



HUNTINGTOWER
A PRIORY ACADEMY

RECEPTION New Starters 2026-27



Welcome to Huntingtower Academy



Important Dates

- Over the next few slides, there will be information to highlight key dates.
- We will also be requesting necessary paperwork to ensure everything is in place ready for children starting in September.



2026 Calendar (UK)

January 2026

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February 2026

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December 2026

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Academy Taster Session

- We are excited to announce that your child is invited to attend a taster session on **Wednesday 1st July 2026.**
- This will be one of two morning sessions.
- **9.05- 10.20am or 10.30-11.45am**
- You will soon receive an email to inform you of which session your child will be attending.



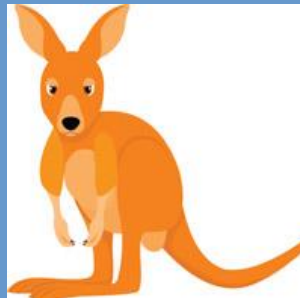
Academy Taster Session

- Drop off and pick up will be via the KS1 entrance.
- While your child is having fun in their classroom, you will be invited to join us for a cup of coffee/tea in the Extend Provision Building.
- Please ensure staff are fully aware of any relevant medical information before children arrive for their taster session. (We will not be providing snacks for children on this day).



Classes

- You will soon find out which class your child will be in.
- Our Early Years/Reception unit is made of two classes- Kangaroos and Koalas.
- The two classes remain separate during carpet time and combine during Continuous Provision and play times.



Meet the Teacher

- This year we will be hosting 'Meet the Teacher' evenings (these are instead of our previous home visits).
- These will provide another opportunity for us to meet your child and for you to ask any questions you may have.
- These will be held in school on

Monday 6th July & Thursday 9th July 3.30-6pm



Meet the Teacher

- Your session will be a 10 minute appointment between 3.30- 6pm. You will receive an email when the bookings are open to call and make an appointment.
- We will endeavour to keep good time so appointments will be a maximum of 10 minutes.



Admissions Form

- You have an admissions form in your pack. Please complete and return by no later than **Wednesday 1st July 2026** (taster session date).
- This document is crucial as it will provide us with important details such as emergency contacts and medical information.



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Admission Form

Please return completed form to:

Miss E Harkins, Head Teacher
c/o Admin Office
Huntingtower CP Academy
Huntingtower Road
Quarndon
Leicestershire
NG23 7AU

01476 684201
enquiries@huntingtowercpacademy.leics.sch.uk
www.huntingtowercpacademy.leics.sch.uk

Permissions Consent Form

- You also have a permissions consent form (for photographs, videos, food tasting, local walks etc)
- Again, please complete and return by no later than **Wednesday 1st July 2026.**



Huntingtower – A Primary Academy
Conditions of Use – Parental Consent Form

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Dear Parent, Carol, Pupil

We take great pride at our Academy in sharing relevant and important information with our stakeholders in a variety of ways. Not only will we use traditional tools – newsletters, phone calls, local papers and websites – to keep you up to date about everything happening here, we will also use social media channels like Twitter and Facebook. We hope to develop stronger partnerships with the community we serve by joining you in these popular digital spaces.

We also like to celebrate, in all our communications, the successes of our pupils. There are times when we will share photos or video clips from important school events like performances, athletics competitions or interesting classroom activities. We also like to praise pupils who are doing remarkable things in and beyond our classrooms. We believe that we build stronger communities when we take the time to spotlight the positive work our pupils do.

Understandably, however, we also want to respect your family's right to privacy. As a result, it is necessary for the Academy to obtain parental consent for the following:-

Photographs or Videos taken in the Academy
We use photographs in our internal publicity materials such as Academy brochures and booklets, on our corridor and classroom displays, for staff training and on our website. From time to time, articles and photographs of special events will appear in newspapers. The Academy also has a Facebook and Twitter account. I assure you that we have a responsible approach to the use of photographs and hope that you are able to support us in publicising the many positive aspects of the work that we do. These images may also include the first name of the student(s) concerned.

Use of Digital Systems and Internet Access
In line with the Government's Education Policy on Information and Communications Technology and Citizenship, we recognise the value and encourage the use of these information-rich resources. We do believe that pupils should develop the appropriate skills to analyse and evaluate such resources. These skills are a fundamental requirement in the society that our pupils are entering. Pupils should follow a code of behaviour for the use of ICT.

Internet access should be in line with the Trust's E-Safety Policy (Students), the E-Safety Policy and the ICT Acceptable Use Policy, all of which can be found on the Trust's website.

Other Educational Opportunities
During a pupil's time with the Academy they may have the opportunity to take part in local walks, food tasting sessions and meet their contact with walks as part of a variety of educational experiences. As I am sure you will understand, local walks cannot always be planned due to weather conditions and we would like to be able take advantage of the better weather when it occurs.

With all of the above in mind, each parent/carer should sign and return the attached Consent Form before the end of the current term.

Yours faithfully
[Signature]
Miss E Hurlins
Headteacher

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Student Name: _____ (Please print name in full) Form: _____

I have read and understood the conditions of use and give my permission Yes

Photographs used for:	
Academy Website	☐
Academy Newsletter	☐
Academy Prospectus	☐
Academy Publicity Material	☐
Academy Social Media Account	☐
The Primary Federation of Academies Trust Website	☐
Shared with Local Media outlets	☐
Shared with a Partner Organisation	☐
And their pictures taken and included in Whole School/Term Group/Team Photographs	☐
Values using photographs from school:	
Academy Website	☐
Academy Social Media Account	☐
The Primary Federation of Academies Trust Website	☐
Shared with Local Media outlets	☐
Shared with a Partner Organisation	☐
Internet and use of Academy ICT	
Use of Digital Systems	☐
Internet Access	☐
Photographs published with students full name	
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	☐
Other Educational Opportunities	
Local Walks	☐
Food Tasting	☐
Contact with Animals	☐

I understand that I can ask the Academy to stop using my child's images at any time, in which case they will not be used in future publications but may continue to appear in publications already in circulation.

