

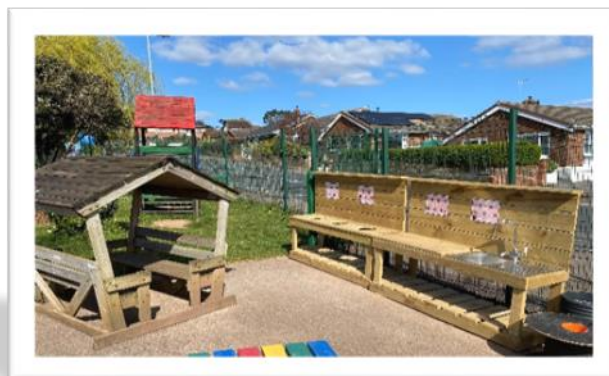
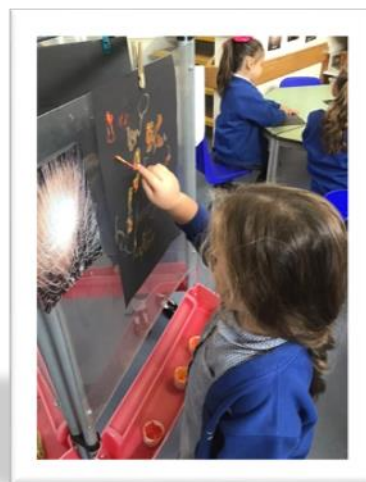
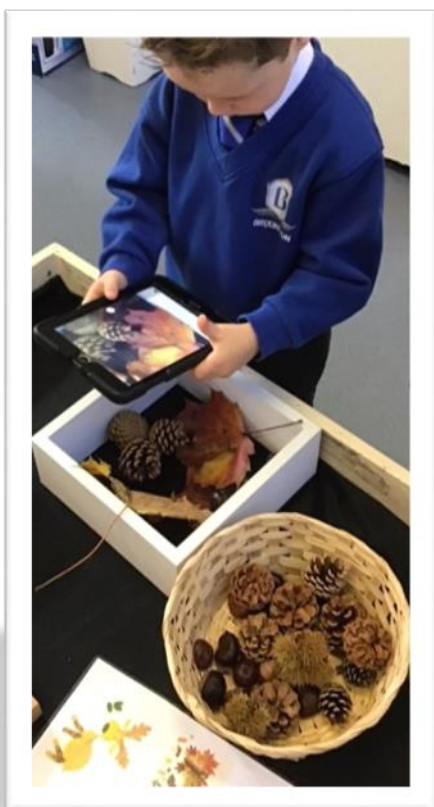
Brixington Primary Academy



BRIXINGTON
Primary Academy

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

NURSERY WELCOME PACK



WHO'S WHO

We have 2 classes in Foundation Stage. The Nursery/Reception class teacher is called Mrs Davison. The Reception class teachers are called Mrs James and Mrs Lock. Mrs Lock is the EYFS Lead.



Mrs Lock



Miss Hodson



Mrs Davison

Each class also has a number of extremely experienced and caring Teaching Assistants.

WELCOME FROM STUART DYER

HEAD OF SCHOOL



We are delighted that your child will be joining us at Brixington Primary Academy. Starting a new school is such an exciting and memorable time for our families, children learn so many new things and enjoy exploring new opportunities with their friends and teachers every day.

Your child will learn all about our school values of friendship, respect, endeavour, honesty and sportsmanship as they begin to contribute to the positive and joyful community that all of our children enjoy.

I know that you will find the following information useful in preparation for joining us. In the meantime, do take a moment to see what Brixington have been up to, on the school Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Brixington>.

You can also read about key information on the school website:

www.brixington.devon.sch.uk

You can contact the school via email:

admin@brixington.devon.sch.uk

or

Please call the office on:

01395 266997

THE FOUNDATION STAGE

The period from age 3 (Nursery) to the end of the Reception year is known as the Foundation Stage. It is a distinct stage with its own curriculum and Early Learning Goals.

We have worked hard to ensure that our setting is engaging and has areas designed to inspire, promote curiosity and exploration and is a safe environment for children to create, think critically and take risks.

