

Broadhempston Village Primary School



Where the journey begins, and we aim to ensure... children flourish and grow

Broadhempston
Primary School
Ethos, Vision
and Values

Happy, inspired and
respectful children at the
heart of our community and
all we do.

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Welcome Pack



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school!

Broadhempston is a traditional village school, which was built in 1870. The school currently has on roll 57 children, split between three classes. There is an outdoor area to the rear of the school, which has been re-covered with a special soft safety surface, and is used as a play area and outdoor classroom. There is also a large playground and Village Hall opposite the school which is used by the children at play/lunchtime and for PE lessons and special events. We are situated some six miles east of Totnes in an attractive rural village and are well known for our links with our family community and our outdoor learning

The staff at our school are caring, experienced and committed to meeting the individual needs of every child, and to creating a happy, secure environment. We believe that Broadhempston is and will continue to be a special place to learn and work. We are a happy, friendly and welcoming family community. We take real pleasure in our successes; both in achievement and personal gains – whatever they might be; if they are important to the children, they are important to us.

The key aim of the school is to produce confident children who are literate and numerate, enjoy a breadth of opportunities to develop a sense of creativity and who have the skills necessary to support their future learning. The development of the 'whole child' is what drives the staff at Broadhempston.

We are supported by our PTFA group who work hard to raise additional funds for the school to provide extra opportunities for the children. This is done in a variety of fun ways, including discos for the children, fun runs, Bags2School and fairs at Christmas.

Thanks to them, the school also enjoys the luxury of a minibus which was paid for by the PTFA and is regularly used to transport children to a range of trips including sports competitions, performing arts events and educational visits. We also provide Forest School sessions; children visit our outdoor site at the wooded area of the Beacon in small groups on a regular basis to explore and learn about their environment.

With links to our partner schools within the Trust, the church and the local community, our children are given varied learning experiences. As they move through the school the children have opportunities to develop their talents in a range of different ways that will underpin their confidence and enable them to achieve the "impossible". Whilst on this journey they learn how important it is to support everyone else and work in harmony to make a little school a very special place to be.

We are very proud of our bijou school which has a big heart and offer you a warm welcome.

Mrs Jill Ryder

Executive Head

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Welcome from our Early Years Foundation Stage

'Where we play, learn and grow together'



Your teachers are Mrs Jenny Potter and Mrs Jodi Talbot

THE FOUNDATION STAGE

The Early Years Foundation Stage is a framework for children's development from birth to the age of five. The last year of the foundation stage is often described as the Reception year and this is where your child will begin in September, building upon previous development gained from home and pre-school experience.

There are seven areas of learning and development, the three prime areas are:

- *Communication and language*
- *Physical development*
- *Personal, social and emotional development*

These form the basis for successful learning in the other four specific areas, which are:

- *Literacy*
- *Mathematics*
- *Understanding the world*
- *Expressive arts and design*



The children enjoy lots of fun, hands-on topic work, accessing these areas of learning by playing, exploring, talking, observing, planning and questioning both with adults and other children. We record observations of the children's learning on Tapestry learning journals—see adjoining letters for more info.

SCHOOL VISITS

We arrange transition visits for the summer term. One of these visits will include a meeting, this is a chance to meet Mrs Ryder, Mrs Potter and Mrs Talbot for a talk on starting school, see some uniform and to meet with other parents.

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Home Visits

We are now able to offer home visits again. Please telephone the school office to arrange your visit.

BREAKTIME FRUIT

All children in EYFS & Key Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit or veg every day, as part of the government scheme, so there will be no need for any additional “snack” food.



SCHOOL MILK

As part of the ‘Cool milk’ scheme every child under 5 is entitled to a free cup of milk, which they enjoy with their fruit.

Please see website: www.coolmilk.co.uk

LUNCH

Your child may like to have our super school dinners cooked at our partner school, Landscope by our lovely cook Linda. a meat or vegetarian option is offered alternatively they can bring their own packed lunch. School lunch is eaten in the village hall. For more information about school lunches please see enclosed sheet. **Packed Lunches:** These are stored in the classroom. Packed lunches are encouraged to be healthy so no fizzy drinks please. For more advice on providing your child with a healthy packed lunch you can visit: <http://www.nutrition.org.uk>. Uneaten items are left in the packed lunch box so you can see what your child has/has not eaten

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN CLASS

Our P.E. lessons take place twice a week and in a variety of spaces. Weather permitting we like to use the outdoor areas like the playground. On other occasions we work in the village hall, especially during the winter months. Later in the school year we also go swimming.

Your child will need a named P.E. bag (drawstring bags are popular!) comprising of:

- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Pale blue school hoodie
- Trainers (Velcro fastening please!!)



All school uniform can be ordered online via our school uniform provider Brigade – www.brigade.uk.com

Our PTFA hold regular school uniform sales in the school playground.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!!

A bookbag will be needed to carry books/letters etc safely to and from school. Available from Brigade . We encourage children to drink water throughout the day, refillable water bottles, again available from Brigade.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR STARTING SCHOOL

Many little things are important to help your child to settle into school. Make it easier for your child by preparing him/her in advance.

- Teach your child to use the toilet without help
- and to wash their hands afterwards.
- Practise dressing and undressing.
- Practise using a small knife, fork and spoon.
- Practise shoe fastenings, buttons and zips.
- Teach your child to recognise their own name.
- Practise taking off his/her coat, hanging it up and putting it on again.



