

Welcome to St. Anthony's Reception!

Mrs Matloob – EYFS Lead

Mrs Pipe – Reception Teacher

Mrs Raynes – Reception Teacher

Mr Goodwin - Reception Teacher

Our Reception

- We are a 3 form entry school with over 700 children. We have capacity for up to 91 children to attend Reception.
- Access to the Reception classrooms is via the black path.
- Reception comprises of three inside learning environments and an outside learning environment.
- There is an area for storing coats, bags and lunchboxes.

Staff structure

- The children will be in one of 3 Reception classes.
- The class teachers are: Mrs Pipe, Mrs Raynes and Mr Goodwin.

Uniform

- Maroon cardigan or jumper with blue shirt, a tie, grey skirt/pinafore or trousers and black shoes. Please speak to the school office about ordering your child a free uniform and a book bag.
- School P.E. kits are not needed until Year 1.
- Please remember to label **all** items of uniform, including cardigans, jumpers, coats and bags.
- Summer dresses, blue t-shirts and shorts can be worn during warm weather.
- Your child will also need: a lunch box if they are on packed lunch and a water bottle and an additional bag containing spare clothes if your child is likely to have an accident.
- Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions e.g. coats, wellies, sun hats etc.

Our daily routine

8.30am: Drop off
8.40am: Morning routine followed by Literacy input
Continuous Provision
10.00am: Fruit and Milk time
Continuous Provision
11.00am: Phonics
11.30am: Lunch time
12.45pm: Maths input
Continuous Provision
3.10pm: Home time

- The children will start with us on a staggered entry for the first few weeks to help them settle into our routine.
- Details will be on the letter to parents to follow.

Transition Arrangements for September

- Children will have a staggered start to reception.
- You will receive a letter confirming your child's start date and the arrangements for their transition.

- **Week 1** – (2 days) Wednesday 4th September – Thursday 5th September

Please note reception will be closed for staff training on Friday 6th September.

Your child will attend for one of these days.

- **Week 2** – 9th September

Your child will attend for 3 days, (Monday , Tuesday & Friday or Wednesday , Thursday and Friday)

Week 3 – 16th September – all children in full time.

Drop-off and Pick-up

- Drop off will be from **8:30am- 8.40am** at the black path.
- Pick up will be at **3:10pm** from your child's classroom. Please wait in the playground.
- Please be aware that the person picking up must be aged 16 or over.
- Use a password system if someone else is picking up your child. We must have consent from both parents if you are picking-up someone else's child too.

Lunch

- Lunch time for the Reception children is at 11:30am and the children will eat in the dining hall.
- Your child is entitled to a free school lunch, if your child does not want a school lunch, they will need to bring a packed lunch to school.
- I would suggest it contains no more than 5 items i.e. a sandwich, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit, a biscuit or a packet of crisps and a drink.

Early Years curriculum

- We follow the EYFS statutory framework.

Our curriculum is built on this framework and is made up of seven areas of learning:

- Prime Areas: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development.
- Specific Areas: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design.
- R.E – We follow The Way , The Truth ,The Life and children will also participate in weekly prayer and liturgy sessions.

Early Years curriculum continued...

- Our aim is to provide a broad, balanced and fully inclusive curriculum, which meets each child's individual needs within a safe and stimulating environment.
- The children learn through a range of play-based opportunities as well as adult-led and child-initiated activities across the indoor and outdoor areas.
- We follow a thematic approach and have a set theme/topic each half term. This is heavily influenced by children's interests and important celebrations and events.
- We strive to promote happiness, confidence, independence and resilience in all of our children and for them to achieve good outcomes.

Tapestry online journal

- In EYFS each child has their own learning journey which documents their achievements and progression within the curriculum.
- Observations are significant learning moments for your child and document their achievements and progression.
- We use an online platform called Tapestry.
- Our online journal gives us the benefit of being able to upload audio and video as well as photographic evidence of your children's work.
- It also promotes greater parental involvement and engagement.

Communication

- We are more than happy to speak to parents at the door if you have any queries or questions.
We kindly ask that you wait until the end to speak to the teacher.
- If you are unable to speak to your child's teacher, please email the school office and the message will be forwarded to their teacher.
- Please inform us and the office staff if your child has an appointment.

Please be aware...

- Your child will have access to water, sand, paint, glue and chalk etc. as they explore their natural environment. We strive to keep them as clean and tidy as we possibly can but do not expect them to leave school looking immaculate!
- We will always support children with their toileting needs , please ensure your child has additional underwear in their bag if they have regular accidents or needs.
- We cannot be responsible for lost items of clothing with no name tag – please write your child's name in everything!
- Please keep your contact details and important information regarding your child up to date.

Do you have any questions?

Thank you 😊