The unit is divided up into different areas; Nursery/ Reception classroom, Reception Classroom, Creative Area, and our fantastic outside space which includes a Small World role play area, Reading Snug, Exploratory Area, and Physical play area.

When exploring in these areas your child is developing a range of skills, knowledge, understanding and a sense of independence.

The curriculum is organised into seven different areas of learning.

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

At the end of their time in Reception your child will be assessed against each of the Early Learning Goals.

You will be told whether your child is;

- On track
- Not on track



THE FOUNDATION STAGE

Mornings:

- The entrance door from the school playground to nursery will be open from 8.50am until 9.00am to allow children to come straight into class.
- If your child is late he/ she must enter school via the Reception Office and their name will be recorded.
- If your child is unwell please contact the school by telephone or MyEd and leave a message.

Structure of the day:

- Throughout the school day your child will take part in targeted learning sessions with a teacher.
- After learning sessions, the children will be able to choose, explore and extend their learning in an area of their choice. During this time staff will observe and play alongside your child moving their learning forward.
- Due to Government changes in the Early Years Curriculum, staff will be recording less and interacting more. You will have some observations recorded in your child's online TAPESTRY Learning Journal. There will be fewer observations than in previous years. Your child will, however be having many more "back and forth" talking interactions with staff and there will be a greater emphasis on reading stories and the explicit teaching of vocabulary.

Tapestry

- You will be given a unique login via email in when you join Brixington.
- The online journal will contain photos and observations of your child which you can access at any time.
- This is an effective 2-way communication, all through the year. We will be encouraging you to upload "wow moments" from home, too.

LUNCHTIMES AND SNACKS

School Dinner:

- Our school meals are cooked in our kitchen.
- Our school dinner menu is available on the school website.
- School dinners are **ordered via Parent Pay** for which you will be given login details when your child starts. They can be ordered up to a half term in advance. Meals must be ordered by 9.30am for the current day.
- Children will eat their school dinner/packed lunch in the Foundation Stage Unit.
- A selection of tasty healthy meals are available and your child will be allowed to choose what they would like to eat each day.
- School meals are varied and change weekly so that the children experience different foods.
- Nursery children are not currently entitled to universal infant free school meals. You may, however, be entitled to free school meals due to your circumstances. Please see the page titled Vital Funding. Free school meal pupils bring valuable additional money in to the school.

Packed Lunch:

- Children can bring their own packed lunch into school.
- These should not contain fizzy drinks, glass bottles, cans or sweets.
- We are a healthy school and request that you restrict packed lunches to healthy options where possible.
- Please remember that children only have about 20-25 minutes in which to eat their lunch. Please pack something that he/ she likes and that is manageable. Not too much!
- Please ensure that your child's box/bag is labelled with your child's name and class.

We would ask you not to send your child to school with nuts or nut products.

Nursery Snack:

- During snack time, your child will be able to sit and drink a cup of milk or water and eat a healthy snack. This is provided free of charge.

Allergies:

- We will have a record of any allergies from your admission forms.
- Please ensure that you have returned these forms before your child starts and include any information that we need to know about your child.

Free Milk:

Is currently available for all children under 5. We will register your child under the Cool Milk scheme.

