sit with your friends and chat while you eat. Most children have school dinners as they are just delicious but you can bring your own packed lunch. You can always choose a jacket potato if you do not like the school dinner that day.

After you have eaten your lunch, you will go outside to play.

What do I need to bring on my first day?

Wellies and water proofs

You will need your own named pair of boots and waterproof separates (trousers and jacket) for when it rains. You can go out for lots of the day when it rains or is wet under foot. These will be kept at school.



A piece of fruit or vegetables

This is for snack time.

A Water Bottle

You will need to bring water in a named water bottle to school every day. It will be sent home at the end of every day for you to fill up again. Only water please.



Uniform

You wear your named Palace Wood uniform with either a cardigan or jumper. It is important you have Velcro on your shoes so you can do them yourself.



Book Bag

You will need to bring your school book bag with you each day. It is helpful to put a key ring or a little toy on the handle so you can easily recognise your own. You need to bring it to school **every day**, so that we can give you books. You will get a “zippy wallet” with your reading books and your reading record.

Lunch Box

If you are having a packed lunch then bring it in your favourite lunch box. Ask whomever makes your lunch **not** to give you a fizzy drink, chocolate bar, sweets or peanut butter or anything with nuts in. We like to be healthy eaters and are a nut free school.



A sun hat or a coat

This depends on the weather! Please bring what is right for the weather each day.

Where do I go on my first day?

Come onto the playground like you did at the Stay and Play. Your teachers will be there to greet you and welcome you into school. You will go to your classroom from the wooden gate.

Beech

Maple



What do I do if I am worried?

You can talk to any adult in the school who will help you. Everyone is very friendly.

Where can I go to the toilet?



The toilets are next to your classroom and are nice and close when you are busy playing and need to go to the toilet. An adult will always help you if you need it.



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