



WELCOME TO HAMP NURSERY AND INFANTS' SCHOOL

"where every child matters"

Our Values:

Happy Healthy Learners
Aspiring and Achieving Together
Motivated and Making Progress
Preparing for Life's Next Steps

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About Us

Hamp Nursery and Infants' School provides seamless provision for 2-7 year olds, with three on-site nursery rooms and up to nine classes from Reception to Year 2.

We are an integral part of an educational campus together with two other schools - Hamp Academy and Robert Blake School.

All staff contribute to the school's positive attitude towards pupils and the whole school approach to policy-making in an atmosphere where good relationships are highly valued and where high expectations of behaviour and achievement are implicit for all. We aim to build a close working relationship between children, staff, parents and carers, to create an environment where your children feel safe and secure and will develop the skills to enable them to achieve their full potential.

You are always welcome to visit the school, and please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's schooling.

Curriculum

Hamp Nursery and Infants' School is committed to providing a broad, balanced, child centred curriculum with the development of the whole child in mind.

We have created a whole school 'creative' curriculum based around our literacy stories, encompassing and extending beyond the requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 and Early Years Foundation Stage Framework 2021, to ensure we deliver a varied and stimulating curriculum to meet the needs of our pupils in our community.

In addition to our topic-based approach, we further enrich the learning opportunities for our pupils through:

- ✚ Curriculum days, e.g. Safer Internet Use, Geography and Design & Technology
- ✚ Theme weeks, e.g. Carnival, Space, Worldwide Art & Culture and Healthy Eating & Living
- ✚ Trips and local visits
- ✚ Visitors such as the West End Theatre Group, and Somerset Rural Life Museum

Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a range of after-school clubs for our children including dance and sport.

Ofsted

April 2023 our school was judged as "continues to be a good school" and the report stated that "The care and support pupils receive at Hamp Nursery and Infants' School make a positive difference in their lives. Pupils enjoy school, and they are safe and happy. This is a school 'where every child matters'. Parents and carers are positive about their children's experiences at school. They value the regular communication they have with staff."

November 2017 our school was judged as "continues to be good" and the report stated that "Governors and your skilled senior leadership team share your determined approach and high expectations. Your dedicated staff also fully sustain the school's high commitment to developing the personal and academic needs of each pupil as effectively as possible."

March 2013 Ofsted judgements:

Achievement of Pupils	Good
Quality of Teaching	Good
Behaviour & Safety of Pupils	Good
Leadership & Management	Good

March 2010 - under the new framework - outcome judgement was satisfactory and it was acknowledged that "children get off to a good start in the Children's Centre and nursery class and make good progress" and "pupils enjoy their learning".

May 2007 our school was judged as good with elements of outstanding and stated that the "immediate and striking feature of the school is the outstanding personal development and well-being of pupils." "Behaviour is exemplary."

For full copies of reports, please visit the Ofsted website:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/123681>

Our Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for the school and our nurseries.

The Governors work closely with the Headteacher and the Senior Leaders to support the development of all aspects of our school in setting high standards and promoting achievement for all.

Through regular meetings, Governors monitor the financial and educational management, including outcomes for all pupils.

Chair of Governors: Mrs Michelle Martin

Clerk to the Governors: Mrs Clare Cowen

Please see our website for full details of the Governing Body.

Safeguarding

Our school recognises that the safety and welfare of children is paramount and that we have a responsibility to protect children in all our activities. We take all reasonable steps to ensure, through appropriate procedures and training, that all children, irrespective of sex, age, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual identity or social status, are protected from abuse. We will seek to:

- ✚ Create a safe and welcoming environment where children can develop their skills and confidence.
- ✚ Support and encourage other groups and organisations to implement similar policies.
- ✚ Recognise that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children.
- ✚ Ensure that any training or events are managed to the highest possible safety standards.
- ✚ Review ways of working to incorporate best practice, including this policy being regularly reviewed and updated to reflect current best practice and Government expectations.
- ✚ Treat all children with respect regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity.
- ✚ Carefully recruit and select all employees, contractors and volunteers.
- ✚ Respond swiftly and appropriately to all complaints and concerns about poor practice or suspected or actual child abuse.
- ✚ Share information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involve parents and children appropriately.

A range of safeguarding information is available in the school reception area

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



Accidents and Injuries

If your child has a minor accident whilst at school we will inform you when you collect your child. The accident will be recorded in the school accident book and a member of staff will explain what happened.

If your child has a head bump we will call you to let you know and give you the opportunity to come and see your child and the option to take him/her home if you wish to.