BRIXINGTON BISTRO SAMPLE MENU

Available Daily	Selection of Seasonal Vegetables Fruit and Yoghurt Fresh Water or Milk	Selection of Seasonal Vegetables Fruit and Yoghurt Fresh Water or Milk	Selection of Seasonal Vegetables Fruit and Yoghurt Fresh Water or Milk
Monday	Jacket Potato or Roll Pepperoni Pizza Muffin Cheesy Pizza Muffin Strawberry Whip	Jacket Potato or Roll Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread Roasted Vegetable Lasagne Marble Cake	Jacket Potato or Roll Salmon Fish Cake Tomato and Basil Penne Pasta Banana Whip
Tuesday	Jacket Potato or Roll Chicken Goujons Falafel In Pitta Lemon Feather Cake and Custard	Jacket Potato or Roll Cottage Pie Homity Pie Carrot Cake	Jacket Potato or Roll Margherita Pizza Cheese Hot Pot Steamed Fruit Sponge and Custard
Wednesday	Jacket Potato or Roll Roast Chicken Roasted Pepper and Tomato Tart Roast/Creamed Potatoes Chocolate Muffin	Jacket Potato or Roll Roast Pork Homemade Cauliflower Cheese Roast/Creamed Potatoes Custard Cookie	Jacket Potato or Roll Roast Gammon Leek and Potato Bake Roast/Creamed Potatoes Marble Cookie
Thursday	Jacket Potato or Roll Sausage and Mash Veggie Sausage Chocolate Cracknel	Jacket Potato or Roll Ham Pasta Bake Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake Chocolate Sponge and Custard	Jacket Potato or Roll Spaghetti with Bacon and Tomato Sauce Cheese Flan Fruit Jelly
Friday	Jacket Potato or Roll Fish Cake and Oven Cooked Chips Mild Chicken or Vegetable Balti and Rice Coconut Crunchie Cookie	Jacket Potato or Roll Fish Fingers and Oven Cooked Chips Chicken or Quorn Korma and Rice Fruit Muffin	Jacket Potato or Roll Oven Cooked Battered Fish and Chips Chicken or Vegetable Tikka Masala and Rice Chocolate Shortbread

Lunches are £2.50

A full list of ingredients for each menu is available from the school kitchen

Vital Additional Funding

IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR SCHOOL

Can You Help?

Are you in receipt of any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBSJA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

If so it is possible that you are entitled to claim for Free School Meals, which automatically means additional funding is available to the school via 'PupilPremium'.

You can claim at any time throughout your child's schooling and all claims are dealt with discretion and complete confidentiality.

Applying is easy, just go to <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk>

On confirmation of receipt of Free School Meals, you will be entitled to a **FREE** School Jumper/ Cardigan per academic year, per registered child.

Thank you for your help in supporting our school.

Are you entitled to 30 hours free childcare ?

Please check the following link (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>)

SCHOOL VALUES AND BEHAVIOUR

Our School Values are as follows:

- Children will be encouraged to follow our school values at all times.

PLAYTIME RULES

We are gentle

We keep safe and don't play rough games

We are respectful

We talk politely to everyone and look after our school

We are visible

WE ARE CONFIDENT, HAPPY CITIZENS



FRIENDSHIP
We are good listeners.
We are thoughtful.
We are trustworthy.
We are good fun to be around!



RESPECT
We treat all adults and children with respect.
We follow the instructions of adults at school.
We respect and look after our community.
We all have an important role to play in our school!



HONESTY
We always tell the truth.
We reflect carefully on our own work.
We know it's OK to make mistakes and...
We always learn from them!



ENDEAVOUR
We are ambitious to learn new things.
We set ourselves challenging goals.
We are resilient.
We believe in ourselves!



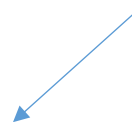
SPORTSMANSHIP
We are proud yet graceful winners.
We learn from our experiences.
We know it is the taking part that counts.
We always try our best!

	We follow our School Values: Respect, Friendship, Endeavour, Honesty, Sportsmanship
	1. Reminder
	2. Warning
	3. Isolation
	4. New Class
	Refusal

Behaviour Policy:

- As a whole school we follow the Smile to 5 behaviour policy.
- Each day your child will start on a smile, their aim is to stay on this smile throughout the school day.
- If your child fails to follow the class rules they will move down the chart.
- Each number has a different consequence.

The chart is as follows:



BRIXINGTON UNIFORM

Wearing school uniform helps our children to feel part of their Brixington community. It is part of our shared identity and, by wearing it, we demonstrate our commitment to our shared values.

Our uniform

- White shirt
- Tie (not needed in nursery)
- Grey (not black) trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore dress
- School jumper or cardigan (with logo)
- Grey tights or black, white or grey socks
- Leather or synthetic leather, all black flat shoes with no other colours, which can be polished.
- Blue gingham summer dresses may also be worn in warm weather

PE Kit

- Royal blue t-shirt – either completely plain or with the school logo
- Royal blue shorts
- Trainers
- Plain tracksuit trousers and a sweatshirt may be worn during cold weather
- Please note, PE kit is not required for children in nursery.

