Headteacher Mrs Emma Bamber

Reception Baseline Assessment

10th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child begins their Reception year, we would like to let you know about the **Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)**. This is a short, national assessment that all children in Reception take part in.

The assessment:

- takes about 20 minutes in total (sometimes done in two 10-minute sessions)
- is carried out in a calm, supportive environment with your child's teacher
- looks at early language, communication, literacy and maths skills
- is designed to be practical and interactive, not a "test" in the traditional sense

The information gathered will be used by the Government to measure children's progress from Reception through to the end of Year 6. It will not be used to judge individual children, and you will not receive a score or result.

If you would like to know more, please visit: https://rba.campaign.gov.uk/ where you will find:

- why schools are doing the assessment
- what happens during the assessment
- how the data is used

Please be reassured that the RBA is simply a way for your child to show what they can already do. It is completed through everyday-style activities and is nothing for children to worry about.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the EYFS team.

Kind regards,
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