



Reception Induction Meeting

Monday 15th September 2025

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 2024

- 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, Mrs Wain and Miss Spackman are the Early Years Classroom Teaching Assistants in the Foundation Stage.

At St John the Evangelist we offer;



- Commitment to the Catholic faith
- 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
- Support for school ethos – Masses and liturgies
- Home-School Agreement
- Regular communication - Tapestry, fortnightly celebration assemblies

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



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- 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)

Religious Education



- As a Catholic school, Religious Education is at the heart of the curriculum.
- The children will participate in assemblies, hymn practices, Liturgies and Masses in our school hall.
- Through RE we will cover various topics throughout the year as well as looking at other cultures and religions as part of the children's learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

Communication and Language



- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking

Physical Development

- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills



Literacy

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



Mathematics

- Numbers
- Numerical Patterns



Understanding the World



- 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 reception staff.
- Homework books and expectations – For reception one weekly piece to be completed in their pink homework books
- Reading – expectations – Your child should be reading at least three times a week at home and their diary must be signed with the date and a signature. We will check your child's diary on a Friday and if they have read will be given a raffle ticket to be in the chance to win a prize.

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 – every item must have your child's name on it
- Start and time of the school day –
- 8.40am for reception
- 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 (No leggings)
- Navy blue school PE top
- Navy jacket
- Black pumps/ trainers (No laces)



Getting ready for Reception



- Toilet – wiping independently and washing their hands
- Independence & Building Confidence
- Buttons & zips, knife and fork
- Holding reading books correctly and taking care of them
- Playing turn taking games / activities
- Welfare requirements - part of EYFS. If you feel that your child has any special welfare requirements it is important that we know, so that we can make accommodations for your child.

Getting ready for Reception

What do I Need?

- Spare clothes (Just underwear if needed)
- All clothes clearly labelled
- Wellington boots – for winter
- Looking at our tapestry weekly to inform you of what your child will be learning each week
- Getting into the habit of reading with your child



Extra Curricular Activities



- Extra curricular activities for Reception children 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.
- **Breakfast Club**
- A From 7.30am - £5.00
- R Additional Sibling - £2.50
- B From 8:30am - £1.00
- **After School Club**
- C Up to 4:30pm - £5.00
- T Additional Sibling - £2.50
- D Up to 5:45pm - £7.50
- U 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 me 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.

Free School Meals



- Universal free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Questions

