Ratu, Liam and Emma are excited to be starting at Wallop Primary School





What happens on my first day at school?

Whenever you join our school, we will show you around and introduce you to everyone.

Liam is starting in Reception and has come to a stayand-play session.

"Hello, Liam," says the teacher. "Come in and meet your new class friends."

We will also give you a buddy to look after you, show you where things are and help you make friends.





Many children here move around a lot with their families. So they know what it is like to start a new school and will be extra friendly to make sure you feel happy and settled.

Ratu is hanging up his coat as he chats to Liam about starting at Wallop School.

"I like this school," says Liam.
"I already have lots of friends to play with."

"Yes, it is great," Ratu replies.
"My buddy looks after me so
well and makes sure I know
what happens here."

What will the school be like?



We have a lovely school with great classrooms, computing equipment and a lovely library to help you learn.



Outside is exciting too because we have an outdoor classroom, a forest, a meadow and chickens you can look after.

Emma is doing some gardening outside.

"This is fun. I love growing things,"
Emma says. "I grow peas and carrots
at home and we eat them at teatime."

We do lots of sports and encourage all our pupils to have fun keeping fit. We have excellent sporting facilities which include a daily mile running track for you to run with your friends.

Sometimes we win awards for our sports activities.

Our food is really good too! You will be able to choose from a great menu and sit with your friends to enjoy your food.

Our cook has been cooking for Wallop children for 40 years and she loves to see everyone enjoying the great meals she cooks.



What are you looking forward to doing at school?

How will I make friends?

We have both Year ambassadors and Forces ambassadors to look after new children and help them join in with playground fun and games.

We also have a friendship club, run by a Forces liaison officer, which all our children can join and have fun in while finding new friends.



"Welcome to our friendship club," the Forces liaison officer says to Emma, Liam and Ratu. "We do lots of fun things and you will make some great friends."

Children who come from Forces families can also join a lunchtime Forces club to get to know other children in the same position.



Wallop School is a kind and caring place where children have lots of fun and look out for each other.

Children will sit on the rainbow bench in the playground if they are feeling lonely and someone will come to play with them.

Ratu wants someone to play with, so he is sitting on the rainbow bench.

Millie comes over to Ratu straightaway.

"Hello," she says. "Would you like to come and play ball with us?"

Ratu is so happy to have friends to play with.

Are you looking forward to making lots of new friends?

How will you help me settle in?

We will work hard to get to know you and what you like doing. We will support you when you need it and help you get better at the things you are good at.

Liam's teacher is helping him write a list of his favourite things to do.

"I like reading," Liam tells his teacher.

"That's great," she says.
"You will love our library.
It has lots of books you will like."

Liam is happy to know that the teachers are so friendly and helpful.



You will join a house to do sports and other activities and to mix with children from other Year groups.

Emma and Ratu are in the same house, so they often play sports together.

"I am determined to get the ball in the net," Emma tells Ratu.

You can earn house points for good behaviour, hard work and kindness to each other. Each week, the house with the most points receives a cup.





What will I learn and do at school?



You will have lessons in English, maths, sports, P.E. and more! Older children will also study science, geography,

> Everyone gets a chance to enjoy music and singing, and KS2 children can learn to play instruments such as the guitar and piano.

Ratu's class are learning about the Romans and they have created displays showing how the Romans lived.

"Do you like my Roman toga?" Ratu asks his new friend Millie.

You will have lots of fun in our many after-school clubs and on our school trips.

Our clubs are usually free and include activities such as:

- multi-skills
- sports skills (for KS1)
- free running
- eco-club, e.g. making a hedgehog shelter
- maths club
- recorder club and lots more

Our school trips go to places such as Stonehenge and the Oxford Natural History Museum, and include a residential trip to the Isle of Wight for Years 5 and 6.

"Look how big this dinosaur is," says Emma on a museum visit.







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