

Cupernham Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to welcome you to Cupernham Infant School and very much look forward to meeting with you and your child soon.

We know the importance of a happy and positive start for your child's education and feel sure that you will support any increased time given in September to help you and your child settle confidently and happily in school. Communication will be taking place with your child's preschool/childminder in the next few weeks and profiles will be built.

We return to school in September 2026 with two scheduled staff training (INSET) days on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026. Following this, there will be a slightly staggered start from Thursday 3rd September which is designed to enable each group of children to gain familiarity and confidence in their new environment without feeling overwhelmed. We find that children learn very quickly from each other and that calm, purposeful learning routines spread rapidly if each child has adequate attention and space for this to be established.

The phased start is flexible: we need to work with you to match your child's specific needs. We know that some children benefit from a more gradual induction so we will work with you and pre-school providers to plan the best possible programme. Our staff have a wealth of experience and know how important it is to avoid pressure and any distress in the early days of schooling.

All children will be full time on Wednesday 9th September 2026 and we will explain this process at our meeting on 3rd June at 6.30pm.

1. Parents' Induction Evening without Children

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 – 6.30pm to 7.30pm

This meeting is aimed at parents and carers and will give you information about us, our community, and will also allow you to fill out any final necessary paperwork; it will also be an informal opportunity to meet staff and learn a little more about our school and routines.

At this meeting you will find out which class your child will be in and what induction group your child will be placed in. The induction groups are only alphabetical groupings used to help us ease the numbers at our induction sessions and to ensure key adults can spend quality time with every child.

You will also be able to sign up for wraparound care within our **Breakfast and Afterschool clubs**. Learn about our externally sourced after school activities and meet our Governors and our PTA team.

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2. Our Induction Programme

Throughout our Summer term our staff will spend time gaining information from your child's pre-school/childminders. We will then invite you to school with your child for the following sessions:

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th June - Stay and Play Sessions

With one adult/parent/carer – no siblings please

Wrens	Group A	Thursday 11th June	9.30am - 10.15am
Wrens	Group B	Thursday 11th June	10.45am - 11.30am
Penguins	Group A	Thursday 11th June	1.00pm - 1.45pm
Penguins	Group B	Thursday 11th June	2.15pm - 3.00pm
Sparrows	Group A	Friday 12th June	9.30am - 10.15am
Sparrows	Group B	Friday 12th June	10.45am - 11.30am

At this session, you will be able to explore the exciting learning & play environment together. At this first session, we ask for only one adult per child and no other siblings please.

Friday 26th June – Stay & Play and Storytime Session

Adult/parent/carer - not required to stay

Wrens	Group A	9.30am - 10.00am
Wrens	Group B	10.15am - 10:45am
Penguins	Group A	11:00am - 11:30am
Penguins	Group B	1:00pm - 1.30pm
Sparrows	Group A	1.45pm - 2.15pm
Sparrows	Group B	2.30pm - 3.00pm

This is a slightly shorter session as parents & carers will not be required to stay.

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd July - Home Visits

On Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July 2026 we will be completing our School Home Visits; this will be a 15min meeting with your child's class teacher and LSA. The meeting will take place at your home; this is an opportunity to meet with you and your child in their own environment to discuss starting school and to get to know your child as an individual. This is a fabulous way to develop a trusting relationship with your child's teachers and LSA and certainly eases the transition into school. You will be able to book this meeting at the induction evening on Wednesday 3rd June.

Monday 6th July - Search and Find

Parents/Carer and siblings all welcome 3.30pm -5.00pm

This a great opportunity to come and explore our outdoor grounds with your child and other siblings in a fun and active way with one or both parents. The classroom doors will be open to pop in and have a brief look around on your arrival and collect your search and find booklet. The classroom doors and Year R garden will be closed at 4pm but you can still search and find in the main playground till 5pm!

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Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July – Stay and Play Session

Without any adult/parent/carer who are invited to stay for a coffee/tea

These sessions combine a more structured session with playful activities. Allowing the children to be on their own. We are inviting parents to **stay for a coffee/tea** in our outdoor classroom and meet each other along with some staff members whilst the children are in class. There will also be the opportunity to purchase some Preloved Uniform on these dates.

Wrens	Group A	Thursday 9th July	9.30am - 10.15am
Wrens	Group B	Thursday 9th July	10.45am – 11.30am
Penguins	Group A	Thursday 9th July	1.00pm – 1.45pm
Penguins	Group B	Thursday 9th July	2.15pm - 3.00pm
Sparrows	Group A	Friday 10th July	9.30pm - 10.15am
Sparrows	Group B	Friday 10th July	10.45pm - 11.30am

3. Starting School

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

INSET Days

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September – 8.50am/9am to 12noon (No Lunch)

The children will attend school on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September from 8.50am to 12:00pm in their Induction groups. Please note the children will not stay at school for lunch time on these days but will be offered a light snack mid-morning. Please pick-up at 12noon.

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September – 8.50am/9am to 1pm (With Lunch)

The children will attend school in their Induction groups on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September from 8.50am-1pm; the children will experience the lunchtime routine. This will develop their independence skills, and they will get the opportunity to play on the playground with other school children. Your child will be able to order their own lunch from the four school menu options or if preferred they can bring in their own food from home. Please pick up at 1pm. **Please note that we are a strict nut and sesame free school so please no spreads or snacks that contains nuts or sesame please. Please always provide a healthy balanced packed lunch with no glass containers or fizzy drinks. Thank you.**

Wednesday 9th September

All children are in full time; 8.50am-3.20pm

If you have any concerns or questions with any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on Tel: 01794 514494 or email adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Foundation Unit

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