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8th September 2026

Reception Baseline Assessment

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many excited faces arriving at school over the last few days! The children have started to settle into school well and we have no doubt that this will continue as we move forward – just be prepared for some very tired children at the end of each day!

Along with all other schools up and down the country, we are taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a nationally delivered assessment that will be administered to all pupils in Reception classes and has been statutory since September 2021. The assessment will provide a snapshot of children's learning and understanding when they arrive at school, establishing a new starting point to measure the progress they have made by the time they complete their primary journey, at the end of year 6.

It is a short (approximately 20 minutes), practical assessment focusing on early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. Your child's class teacher will carry out the assessment on a one-to-one basis with each pupil, within the first 6 weeks of Reception. It does not require any preparation at home or at school and will help teaching staff to understand what the children can do at the beginning of their time here at Priestmead. It is important to note that this is not a pass or fail assessment and the results will not be published.

Further information about the RBA can be found in the attached leaflet. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Miss Finch

Reception Year Team Lead

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