



A very warm welcome to Emscote Infant School

As your child can't have their usual visit to school this term, we have made this slideshow for you to show them around...

The photos were taken pre-Covid and show what school 'normally' looks like and although it may still look a little different in September, we hope to get back to this experience as soon as it is safe to do so!

Introducing...

Mrs Cossins, Executive Head



Mr Queralt, Associate Head



A tour of Emscote Early Years...



We hope you enjoyed
receiving your special
card!



I am Mrs Fawbert. I am the Cherry Teacher and Leader of the Early Years.



Hello! I am Mrs Fawbert and I have worked at Emscote for 13 years! I have taught in every year group, but I particularly love Reception as it means I get to be your first teacher and help you to settle at school and learn all the routines. I am always amazed by how much Reception children learn in their first year! But most of all I make sure you have a lot of fun along the way!

I really enjoy craft activities, maths, reading, sewing and singing! I have two children, Charlie who is 8 and Rosie who is 6. As a family, we enjoy bike rides and playing board games together! I love to bake and eat cake!

I can't wait to meet you all!

I am Mrs Ormandy. I am the Cherry Teaching Assistant and Lead Midday Supervisor.



Hello! I have been a teaching assistant at Emscote for 13 years. In school I am often known as Mrs O. I love singing in school and out of school I belong to a choir. I have two boys, Alex who is almost 21 and Harry who is 16. They both went to Emscote. You may see me walking my dog, Oxley in the area. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you.

I am Mrs Hutchins. I am also a Teaching Assistant who will be working in Cherry class.



Hello, my name is Mrs Hutchin and I'm part of the wonderful reception team! I love music, dancing, reading and painting. I have 3 children who I love taking on adventures, we especially like exploring in the woods! I am really looking forward to meeting you all.

I am Mrs Constable. I am also a Reception Teacher who will be teaching in Willow and Cherry each week too.



Hello! I have worked at Emscote for nearly 6 years, but have been teaching for 22 years! I really enjoy reading, cooking, listening to music and making pictures using mosaic tiles. I have two children who are at high school, Katie who is 14 and Alex who is 11. As a family we love going on dog walks with our sprocker spaniel William, exploring new places on holiday and playing board games. I am excited to be teaching in both Cherry and Willow next year and am looking forward to getting to know all of the new reception children.

I am Mrs Gray. I am the Willow Teacher.



Hello! I'm Mrs Gray and this will be my second year at Emscote. I really enjoy singing and playing the guitar and I love baking cakes, particularly banana loaf! I have two children and as a family we love spending time together, camping and being outdoors near the seaside. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and I know we are going to have lots of fun together!

I am Mrs Hart. I am the Willow Teaching Assistant.



Hello! I have been a teaching assistant for 6 years after deciding to leave my busy job in law to spend more time with my family. I love watching children grow and blossom into confident, happy and smart boys and girls. I will always encourage you not to give up and also to have fun. I speak Czech, Slovak and Russian languages. Our Emscote and All Saints Voices school choir has performed in many venues under my leadership. Emscote children love making things in my arts and craft club too. I like thunder and roses and in my free time I enjoy being outdoors. I am very excited to meet you all soon.

I am Miss Bayliss. I am also a Teaching Assistant who will be working in Willow Class.



Hello. My name is Miss Bayliss and I will be joining the Reception team in September. I have a 2 year old boy named Charlie and we love going on walks, playing in the woods and doing lots of arts and crafts together. I also love gardening where we grow our own vegetables which we use in our cooking. I can't wait to meet you all and have lots of fun together!

I am Mrs Cuthbertson. I am a Higher Level Teaching Assistant who will be working in Reception each week to cover.



I have worked at Emscote for 22 years which is the school I went to as a child so I know you will have a super time. I have two grown up children, Sam and Sophie who also went to Emscote. When I'm not in school I like to bake and be outdoors looking at nature. My husband and I also like eating out and enjoy it more when our children come home and can join us . I can't wait to meet you all in September.

At the start of the day

Mr Queralt rings the bell and says “Good morning children” and you all say “Good morning, Mr Queralt.”

Then you have cuddles and say “Goodbye” to your grown up...



Then you walk through the Reception Outdoor Area and into the cloakroom to put your things away.



We hang our P.E. kit and coat on our pegs



You can purchase a school coat or use any coat. Please clearly name it. You could put a small keyring somewhere on it if it's a school coat, to help your child find theirs!

P.E. kits need to be in a drawstring bag please as there isn't room for ruck sacks on pegs. P.E. kits stay in school for a half term at a time and then go home for a wash.

Please teach your child independence in getting changed into their P.E. kit and dressed again. Also turning clothes the right way round and doing coat zips. We will help them, of course, but it is really helpful once they can be independent. **Please clearly name everything!**



We put our book bags in boxes in our classroom



Please buy a school book bag and name it. You can hang a small keyring from it to help your child identify theirs.

Your child will be given a colour group (red, blue, yellow, orange or green) and keep their book bag in the correct colour box.

Please keep in your child's book bag their reading packet. It needs to be in there daily so that we can always read with them.

Please check book bags every evening as we put letters in them. If you wish to return a letter/slip to school, put it in a TAs hand when they are on the gate at the start of the day, as we do not get time to look through book bags.

We put our water bottles in boxes in our classrooms



We keep our water bottles in a colour box in our classroom.

Water bottles go home daily for a wash and please send your child with water each day. Juice is not allowed (but they have the option of it for lunch!)

Please make sure your child can independently open and close their water bottle and that it is clearly named.

We put our lunch boxes on a trolley in the Shared Area



Willow and Cherry lunch boxes go on the same trolley.