Hair

- Should be neat and tidy and no distraction to learning.
- Long hair must be entirely tied back (so that it is off the face and neck) using a simple hair tie (blue, black, grey, or white). Please avoid large, colourful scrunchies or hair bands.

Jewellery

- Maximum of one pair of small stud earrings, which must be removed for P.E. (or taped over if the piercing is new)
- Watch
- No other jewellery
- No temporary tattoos, make-up or nail varnish should be worn

Coats

- Children will need a warm / waterproof coat

Bookbags / PE bags

- Bookbags and PE bags are available from Proserve.

Uniform supplier

Proserve

Unit 3, Dinan Way Trading Estate, Exmouth, EX8 4RS www.proservegroup.com
01395 222975

Second hand uniform is available from the school office for a voluntary donation. Please consider passing on uniform that is in good condition if your children have finished with it.

Shipshape

18 Albion Street Exmouth EX8 1LJ Shipshape.online/schools 01395 262463

If you have any questions or queries about uniform, please contact the school office who can help.



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Encouragement – encouragement and praise gives your child confidence and boosts self esteem.
- Example – your example is the most important of all. You are the most powerful teacher for your child.
- Environment – ensure your child has time to concentrate, especially when listening to them read.



STARTING SCHOOL

You can help your child to prepare for starting Nursery by...

- Practising putting on their own coat and shoes
- Dressing and undressing
- Using the toilet independently
- Talking about school and what will happen throughout the day
- Show the lunch menu and talk about what choices they can make
- Using a knife and fork to eat meals
- Completing their "All About Me" booklet

First days:

- Saying 'goodbye' is an important part of the morning routine.
- Sometimes it is better if you say goodbye and go
- We are always happy to take calls later on if you want to check that all is well.
- Saying goodbye at the Foundation Stage gate is best. There's always an adult there to speak to

ON SITE WRAP ROUND CARE

Holiday Clubs

Our holiday clubs are perfect for those parents who are looking for flexible childcare, but also for parents looking for some exciting activities to occupy their children during the school holidays. Our holiday clubs run through every school holiday!

Please see our holiday club leaflet for more information or view the website.

Help with paying for childcare

The 'childcare element' is one of the elements that make up Working Tax Credit. If you're eligible, it could cover up to 70% of your childcare costs.

For more information call 0345 300 3900 visit www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs

Childcare vouchers allow employers to help their employees with the cost of childcare. The vouchers may be offered as a benefit on top of your ordinary pay or through a 'salary sacrifice' scheme. All employers are able to run a childcare voucher scheme, why not ask your employer if they currently run or would be prepared to run a childcare voucher scheme.

We are currently registered with the following voucher companies, but if your provider is not registered let us know so we can register with them.

Childcare Vouchers

Voucher Company	FISH Carer Id
Apple Childcare Vouchers	
Busy Bees Vouchers	Ey453881
Care 4	74228379
Childcare plus	TQ13 OLS
Computer share	0008337847
Cooperative childcare vouchers	85011640
Eden Red	P20431907
Fair Care	FISH 1109
Fideli	FIS014C
Kiddivouchers	EY391576
My Family Care Vouchers	
Sodexo	174988



BREAKFAST, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CAMPS



FISH Inclusion

We want FISH to be open to all children to come and have fun, especially those with additional needs. If your child needs extra support and you would like them to attend FISH we may be able to provide a support worker, this would need to be booked in advance and can be done by contacting Sarah or Dan on 08445 618847 or by emailing info@fishkids.co.uk

www.fishkids.co.uk
08445 618847

Book Now! 08445 618847
www.fishkids.co.uk



As parents ourselves we understand

The importance of finding quality, affordable childcare that your children enjoy, that's why we started FISH.

Our aim has always been simple:

To offer affordable child care for parents, where children have a fun and safe environment to play in and make new friends, improving their confidence and enjoy being a child. We want every child to want to come back to our clubs instead of being made to by their parents.

With this in mind we have developed a great before and after school care package for your school that will follow into a holiday club outside of term time. At FISH you can feel 100% confident and at ease knowing that your children are being cared for in a fun and safe environment. We hope that you find the information in this brochure helpful and we look forward to seeing you soon!

