



Excellence in Reception Teaching programme

This two-term programme supports new and existing reception teachers to strengthen their practice. Grounded in evidence and tailored to the reception context, it focuses on practical approaches that help give children a strong start to school.

How you'll learn:



Essential info sessions



Bitesize research
summaries



Q&As



Our programmes are:



Designed with expertise from reception specialists.



Structured to fit around reception teachers' busy lives.



Powered by research: national experience applied to local context.

- ✔ Build **strong foundations** and help develop **literacy, language and communication** skills.
- ✔ Gain the latest advice on **new inclusion standards** and meeting the needs of children with **SEND**.
- ✔ Improve **pupil attainment** through **small, high-impact changes** to teaching.
- ✔ **Build on what you already know** to become even more effective in your role.
- ✔ Access the **latest education research** and evidence through a **reception lens** with **bitesize content** that is high-impact and always useful.
- ✔ Develop your skills in working with others, including **parents and other adults** involved in the child's learning.
- ✔ Take part in a **flexible programme** designed to be completed in dedicated CPD time.
- ✔ Gain **best practice** insights from **reception specialists** across the country.

About us

The National Institute of Teaching is a higher education institute established **by** schools and **for** schools to boost the quality of teaching and school leadership at a systemic level.

Together, our research and the professional development we offer supports teachers and leaders at every stage of their career.

Duration: Two terms.

Fee: DfE scholarship funding.

Eligibility: New and experienced reception teachers.

Apply now to secure your place on the November 2026 cohort.