Attendance

- ✚ Our school day is 8.30am to 3.00pm. We have extended our opening hours to meet Government expectations. Each day begins with a 'soft start' which means that when the children come in at 8.30am, the first 15 minutes is a settling in period, preparing for the day ahead.
- ✚ Children need to attend school regularly to fully benefit from their education. Even 90% attendance means that a child is missing a month of school a year, and it will be difficult for them to achieve their best. Children with attendance of 90% and lower are classed as 'Persistent Absentees' by the Government.
- ✚ The Government expects schools to promote good attendance and reduce absence, and expects parents to ensure their children attend school regularly, and on time. Our attendance target is 94%.
- ✚ Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us if your child is unable to attend school.
- ✚ In accordance with regulations, we are only permitted to authorise leave of absence during term time in exceptional circumstances. Parents/carers taking their children out of school for an unauthorised holiday may be issued with a fixed penalty fine. Absence request forms are available from the school office.
- ✚ Please do your best to arrange routine medical appointments out of school hours.
- ✚ If you are having difficulties with your child's school attendance, please speak to the class teacher or our Home School Liaison Worker, Mrs Jo Newcombe.

Medication and Illness

- + If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office on 01278 422012 to let us know.
- + If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you or one of your named emergency contacts so that your child can be collected as quickly as possible.
- + If your child requires prescribed medication, this can be administered by school staff. Please refer to our Children with Medical Conditions Policy. We will ask you to sign a medication form before we can administer any medicine.
- + For children who have long term medical needs, we will work with you to follow their medical care plan.
- + Some infectious illnesses like diarrhoea and vomiting spread rapidly and our policy requires that you keep your child at home for 48 hours after the symptoms have ended.

School Uniform

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within any school. These factors contribute to children's wellbeing, removing the additional pressures on children of competing with their peers.

At Hamp Nursery and Infants School, we pride ourselves on our unique uniform choices. We have three different uniform colours, which enables our children to make choices from the very beginning of their journey with us.

Our school colours are jade green, royal blue and red, and our branded uniform items (sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts and PE t-shirts as well as book bags) are provided by South West Schoolwear - their shop is at 14-16 Eastover, Bridgwater TA6 5AB, or you can shop online at www.swschoolwear.co.uk. We are happy for children to wear non-branded sweatshirts, cardigans etc. from other outlets in any of our three colours, although as the jade green is harder to match, we recommend that you go for red or royal blue. Other colours such as navy blue, yellow or dark green are not our uniform colours. Our preferred colour for trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafore dresses is grey, but we are happy with either black or navy blue as long as they are uniform items rather than fashion.

- ✚ Grey (or black/navy blue) trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses.
- ✚ School summer dresses (red, blue or green).
- ✚ White or coloured polo shirts (red, royal blue or jade) with school logo.
- ✚ Sweatshirts or cardigans (red, royal blue or jade) with school logo.
- ✚ Sensible school shoes should always be worn for school, rather than boots, and must always be a closed style. Any open sandals or shoes with heels are not permitted for safety reasons.
- ✚ For PE - a pair of shorts, a t-shirt (also available with logo), daps (not trainers), jogging bottoms for outdoors and a PE kit bag, to be kept in school.
- ✚ For 'forest school' (outdoor learning) sessions - a pair of wellies, a waterproof coat and waterproof or old trousers, to be kept in school.

Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are labelled with your child's name.

We hold half termly sales of donated 'outgrown' uniform.

Jewellery

It is our policy that no jewellery should be worn by children in school. Those children who have pierced ears should only wear stud earrings to school. We have adopted this policy for the safety and well-being of the children.

Hairstyles

Our school policy, which is in line with Robert Blake School and Hamp Academy, states that a child's hairstyle should be appropriate for school, i.e.:

- + No unusual colours
- + Accessories should be small and match the school colours. Headbands should be plain, without dangly/sparkly attachments, ears etc. Braided hair is allowed, but no beads.
- + No shaved heads or patterns shaved into the hair
- + No radical cuts, with different lengths of hair
- + No excessive use of hair gel

Behaviour

It is hoped that good patterns of behaviour will be established at home before a child's entry into school. Our Relational Policy aims to build on these patterns in the following ways:

- ✚ To develop in pupils a sense of self-discipline and an acceptance of responsibility for their own actions.
- ✚ To help children develop as caring, thinking individuals.
- ✚ To create a happy and caring environment in which there is mutual respect between all members and where children learn to react positively with peers and adults and in which effective learning can take place.

The school policy has been re-written for September 2024 and is now called a 'Relational Policy'. This is available on our website.

Food in School

As a school we are responsible for supporting children to make healthier life choices which includes the food they eat in school.

