



Foundation Stage Induction Meeting

Monday 14th September 2026

Introduction and Welcome



We feel that it is very important for the transition into our Foundation Stage to be as smooth as possible for our children at St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy.

We also want you, as parents, guardians and grandparents to be a part of this and become familiar with any changes that there may be. This will enable us all to work together in supporting the children's learning and well-being.

Meet the Staff – September 2026



- Mrs Rigby is the Principal
- Mr Turner is the Vice Principal
- Miss Hancock – Family Support
- Miss Weston – Early Years Lead and the Reception class teacher.
- Mrs Else – Nursery Teacher
- Mrs Smith - Reception, Miss Wain - Nursery are the Early Years Classroom Teaching Assistants in the Foundation Stage.

At St John the Evangelist we offer;



- A secure, caring and happy learning environment
- High standards and expectations
- Open door policy
- A close and positive relationship with parents

Partnership with Parents at St. John the Evangelist



- 'Open door' policy
- You are your child's first educators
- Essential to success
- Attendance
- Home-School Agreement
- Regular communication - Tapestry, Fortnightly Celebration Assemblies, Social Media

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



- Purposeful play underpins the delivery of all the EYFS as well as the development and learning of young children.
- Well-planned activities are provided for the children across all the 8 areas both indoors and outdoors all year round.
- Each half term we will have learning opportunities based upon children's interests and our learning will be based around stories and a variety of role-play areas will be created. The role-play area is vital in encouraging speaking and listening but again within this the 8 areas will be planned.

Purposeful Play



At St John the Evangelist we are committed to ensuring that children learn through play.

This allows children to :

- Develop their independency
- Solve problems,
- Develop their concentration and imagination,
- Communicate with others
- Practise and build up ideas
- Self regulation
- Learn how to control impulses
- Understand the need for rules.

Purposeful Play



At St John the Evangelist we are committed to ensuring that children learn through play.

- It may seem that your child talks frequently about how they play lots of games.
- This is a key way in which young children learn with enjoyment and challenge.
- The 'play' is planned and structured with effective adult support.
- It allows children to take risks and make mistakes in a safe and secure environment.

The Early Years Foundation Stage



The children have access to 3 prime areas and 4 specific areas of learning outlined in the new Early Years Foundation Stage along with RE (Spiritual Development).

Prime Areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

Specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design
- RE (Spiritual and Moral)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

Physical Development

- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

Literacy

- Comprehension
- Word Reading
- Writing
- Phonics – Phonics Bug

Mathematics

- Numbers
- Numerical Patterns

Communication and Language

- Past and Present
- People, Culture and Communities
- The Natural World

Expressive Arts and Design

- Creating with Materials
- Being Imaginative and Expressive



Early Years Foundation Stage Assessment



- Your child's progress will be shared with you at parent's evenings and through other discussions with our Foundation Stage staff.
- Homework books and expectations
- Reading – expectations

Basic Information



- Milk, water and fruit are available to the children throughout the day (free of charge)
- Activity Fund - £3.50 every half term (covers the cost a various activities and resources used in class, used for new toys and replacement of broken ones throughout the year. (children have their own money pot)
- Children can choose between hot dinners or a packed lunch. All children in Reception receive universal free school meals

Basic Information



- P.E. Children will need a school PE kit in school everyday in a PE bag
- Name labelling
- Homework – Wednesdays – 1 must be completed each week
- Reading – 3x a week and your child's diary will be checked on a Monday
- PE – Friday – Subject to change
- Start and time of the school day –
- 8.40am for both reception
- 3:00-3:10pm for reception

Uniform



- Navy woollen school jumper/ cardigan
- White shirt
- School tie
- Dark grey flannel trousers (Boys)
- Dark grey skirt or pinafore (Girls)
- Black shoes
- Navy blue gingham dress/ dark grey flannel shorts (Summer Term only)
- Caps (a must during the summer term!)

