

# Welcome to R Holly

Parents feel free to contact me with questions.

We know starting school is a big next step!

You can email me on;  
Chutsby@parkdale.notts.sch.uk  
or on tapestry.

Any queries about school dinners, payments and our school app Scholar Pack are best directed to:  
office@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

My name is Miss Hutsby and I am going to be the R Holly teacher. I am so excited to begin our learning journey together! R Holly is a wonderful class and we will be learning lots of new things, exploring and investigating together.

I love taking my dog on long walks, and going to the park with my children. We will be doing lots of exercise, yoga, dancing and mindfulness in our wellbeing time.

We will also be planting vegetables and flowers in our lovely garden.

When I am not at school, I spend lots of time exploring parks all over Nottingham with my three children, Orla, Oriana and Kobi.

We listen to lots of music and dance together all the time.

This is my first year teaching at Parkdale, but I came to Parkdale as a child and know just how wonderful it is

I am super excited to continue our reception learning journey together and make some lifelong memories.



Exploring and investigating is key to learning! In R Holly we will be exploring our garden, every day, whatever the weather!

So please always bring a coat with you.

We are always adding to our garden and appreciate any spare seeds or bulbs from our green fingered families

We wear an Active Uniform in Early Years. This means that children only need Parkdale PE Kit. They should wear this every day.

Our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays.

Children must not wear earrings on these days. please label ALL items of clothing.

We have an "Our family" display in our classroom, to help your children feel at home. Please send us a family photo for us to print to  
Chutsby@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

Every day your child needs:

- A labelled drink of **water** in a bottle
- Their reading book
- A suitable coat

Due to our small trays we ask that children use a book bag and not a large back pack. They are a bit too big for our classroom.



# Useful information



In R Holly we love exploring different picture books every day. We will choose a chapter book as a class into the term. You are welcome to share them at home too, and tell us which books you have been sharing at home!



Once settled in, we will send you the details of the online learning platforms our school offers to support your children at home. PhonicsBug provides reading books and games. PurpleMash is a tool we use to explore ICT skills.

We use an online journal for sharing your child's special moments.  
Please download the app, see what we are up to in school and share special events from home with us.  
We will also share our focus for the weeks ahead.

At Parkdale we are passionate about learning through play, talking and building relationships with our friends, grown-ups, and the world around us. Every minute you spend talking with your child, playing outside or in, or sharing a story will help them learn and grow.

In Reception we hope to help your children, as they begin to read and think about stories, and start their journey to becoming writers. We will help them to build an understanding of numbers and problem solving, through investigation.



English and Maths are a small part of reception.

We will explore lots of different topics, starting with "What makes me special, and what is special to me?" Where we will compare, being 4 now, to when our parents were 4 and share stories about our different heritages.

We will ask you to share your own memories of this age; look out for requests on Tapestry.

We will be getting outside on balance bikes, doing some cooking, drawing, painting, dancing, building, woodwork, sewing, music making, dressing up, singing and reading lots of stories!



Early Years is all about investigating, talking and playing in our environment, full of challenges.

We can't wait to spend with your children and you!

We encourage all children to complete the "50 things to do before you leave Parkdale". You can find the list of family activities on our website.

Please share photos on Tapestry! We also take part in the Transform enrichment diploma, TED. The TED is completed by all children in the Transform Trust and provides lots of fun activities.

We are extremely lucky to have the support of our Speech and Language Therapist, Holly Harris, who usually is in school every Thursday.

Holly is here to help support your children with any communication difficulties, support and train staff and is available to discuss, any concerns with you.

Holly's email is : [info@speechtherapy-tlc.co.uk](mailto:info@speechtherapy-tlc.co.uk)



Please contact the office if you need any help signing up for school milk. We share milk and fruit every day. If your child has an early start and might be hungry you can also send an additional healthy snack, for your child to have during our story time.