- ✚ Fresh fruit is supplied as a snack at morning break.
- ✚ Water is supplied throughout the day.

School Lunches

- ✚ Free school lunches are provided for all children up to the age of 7. As well as these meals being free to parents, they also:
 - encourage children to try new foods
 - encourage a more varied diet, and
 - support healthier eating.
- ✚ All relevant information, forms and a sample menu are available from the school office. Full details are provided at our induction meetings.
- ✚ New Reception year children may take time to get used to having school meals and trying new food. We therefore ask parents who choose this option to allow a month's settling in period. If after a month you wish your child to swap to packed lunches from home, the notice period is two weeks, in line with all other children in the school.
- ✚ 93% of our children have a school meal!
- ✚ Our catering is provided by BAM; they are able to accommodate most allergies and special dietary requirements.

Packed Lunches

We are a nut free school so please do not send your child to school with items that contain (or may contain) nuts/traces of nuts. Please carefully check all food labels.

- ✚ In line with our responsibility to promote healthy eating in school, packed lunches should also be varied and provide healthy options. Here are some lunchbox ideas:

Chicken & lettuce sandwich, cherry tomatoes, fresh fruit, yoghurt, dried fruit

Cheese & tomato wholemeal roll, fruit teacake, fruit salad

Ham and cheese tortilla wrap, salad, rice cakes, fresh fruit

Brown rice salad, vegetable sticks, cheese & biscuits, malt loaf, fresh fruit



- ✚ Please do not send your child to school with items such as jam or chocolate spread sandwiches, crisps, several cakes, sweets or chocolate bars. One sweet treat per day is allowed.

Comments about our School from Parents and Children

'I think you do so well at keeping my child safe whilst she is at school, and appreciate you patching her up when she falls at playtime. You do well at explaining to her what you are teaching and why.'

I like writing stories
(Reception Year child)

I like working
on the laptops
- we play
games
(Year 2 child)

'Staff are always friendly.'

I love numeracy and
playtime. Everyone
likes playtime!
(Year 2 child)

My favourite thing is messy
play and being outside
(Reception Year child)

'There is always someone available to talk to.'

'The school has so much for the children. The class is full of amazing resources and equipment.'

I love the
chicken curry!
(Year 1 child)

I like playing
hide and seek at
playtimes
(Year 1 child)

'My child loves coming to school, has many friends and has made excellent progress in his class which is all down to his teacher and TAs.'

How to make a complaint

We wish to make it clear that there is a difference between a concern and a complaint. We hope that any concerns that parents/carers may have can be resolved by the school and, in the first instance, should be raised with your child's class teacher. If you feel that the matter has not been resolved, an appointment can be made with the Headteacher and it is hoped that in most cases, concerns will be dealt with at this level, prior to the issue becoming a formal complaint.

If the complaint cannot be resolved at the local level (i.e. class teacher or Headteacher) the formal complaints procedure should be followed.

There are three stages to our formal complaints procedure:

- Stage one:
complaint heard by the Headteacher or a member of staff
- Stage two:
complaint heard by the Chair of Governors or the Headteacher
- Stage three:
complaint heard by the Governing Body's complaints panel

Full details of the process together with relevant forms for completion are available from the school office or website.

Please see our website

www.hampnurseryandinfantschool.co.uk for detailed information on our Planning, Curriculum etc.

You will also be able to view our School Policies, which include:

Safeguarding

Health & Safety

Attendance

Computing and E-Safety

Special Educational Needs Information Report






Equality & Diversity

Privacy Notice

All documents are available from the school office - if you would like copies, please do not hesitate to ask.

September 2025					October 2025					November 2025							
M	1	8	15	22	29	Mo	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24		
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25		
W	3	10	17	24		We	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26	
Th	4	11	18	25		Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26		Fr	3	10	17	24	31	Fr	7	14	21	28	
Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	29
Su	7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30
December 2025					January 2026					February 2026							
M	1	8	15	22	29	M	5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23		
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	6	13	20	27	Tu	3	10	17	24		
W	3	10	17	24	31	W	7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25		
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Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa	7	14	21	28	
Su	7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	
March 2026					April 2026					May 2026							
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	4	11	18	25		
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	5	12	19	26		
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F	6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		F	1	8	15	22	29
Sa	7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	2	9	16	23	30
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26		Su	3	10	17	24	31
June 2026					July 2026					August 2026							
M	1	8	15	22	29	M	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	31	
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F	5	12	19	26		F	3	10	17	24	31	F	7	14	21	28	
Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	29
Su	7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30

Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days
	Parents' Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)	
Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)	
Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)	
Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)	
Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)	
Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days)	TOTAL = 195

 Parent workshops  Parent Open Evening

Bank and public holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