PART TIME START

Starting school will be a gradual process. Your child will begin school on Wednesday 6th September this will be for mornings only for the first three days of the term to allow them to settle in. Leaving school at 12.00pm. For Monday and Tuesday 11th and 12th September they will stay for lunch and leave at 1.15pm and from Wednesday 13th September they will stay in school all day and should be collected at 3.30pm.

Books

Once the children have settled in, we will hold a reading meeting to enable you to learn about our very successful approach to helping children learn to read. We will share how we teach reading and phonics during our reading meeting, offering tips and advice on how to do this at home. After this meeting, the children will begin to bring home a reading book, a reading diary and word pack with high frequency words, for your child to practise reading. Regular practise and re-reading of books is essential and we appreciate your help with this. Please encourage your child to talk about the story and pictures. Each time you read with your child, please make a note in the reading diary so we can see which books they have read.



Daily arrival times & endings!

Times

Arrival 8:45—8:55am

School day begins 9:00am

Break time 10:30am

Lunchtime 12:00pm

Afternoon begins 1:00pm

School day ends 3:30pm



If you have any concerns regarding your child and starting school, no matter how small, please pop in to see us, email admin or phone the school on 01803 812689.

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Other Key Information for New Parents

A few other things you need to know:

Mrs Jill Ryder is the Executive Academy Head. If you ever need to chat about your child, her door is always open.



Our Values

At Broadhempston Primary School, the message is simply that we want all the children to feel the warm glow of success and be motivated individuals who are constantly striving to do exceptional things. Our core principles are built around our vision of ensuring we will nurture each child to enable them to flourish. This is supported through our core values of respect, kindness, courage, creativity, community and trust. We encourage children to become lifelong learners whose eyes are open to a world of possibilities.

Mrs Therese Carwithen is the administrator for Broadhempston. She is always smiling and happy to help, being the first port of call when you come into the building! You can also contact her on: 01803 812689 or email: adminbroadhempston@thelink.academy



The school needs to see your child's birth certificate as a legal requirement. If we have not already seen it then please bring this into school the next time you visit.

Parents are requested to complete an Application for Free School Meals if they claim benefits. If granted then children will be eligible for free meals when in KS2 or until benefit ceases. Reception parents claiming these benefits are encouraged to complete a form as this attracts additional funding for the school.

Permission to use images of children in the media - it is very likely that photographers or even TV camera crews might visit the school during the next academic year. You will be asked to complete a 'Using Images of Children' form to make your views known.

Communication:

To ensure our communication with you is easy, quick and efficient we use an app service. Our Schools App is a personalised app for our school and allows us to keep everyone updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information.

Information on how to download this app is provided on the attached information sheet.

www.OurSchoolsApp.com

School uniform: School Uniform is available from www.brigade.uk.com

Please ensure that all clothing items are named.

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Food

At Broadhempston we promote healthy lifestyles and ask that children do not bring crisps and biscuits for morning break; a piece of fruit is our preferred option.

EYFS & KS1 children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are offered fruit at break-time, provided by the School Fruit & Veg Scheme, a government initiative. We usually have a selection of bananas, apples, tangerines, carrots and other seasonal fruit and veg.

We offer organic milk at break-time. This is administered by Cool Milk and you can apply on-line at www.coolmilk.com. Children under 5 years of age are entitled to a daily 189 ml serving of milk, free of charge.

School Lunch – Universal free school meals are available for all children in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2. Meat, vegetarian and vegan options are offered. All meals are ordered and paid for via our Parent Pay system. Your password for this system and information on how to log into the site will be forwarded to you when your child starts at school. The cost for all other children is £2.70 per day.



The school day:

9.00 a.m. School Starts – please arrive between 8.45 and 8.55 a.m. Class 1.

12.00 – 1.00 p.m. Lunch break

3.30 p.m. School Ends

Absence – if your child is away from school due to illness, please telephone the school (preferably before 9 o'clock) so that the teachers can be informed before they complete the registers.

Late arrivals: should report to the office where you will need to sign in.

Medicines – If your child requires medication during the day you will be asked to fill in a form giving full details for administering. Please ask for a form from the office.

Holidays – the school will not authorise holidays during term time and these should be avoided. An Absence Request Form should be completed for any Exceptional Circumstances.

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Staff: Teaching Staff

Mrs Jenny Potter PT Class 1 EYFS Lead
Mrs Jodie Talbot PT Class 1 EYFS Lead
Mrs Sue Cleverley PT Class 2 Teacher
Ms Sophie Heike PT Class 2 Teacher
Miss Karen Barlow FT Class 3 Teacher.

Teaching Assistants

Miss Gaby Cannon (HLTA)
Miss Jo Steer
Ms Shani Mason
Miss Ellie Tarsky

The Teaching Assistants and HLTA’s also have lunchtime supervision responsibilities.

Music Lessons with Peripatetic Teachers:

Tuesday	Guitar lessons with Mr Alex Knight
Thursday	Recorders / Flute Ms Hesther Somerville



Breakfast and After School Care

Tuesday - Friday	Breakfast Club £2,50 7.45-8.45
Tuesday-Thursday	After School Care £6.00 3:30 – 5.30

**Cereal Toast Fruit
Art Games construction**

WRAP AROUND CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Other Clubs running regularly

- Tennis Club**
- Multi Sports Club**
- Mini Multi Sports**
- Archery**
- Soft Ball**
- Football**
- Handball**
- Spanish**

Do keep an eye on our school website and the school app for up to date information and fortnightly newsletters.

That’s about it! If you need to know anything more, please feel free to ask!
I look forward to meeting you and your children

Jill Ryder.

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