PE:

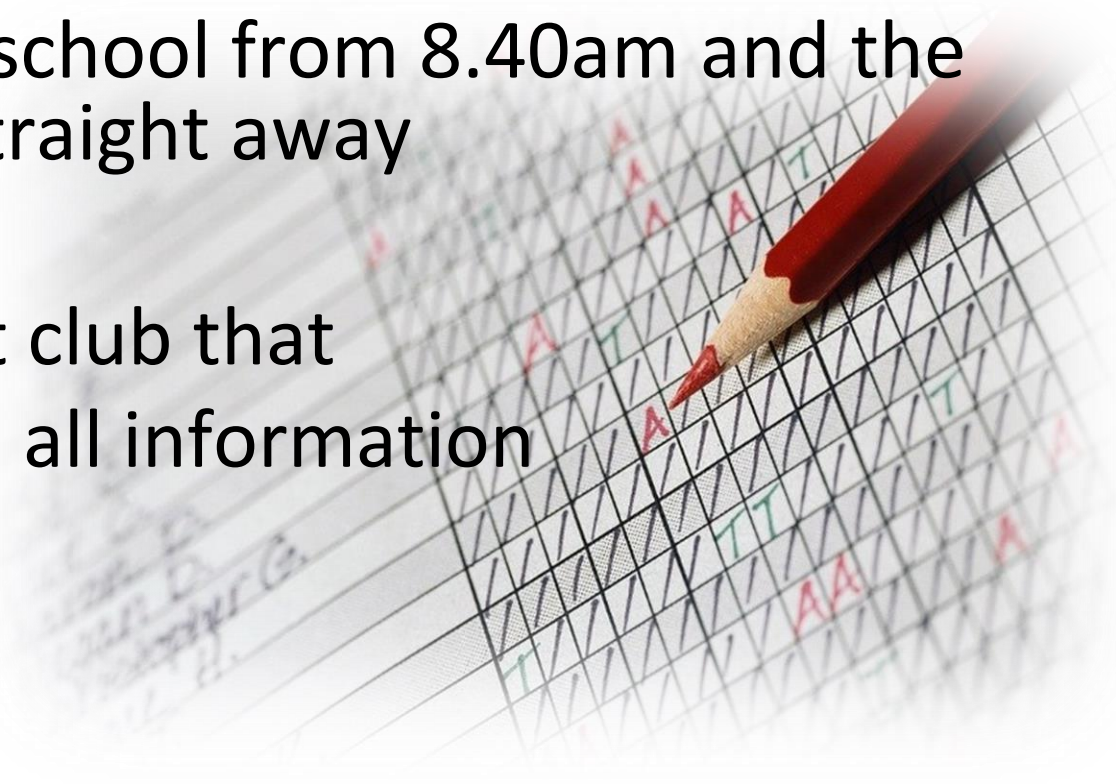
- Navy blue shorts/ Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Navy blue school PE top
- Navy jacket
- Black pumps/ trainers – No laces

Our School Day:



- Start and time of the school day –
- The school gates open at 8:35am
- The children have a flexi start and end time
- Children arrive in school from 8.40am and the register is taken straight away

We have a breakfast club that starts from 7:30 and all information is on our website.



Our School Day:



- We will start the day with a phonics lesson
- Literacy lesson



Our School Day:



■ Morning:

Child Initiated Session: Dream Time

We call this DREAM time as this
is where the children:

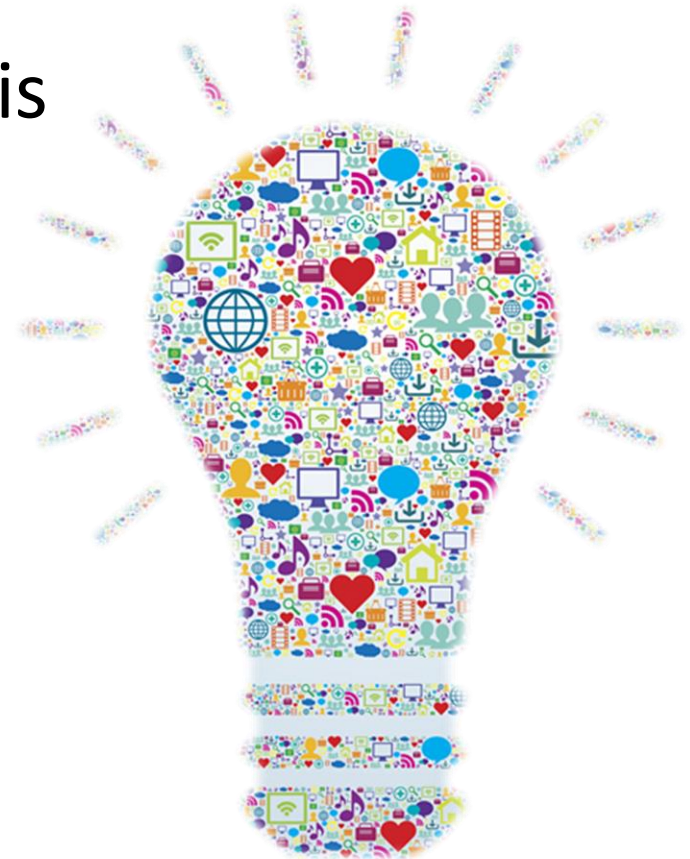
Discover

Reflect

Engage

Active

Memories



Our School Day:



■ Morning: Snack Time

Free fruit and milk is provided in class during our continuous provision.

Free fruit/vegetables that is offered:
Bananas, apples, pears, raisins
Satsumas, tomatoes, strawberries



Our School Day:



■ Morning:
Mathematics/Literacy/RE/
Phonics/Guided Reading and
Handwriting



Our School Day:

■ Lunch time:

11:30

All children in Reception and KS1 are currently offered universal free school meals.

A school menu is on our website for you to see.

Packed Lunches

Healthy lunch boxes are encouraged and we ask if all the contents can be healthy. No sugary or fizzy pop is allowed.



Our School Day:



■ Afternoon:
Mathematics – Ten Town
/ Mastering Number

Dream time



Flexi home time:
3-3.10pm.



Our School Day:



- PE - Our PE sessions are delivered by our teachers and the children will be required to wear a PE kit.

Our School Day:



- Reading – Children will be listened to read at school and we ask parents to listen to their child read at home at 3x a week and sign their diary. We have guided reading sessions where we teach your child how to read.





Getting ready for school

- Toilet
- Dummies
- Beginning/continuing with their independence & building confidence
- Buttons (shirts) & zips, knife and fork
- Getting used to handling reading books
- Holding a pencil correctly
- Playing games / activities
- Welfare requirements - part of EYFS. If your child has any special welfare requirements it is important that we know about these prior to them starting, so that we can make preparations for your child.

Getting ready for school

What do I Need?

- Spare clothes (if needed)
- All clothes clearly labelled including shoes
- Wellington boots (When reception have wellie Wednesday's)



Extra Curricular Activities



- Extra curricular activities for the Foundation Stage continues to grow so please look out for the club letter sent out at the beginning of each half term to book a place for your child.

Before School and After School Provision



- The school offers a before and after school club.
Variety of food and activities on offer. IF you need to book on you need to contact the office
- **Breakfast Club**
- From 7.30am - £5.00
- Additional Sibling - £2.50
- From 8:30am - £1.00
- **After School Club**
- Up to 4:30pm - £5.00
- Additional Sibling - £2.50
- Up to 5:45pm - £7.50
- Additional Sibling £4.00

At St. John the Evangelist we operate an 'open door' policy.



- Any concerns, questions and anxieties should be discussed with either the Class Teacher or Principal.
- If you need to see myself about anything please make an appointment at the office.
- Please feel free to ask any questions or ask about any concerns that you may have.

Questions