For more information on your school club visit our website: www.fishkids.co.uk

Dan & Sarah



BREAKFAST CLUB from £2.50 per session*

Snap, Crackle and Pop in the morning with FISH. Our clubs open from 7:30am every school day*. On arrival to the club children will be given a healthy breakfast and drink and will then be able to enjoy the free play and relaxation zones!! At the end of the session children will be signed over to their respective school receptions and accompanied into the playground by the FISH team.



"Free Play & Relaxation Zone"

Free time is exactly as it sounds, children choose what they want to do and have the choice of watching a DVD, playing board games, drawing, reading or just simply chilling out.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB from £8.50 per session*

We understand that your child has been working really hard all day at school and schedule in "free play and relaxation Zone" minutes. During the club all children will be then be able to take part in the create & activ8 Zone.

"Create & Activ8 Zone"

Each evening children will have the option of taking part in an activity from our create and activ8 zones. This might include Build a Bear, Fashion Show, Music Video Making, Drama, Cricket, Hockey, Football, plus many more.



Book Now! 08445 618847
www.fishkids.co.uk

*Check full details of your School's club at www.fishkids.co.uk

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION METHOD



MY Ed
Connecting parents, students and schools

GET THE APP HERE
SCAN ME

Download our school app NOW

Step 1:  Go to your app store

Step 2: Search for My Ed

Step 3: Download the app

The advertisement features the MY Ed logo, a QR code, a smartphone displaying the app interface, and a three-step guide to downloading the app.

BRIXINGTON PTA

The PTA brings together parents, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised at events like the summer fair, quiz nights and muffin days is spent on enhancing the children's school experience. It is a great way of getting to know other families and staff whilst making a valuable contribution to school.

To find out more please send an email to pta@brixington.devon.sch.uk The PTA also have an active Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/BrixingtonPTA2021>

TERM DATES 2023/2024

	Sep-2023			
Monday	04	11	18	25
Tuesday	05	12	19	26
Wednesday	06	13	20	27
Thursday	07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22
Saturday	02	09	16	23
Sunday	03	10	17	24

	Oct-2023			
	02	09	16	23
	03	10	17	24
	04	11	18	25
	05	12	19	26
	06	13	20	27
	07	14	21	28
	08	15	22	29

	Nov-2023			
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	07	14	21	28
	01	08	15	22
	02	09	16	23
	03	10	17	24
	04	11	18	25
	05	12	19	26

School Holidays	
Bank Holidays	
25 Dec 2023 (Christmas)	
26 Dec 2023 (Boxing Day)	
1 Jan 2024 (New Years Day)	
29 Mar 2024 (Good Friday)	
1 Apr 2024 (Easter Monday)	
6 May 2024 (May Day)	
27 May 2024 (Spring Bank Holiday)	
26 Aug 2024 (Summer Bank Holiday)	

	Dec-2023			
Monday	04	11	18	25
Tuesday	05	12	19	26
Wednesday	06	13	20	27
Thursday	07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22
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Sunday	03	10	17	24

	Jan-2024			
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	07	14	21	28

	Feb-2024			
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	06	13	20	27
	07	14	21	28
	01	08	15	22
	02	09	16	23
	03	10	17	24
	04	11	18	25

Training Days	-5
Occasional Days	-2

	Mar-2024			
Monday	04	11	18	25
Tuesday	05	12	19	26
Wednesday	06	13	20	27
Thursday	07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22
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Sunday	03	10	17	24

	Apr-2024			
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	May-2024			
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	Jun-2024			
Monday	03	10	17	24
Tuesday	04	11	18	25
Wednesday	05	12	19	26
Thursday	06	13	20	27
Friday	07	14	21	28

	Jul-2024			
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	05	12	19	26

	Aug-2024			
	05	12	19	26
	06	13	20	27
	07	14	21	28
	01	08	15	22
	02	09	16	23

Morning Arrival -gates open at 8.40am, children welcome into classrooms 8.45am – 8.50am. Register taken 8.50am.

Afternoon Collection – Children dismissed 3.10pm