



New Parents' Evening June 2026



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Vision and Values



Be the Light and Hope

Aspire

Take responsibility

Help others

Flourish

Behaviour Values



Readiness



Engagement



**Respectful
Relationships**

Verwood Campus

Maximising opportunities: spaces, places, PEOPLE...to enable all children to FLOURISH.

Creating true BELONGING through our family orientated approach.

Part of a wider family of schools within Initio Trust - SCALE.

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Communication:
Two-way communication is key



Consistency:
Develop consistent interaction

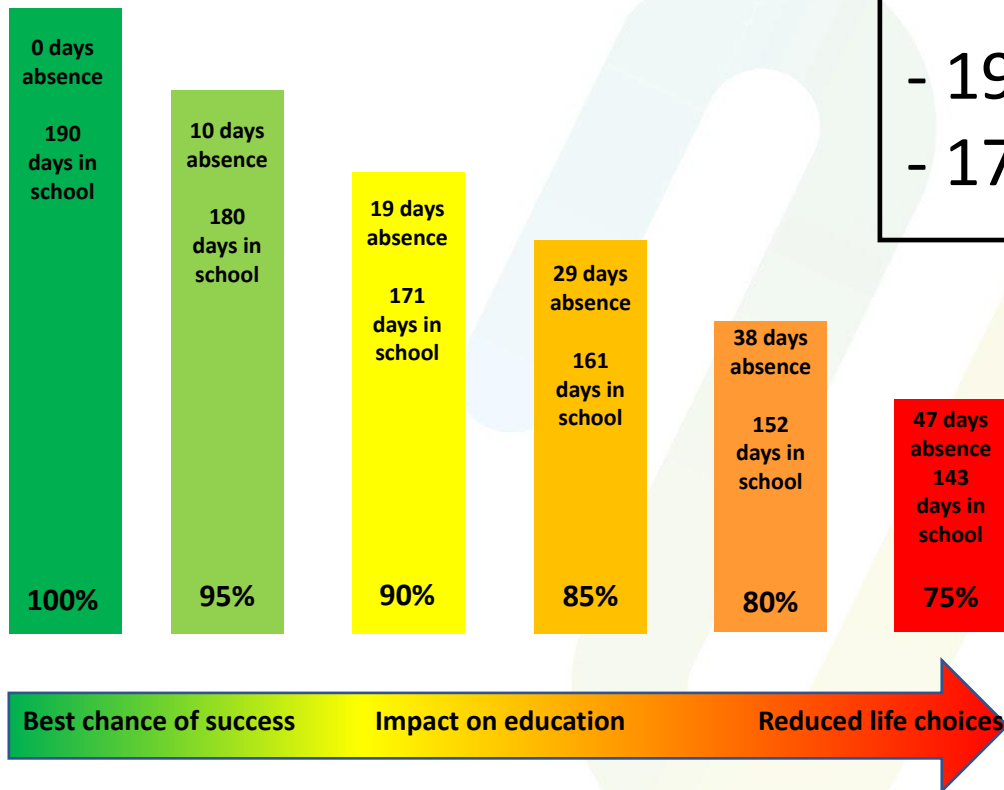


Collaboration:
Use problem-solving skills to boost academic success

Attendance:

There are 365 days in a year

- 190 school days
- 175 non school days



SEND

Universal Provision

Early intervention is key

Graduated approach - one step at a time

Provision / reasonable adjustment / addition to /
different from - forget the label....

PUPIL PREMIUM - What does it mean?

Pupil Premium is extra government funding given directly to schools in England to support the education of disadvantaged children. Its primary goal is to close the attainment gap - helping every child reach their full potential, regardless of their family income or background.

It is not a personal budget for individual children - schools use this money on services and resources that benefit eligible pupils.

At Verwood CE First School, we typically use this funding to provide additional learning support, pastoral support, purchasing some school uniform, reductions in school trip costs and providing some enrichment activities.

PUPIL PREMIUM - New arrangements

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, the Government plans to expand access to Free School Meals to all children and young people from households receiving Universal Credit.

➤ **Eligible Targeted**

This covers children in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. **These children will attract Pupil Premium, and other disadvantage funding for their schools, including access to holiday clubs.**

We can offer you support for purchasing school uniform and a reduction in school trip costs.

➤ **Eligible Expanded**

This covers children who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400. **These children will be entitled to Free School Meals only.**

PUPIL PREMIUM - Closing the gap

Due to these changes, everyone currently eligible for Free Schools will be required to reapply to continue to be eligible for Free School Meals. If you think you are eligible, we strongly recommend applying online as early as possible to allow for your application to be processed in readiness for the new academic year.