Please make sure it is clearly named in case there are others the same!

Please pack a healthy lunch that isn't too big! No nuts or fizzy drinks please.

The start of the day



The teacher takes the register and helps you choose what lunch to have. (A meat or vegetarian option each day on a 3 week rotation – you get a menu so you can help your child choose and send them with a lunch box on the days you think they'd prefer that. We are very flexible with lunches!) Mrs Fawbert often has a school dinner as they are so tasty and she enjoys sitting with the children! More on lunches later...

A typical morning... topic teaching, activity time, assembly...



...toast, playtime and phonics



Lunch



The children get a red or green band to wear so the kitchen staff know what to serve them.

They carry their tray to a table and sit with their friends. Drinks get serve to them.

Please work hard on cutlery skills and trying to cut their food up.

They carry and clear their tray then go out to play.

Afternoons...

Register, maths, activity time, milk and fruit, story and home.

At home time we lead the children to the Outside Area gate and watch them to their parents/carers. To begin with, it takes some time so give us a wave to help speed things up! If someone different is collecting, ideally tell the TA on the gate in the morning or email school.



The Cherry classroom...



This is our jungle rug.
We each sit on a jungle animal.

This is the home corner,
craft table and maths area.



The Willow classroom...



This is our minibeast rug. We each sit on a minibeast.

This is the home corner and craft table.



Some more information...



This is where we keep our jumpers and cardigans when we are not wearing them.

Please clearly name them (as it can take a long time to give 30 out!) and check the name doesn't fade when it's frequently washed.

If they get lost, they always make their way back if the name is very clear!



Each week, the children get one activity time slot in the 'Shared Area' (an indoor large space that both classes use), one in the 'Outside Area', one Wonderful Wellies session and playing in their classroom. As the year goes on, we give the children a bit more freedom to 'free flow' between the areas and both classrooms during activity time. We work with the children 1:1 or in small groups during this time.



Our 'Outside Area'...



This is part of the Outside Area where we play during activity time. We have a sand pit, play house, a mud kitchen, large construction toys, bikes and scooters, water play and a music area.



Our 'Shared Area'...



This is indoors and easily accessible from both Willow and Cherry classrooms. We have a painting table, craft table, investigation station, beebots, a light box, construction, sand and water play, tuff trays and a finger gym (to help fine motor skills).

Playtimes and toast! Yummy!



This is our
playground. We
play outside
everyday.

We have bikes and scooters, an adventure playground, wooden train, story chair, toadstools, 'hobbit house' and numerous playground markings to play on.

At morning play your child can have a slice of toast with butter, as a snack. We ask for £1 to be brought in on a Monday and handed to a TA on our Reception gate. This 'pays for the week'!

Meet our chickens!

Here are our chickens! They are called Dave, Speckle, Noisy, Speedy and Ava.

We give the eggs out to the children to take home, which is a real treat! They live in their coop, down on our field, next to our 'Wild Area'.



These are the boys' toilets...



The children can go to the toilet whenever they need to, they just need to ask (but if they're desperate just run!)

It is a good idea to keep some spare pants in their P.E. kit or we have some.

Please help them learn independence in toileting and washing their hands well.

...and these are the girls' toilets...



School uniform

Winter and Summer Uniforms...

PE kits... +tracksuit!



This is our School Hall



This is where we have assemblies, PE and eat our lunch.

We enjoy
PE a lot!

PE

We do a lot of PE! Each year the children also have a term of each of the following outside providers such as 'Fiery Feet' dance, Premier Active and Mr Partridge from Warwick School.



Wonderful Wellies!

Each week the children have a Wonderful Wellies session on our field area. They look at the seasons, search for minibeasts, collect natural items to do some maths or art with, sing songs, play “1,2,3, where are you?” and end with a hot chocolate and a biscuit! On their Wonderful Wellies day each week they bring their wellies in in a clearly named bag. It is clearly a favourite session of their week!



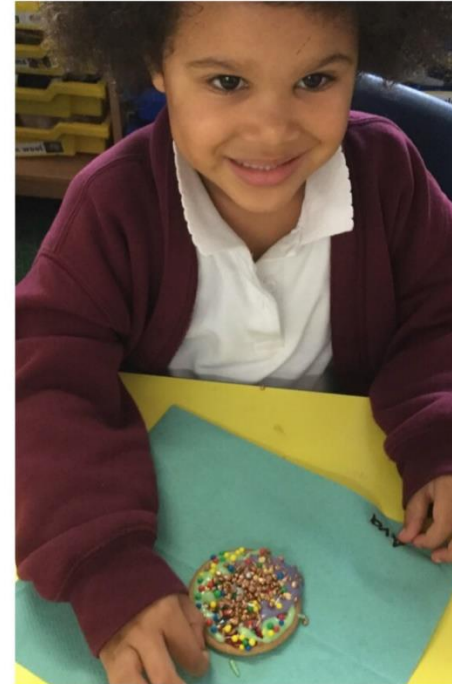


Cooking sessions

We regularly 'cook' with the children and relate the theme to our topic. The children learn about basic food hygiene, often try new foods, enjoy mixing and making. Then the highlight is eating it! Here we were making Gruffalo 'knobbly knee cakes'...











Your Birthday!

Our School Council set up a very fun idea for everyone...

On your birthday you can wear your own clothes to school so that everyone can see it's your birthday and as a special treat! (weekend/holiday birthdays – come in your own clothes on the Friday or Monday that's closest!)



*As you can see,
we have a lot of fun at
school.*

*We can't wait
to meet you!*