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____
Date: _____

The Priory Contract

- All Priory Academies have a home-school contract.
- It is a list of the core values for pupils, staff, parents/carers and governors.
- Please read carefully, sign and return by Wednesday 1st July 2026.



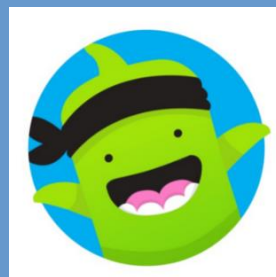
Birth Certificate

- It is a legal requirement to see your child's birth certificate before they start.
- You can present this tonight- please see one of our admin team.
- If you have not brought your child's birth certificate this evening, please present it to the main office as soon as possible please.

A sample birth certificate form from the Registrar General, United Kingdom. The form is titled "CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY" and "Birth Registration Act 1953". It contains fields for the child's name, date of birth, sex, and parents' names. The form is filled out with example data.

Communication

- We aim to fully involve parents within their child's learning- parents as partners.
- We use **Parent Hub** to email any important letters/information- please check regularly.
- **Class Dojo** is an online class page which enables you to see what your child's class have recently been learning. Information can be translated.



Communication



- **Tapestry** is an electronic learning journal used by the Early Years staff as a means of recording your child's learning observations i.e notes, photographs. This will be unique to your child.
- Parents do not have access to the Tapestry journal but do get a copy of it at the end of the academic year.
- Class Dojo and Tapestry do require you to sign a permission form in order for us to create an account for your child.



Transition Visits/Staggered Intake

- To enable a smooth transition into school, we provide a short staggered intake.
- During their first week, children will complete one half-day session before starting full time with us.
- These sessions will start from Monday 7th September 2026- session dates and times will vary.



Transition Visits/Staggered Intake

- Children will be in smaller groups during these visits.
- The dates for September will be provided at the taster session on Wednesday 1st July.
- You are required to sign a permission form to agree to the staggered intake- electronically.



Nurseries/Early Years Settings

- We are already communicating with nurseries and childcare providers.
- Mrs Giles and Mrs Cradduck are in the process of meeting children in their current settings.
- Settings will send reports and/or online learning journals to school for Reception teachers to read.



Uniform

- Our uniform is available to purchase online from **Uniform Direct** –please see leaflet in pack or at Downtown.
- It is best to order uniform in July to allow plenty of time.
- It does not need to be purchased from this website, however, it does need to meet our uniform expectations.
- P.E t-shirts will be available to order after children start in September as they will be allocated a tower team colour at this point.



Uniform

• Uniform Policy

Boys

- ✓ *Pale blue polo shirts (not cotton shirts)*
- ✓ *Either school logo sweatshirt or plain navy 'V' neck jumper (no hooded wear at all)*
- ✓ *Trousers – grey school trousers (school tailored shorts in the summer)*
- ✓ *Black school shoes (no boots or trainers)*
- ✓ *Navy blue fleece with or without the school logo (optional)*
- ✓ *Plain grey socks*



Girls

- ✓ *Pale blue polo shirts (not cotton shirts)*
- ✓ *Either school logo sweatshirt or plain navy 'V' neck jumper or girls cardigan (no hooded wear at all)*
- ✓ *Girls: Grey school trousers or grey skirt or pinafore (checked or striped blue dress in the summer)*
- ✓ *Black school shoes (no boots or trainers)*
- ✓ *Navy blue fleece with or without the school logo (optional)*
- ✓ *Plain white or grey socks - tights (grey)*

Uniform

ALL UNIFORM
NEEDS TO BE
NAMED PLEASE



P.E Kit

- ✓ *School PE Top – Tower Team colour*
- ✓ *Navy Blue shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings*
- ✓ *Trainers*
- ✓ *School jumpers or cardigans are worn over the top.*

Children now come to school in their kit on P.E days and wear it all day.

ALL UNIFORM NEEDS TO BE NAMED PLEASE



Things to Bring to School

To be kept in school:

- ✓ Spare clothes (trousers, t-shirt, jumper, underwear and socks)

To bring each day:

- ✓ Suitable warm/waterproof coat
- ✓ Book bags: reading records and reading books (book bag available to order on Uniform Direct website)
- ✓ Water bottle- only water please (first one is provided free of charge)
- ✓ Sun hats in the warmer weather
- ✓ Hat/scarf/gloves in cold weather



ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE NAMED PLEASE

Lunch/Snacks

- **Free lunches for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** (subject to change)
- School lunches are compulsory for Reception pupils. We can meet a wide range of dietary needs- hot and cold food.
- Meals can be pre-ordered on your Ideal School Meals account- 1 of 4 options.



Lunch/Snacks

- Fruit and milk are also provided during the school day.



What shall I do now?

- ✓ Complete and hand back admissions form and consent forms once you receive them.
- ✓ Please let us know of any important medical information/allergies.
- ✓ Present your child's birth certificate.
- ✓ Make an appointment for 'Meet the Teacher.'
- ✓ Take a look at our uniform on the [Uniform Direct](#) website (best to order in July) or at Downtown.
- ✓ Keep checking emails for any further information e.g class, tower team.