This will enable the school to receive much needed funding in order to support our children even more effectively.



The screenshot shows the website for Verwood C.E. First School & Nursery. The navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT US, PUPILS, PARENTS (which is highlighted), SAFEGUARDING, LEARNING, NURSERY, NEWS & EVENTS, and CONTACT US. A search icon is also present. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home > Parents > Pupil Premium and Free School Meals. The title of the page is "Pupil Premium and Free School Meals". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "Please read the information below which gives details of our Pupil Premium Grant, how we allocate the funding and how you can find out if you are eligible." This is followed by a section titled "What is Pupil Premium Funding?". The text under this section states: "The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. These include pupils who are entitled to free school meals, those looked after by the local authority and those now adopted but formerly looked after. Since 2012, funding has been extended to include pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at..." On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar titled "In This Section" with a list of links: "Starting School - September 2026", "Pupil Premium and Free School Meals" (which is highlighted), "Sports Premium", "Uniform", "Friends of Verwood", and "School Closure".

Childcare and Extended Provision

SCOOSC

- External after-school provision
- Breakfast club 7:45 - 8:30
- After-school club 3pm - 6pm

Enrichment Provision

Rocksteady



Dorset Creative Dance



Sports and computer clubs - further details will be sent out in the Autumn term.



Arbor

- Communication will be sent through Arbor
- Order lunches
- Permissions
- Pay for school trips
- Shop
- Log absences (you can also call or email)

Class Dojo



We use Class Dojo, an online learning journey, to record observations and keep you up to date with all things Oak Base. You will be able to access these observations and add your own.

A Day in the Life of Oak Base

Agenda

- Class Structure
- School Uniform
- First Few Weeks
- School Readiness

A Day in the Life of Oak Base



Organisation

- Daily Phonics sessions (following the Unlocking Letters and Sounds scheme)
- Daily shared reading sessions
- Daily Kinetic Letters sessions (both gross and fine motor)
- Daily Maths sessions
- Discovery Detective time!
- PE sessions - children to wear PE kit to school. Days to be confirmed.

Learning in Reception

In the Autumn term we spend time

- getting to know your child
- establishing rules and routines
- focusing on:
personal and social skills,
communication and language and
physical development.

Reception we use the early years foundation stage curriculum.

Children will learn through play by exploring, talking, designing, thinking and being curious and active and working as part of a team.



Lunch Times

- Free hot school meals are provided, however you can provide a packed lunch if you prefer
- All children will eat in the hall before they go out for lunch time play
- Oak base are support by Oak Base staff at lunch time
- Ordered through Arbor



Lunch Times



Woodland Area and other outdoor spaces



- We are very lucky to have a lovely woodland area, quiet area and extra field space that the children get to enjoy, as well as, our own Oak Base outdoor area. This space is great for sensory walks, special story times and independent time to explore nature!

Forest School

- Forest School will start from week 5 of Autumn 1 - Wednesday 30th September
- Please see packs for kit list.



Forest School



Sorry I got messy today but...

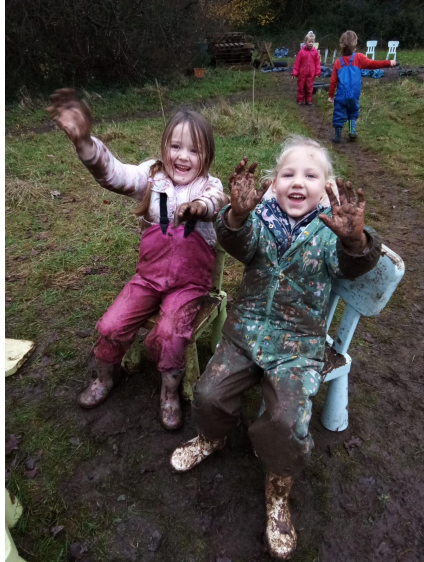
Sometimes your child might come home looking a bit messy...but it's all because they've been learning in the best way possible!



Painting helps develop creativity.

Playdough and other resources help to develop fine motor skills and build up muscles so that we are ready to write.





Exploring the water helps to develop maths and science skills.

Mud kitchens and gardening make use of all our senses. It helps with imagination and making sense of the world around us.

