

**Welcome to
St Joseph's Catholic
Primary School
NURSERY**





St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) consists of Nursery and Reception.

The EYFS team are:

Mrs Sarah Stennett– EY Lead/ Nursery Teacher

Miss Lauren Hall– Reception Teacher

Miss Sophie Everett – Teaching Assistant

– Teaching Assistant

Nursery Staff



Session times:

15 hours provision

Monday – Friday (8.50am - 11.50am)

Monday – Friday (12.20pm – 3.20pm)

30 hours provision

Monday – Friday (8.50am – 3.20pm)

There is a £2 daily childcare cost to cover the lunchtime provision. Your child can have a school meal (£2.20 each day) or a packed lunch from home. This means that if your child is having school meals the weekly cost will be £21. If your child is having packed lunches the weekly cost will be £10. Please note, we ask that you pay for your child's school meals and sessions in advance for the week ahead. Details of how to pay for these online are included in your induction pack.

EYFS Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) is based around seven areas of learning as follows and takes place both inside and in the Outdoor Area.

PRIME AREAS

Communication and Language



Speaking and listening skills are developed through this area of learning. We will look at how children listen and respond, maintain attention and how confidently they communicate in groups.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This is one of the most important aspects of your child's development as it sets firm foundations of how children interact with and relate to those around them. At St Joseph's, we promote a caring, friendly and co-operative environment. We encourage children to become more confident and independent.

Physical Development



Children are given frequent opportunities to develop their large and fine motor skills. Their manipulative skills are also enhanced through enhancements to the sand, water and dough areas. They enjoy throwing and catching and using wheeled toys in the Outdoor Area.

SPECIFIC AREAS

Literacy



This area incorporates reading and sharing stories and books with adults and children. It also encourages mark making in many forms such as writing shopping lists in the role play area. It will also incorporate phonic skills and using their phonics effectively to read and write.

Mathematics



A lot of early number skills are developed through singing number songs and rhymes, number games and activities. It explores areas such as number recognition, calculating, shape, measuring, sorting, ordering, time, and pattern. It is also addressed through our daily routine, such as counting the number of children.

Understanding the World



This area is often further developed through our outdoor area where children explore the world around them. Using technology, construction and discussing experiences from the past also build into this area.

Expressive Arts and Design



Creative skills are developed through all areas of learning. Children have the opportunity to select and use a range of tools and materials independently. They are also encouraged to join in with singing songs and rhymes and using musical instruments.

Additional Information

Uniform

Uniform is grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress, a white polo T-shirt and a purple jumper or cardigan. The children need to wear **black school shoes** and we ask that these have Velcro fastenings, rather than laces or buckles so that the children can change them independently. The children also need a pair of **black sandshoes** to change into for indoor use and a **book bag** which must be brought daily. We must stress that all uniform must be labelled with your child's name. We also ask that you provide **a change of clothes in a bag** that can stay on your child's peg. Jumpers, cardigans, polo T-shirts, coats and book bags with the school badge on can be purchased from Little Gems, either online or in the shop.

Outdoor Play

As children will regularly be accessing the curriculum outdoors, we ask that they bring in a pair of **wellies** with their name in each to be kept in school.

Parental Links

In order to keep you as up to date as we can with your child's development, share information and to enable you to see your child in their Nursery environment, we regularly invite parents to join us for informal Stay and Play sessions. There are also opportunities to attend Parents Evenings throughout the year to discuss the individual progress of your child.

Daily Snack

The children have access to a piece of fruit each day and we also provide other snacks and cooking opportunities. Milk is available and children are encouraged to bring in a bottle of water to school each day to access as they choose. We are unable to accept any snacks from home due to some of our children having severe food allergies.

Voluntary Contribution

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week. This will contribute to activities such as cooking, additional snacks, enhancements for new topics and other interests. You may prefer to pay this every half term and reminders will be sent on the Tapestry app.

Home-School Activities

Children are sometimes given activities to practise at home to support what they have learning in Nursery. Towards the end of the year, children may begin to take picture reading books home from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme used throughout school and also sounds from our 'Read Write Inc' scheme to reinforce at home.

Learning Journal

We use online system of recording your child's learning in Nursery, including photographs and observations by staff. Tapestry is a website and app which can be accessed on a computer or laptop, and also on any device such as a tablet or smartphone. We will be able to instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your children and you are then emailed to alert you that something new has been added to your child's Learning Journal. You are also able to add your own photographs, videos and comments about your child's learning experiences from home.

ParentPay

As a school, we use ParentPay for electronic transfers of money to pay for school trips, additional activities in school or special visitors. You will receive a log-in to enable you to set this up, in September.

We hope this makes everything a little clearer for you. Any questions you may have, staff will be happy to answer for you. We understand that starting school can be a big step for children and we want to make this as smooth and supportive as possible. All children are different and will adjust at different rates. We are here to try to make this step as easy as we can for your child.

We look forward to working together with yourself and your child as they begin their learning journey at St Joseph's!

Thank you!



Our Mission Statement

St Joseph's is

a happy, welcoming community, enriched by our diversity, where we strive to be better than our best.

A place where we love one another, love learning, love Jesus and love life.