Uniform

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/grey trousers/shorts
- Checked red and white shirt/Checked red and white blouse/White polo shirt/Checked red and white summer dress
- Red jumper/cardigan this can be with or without logo
- Black closed toe shoes—no boots or trainers

PE:

- Red jumper/cardigan this can be with or without logo
- Black PE shorts
- Red PE t-shirt this can be with or without logo



ALL items named please!!!

Uniform

Calmer classroom + comfort = focus

This year, we are asking you to provide a pair of school slippers that will be worn in the classroom. These will remain at school. Please ensure that both slippers are named.



What does it mean to be school ready?

Children do not need to start school knowing everything.

They need to feel safe, confident and ready to learn.

Building Independence

**Independent toileting
and washing hands.**



**Independent- putting on jumper/ coat
on and off. Putting on shoes (velcro).**



**Independent with personal
hygiene
(including wiping nose)**



**Eating a whole piece
of fruit.**



**Manage their own packaging
in their packed lunch.**



Using a knife and fork.



An independent child is a confident and happy child!

Communication Matters

Encouraging positive interactions

Encouraging talking and listening

Expressing needs and feelings

Listening and follow instructions

Interacting with others -sharing and taking turns

Language underpins all learning



A Positive Goodbye

Talk positively about school (even if you are feeling anxious)

Keep your routine consistent

Keep the goodbye short (a hug a kiss & a goodbye)

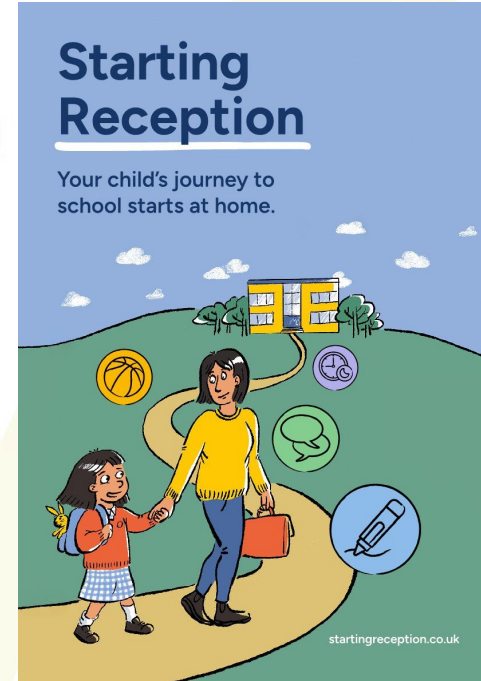
Not crowding the door to give children space

If your child is upset/anxious keep the routine the same and the adults will support your child and can always send you a message to reassure you they are ok.



How can I help my child?

**BEST
START
IN LIFE**







Ready, Steady, School!

- Check you have all the correct uniform

<https://www.verwoodfirst.dorset.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=571>

- Please label **EVERYTHING** even shoes and wellies, outside of lunchboxes and **ALL** uniform!

Remember **each day** your child must bring their:

- Named book bag
 - Named coat
- Named water bottle (water only)
- Please keep us informed of any changes.

Stay and Play Session 1

- One parent/carer accompany their child for the one allocated session
- Children wear their own clothes
- Explore the base

Surnames A - K Friday 26th June - 9:15 - 10:15

Surnames L - Z Friday 26th June - 10:45 - 11:45

Stay and Play Session 2

- Children enter Oak base on their own for this session.
- Children wear their own clothes
- Explore the base and story time

Surnames A - K Monday 6th July - 9:15 - 10:15

Surnames L - Z Monday 6th July - 10:45 - 11:45

Parents are warmly invited to the Jubilee Room for the Stay and Play hour, for refreshments, a chance to meet other parents, and our Pastoral lead, Helen Poole.

First Few Weeks

Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Monday 7th September -

A home visit from your child's teacher. We will get the times and dates to you before we break up for the Summer holidays. These dates and times are fixed and have been arranged based on where you live and the travel timings.

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th September -

Each child will attend **two short** settle-in sessions along with a small group of their classmates. Please provide a named water bottle. **School uniform should be worn to settle-in sessions.**

	Surnames A - K	Surnames L - Z
Settle Session 1	Tuesday 8th September 9:00am - 11:00am	Tuesday 8th September 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Settle Session 2	Wednesday 9th September 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Wednesday 9th September 9:00am - 11:00am

All Reception children will be in school full-time from **Thursday 10th September** onwards. Like the rest of the school, children can be dropped off from 8:30-8:45am and collected at 3pm. From this date, Reception children will also be able to start using the wrap-around care on site.

Meet the Friends of Verwood!

Thank You

➤ Any Questions ?