



# Welcome to Reception



This booklet is for you and your family. It tells you all about the different things that happen at school. We hope that you enjoy looking through it, and look forward to seeing you soon when you start school.

## Meet the Staff



Mrs Kirby  
Lead Reception  
Teacher



Mrs Buddle  
Reception Teacher



Mrs Jeal  
Reception Teacher



Mrs Hannah  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Alston  
Teaching Assistant



You will be in either Hedgehog class or Owl class.  
Both classes share a big classroom and an outside area.

## Our School Day

**8.55am** – The whistle is blown by a teacher on the lower playground and you will line up with your class next to the Owl or Hedgehog cone.

You can say goodbye to your grownups and come up the main school entrance into school with your class teacher and teaching assistants.



**8.55am** – Please walk into school quietly and hang up your coat and place your named water bottle in the tray in your classroom. There will be activities for you to have a go at for the first few minutes, to help you to feel calm and settled.

**9.10am** – Phonics, challenge time, snack outdoor play and Maths. On some days your class will have a Physical Education.

**11.45am** – You will have your lunch (either a hot dinner or healthy packed lunch) in the main hall and then when you have finished you will play outside.

**12.45pm** – We read, learn to write and find out about the world developing your creative skills, your personal, social and emotional skills and your understanding of the world. Towards the end of the day you will sing songs, have a music lesson or listen to a story.

**2.50pm** – Time to get ready to go home.

**3pm** – You will walk with your teachers to the lower playground. The Owls and Hedgehogs staff will make sure they can see your grown-up before you can go. You cannot leave until your teachers have said you can go.

### Note to parents

Please let us know if someone else is collecting your child from school, including after-school clubs. We will need the contact name and telephone numbers of all the persons responsible for collecting your child. If you are going to be late please call the office and let them know, your child will be waiting at the office.

## Allergies

Please let us know, prior to starting school, if you have any severe allergies as we will need your grownups to fill out a special medical form. This form will tell us which condition you have and will explain what we need to do to help you if you get poorly. Your grownups will need to ensure your inhalers and Epipens are kept up to date. If you have a food allergy there is a special form to fill in, as we will need to tell the cooks in the kitchen.

## What you will need for school



- A water bottle with your name on. Please make sure this has a sports style lid, not one that has to be screwed on and off. This just leads to spillages!
- School uniform of grey skirt/dress or grey or black trousers, white or pale blue shirt or polo shirt, royal blue jumper or cardigan. You should have been sent details of our school uniform ordering service.
- Your St Augustine's school book bag, which we will give you.
- A pair of wellies, with your name in, that can be kept in school.

**Please do not bring in backpacks or other bags from home** as there is no space on the coat pegs. Only use the blue book bag that we will give you.

You will have your own coat peg with your name on it. If you are in the Hedgehog class your peg will be located in the corridor outside the classroom and if you are in the Owl class your peg is located inside the classroom by the back door.

**Parents-** Please help your child be as independent as possible, before they start school.

- Help them to put their coat on, on their own.
- Make sure they can wash their hands.
- Encourage them to use the toilet on their own. Our toilets are not in the classroom!
- Begin to use a knife and fork to eat.

## Snacks

During the day you will be able to have a drink of water from your water bottle and eat your snack at the snack table. You will need to bring in your own water bottle with your name clearly labelled on it. Your water bottles must only contain water, no juice, flavoured water or fizzy drinks please. The fruit and veg is provided free to all Reception and Key Stage 1 children.



## Lunch time

You can choose to eat a hot meal, provided free by school, or bring in your own packed lunch.

If you would like the school lunch, your parents will need to order this at least a week in advance through our Wisepay system, online. There is a menu so you can choose the meals you like, or bring in packed lunch instead. Please do not bring anything in your lunch box that contains nuts, as some children are allergic to them. Fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed.



Over the summer it would be helpful to learn how to eat with a knife and fork as you will need to do this on your own.

## PE

At school you will be able to do PE in the hall and outside on the field or on the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). PE can be dancing to music, playing team games or learning how to throw and catch.



You will need to wear a PE kit to do this. Your PE kit should be: a white t-shirt, blue or black shorts and a pair of plimsolls in a PE bag.

When you come to school you will find out which day you have PE. On this day, you will come to school in your PE kit ready for your lesson. You do not need to keep this at school. Please could you ask your grown-ups to remove your earrings on your PE day.

Your PE kit and all of your clothes should have your name sewn inside or clearly written in permanent pen so that they don't get lost or mixed up with someone else's, as everyone's clothes will look exactly like yours!

## Religious Education



As a Catholic school we follow the Church's curriculum and also explore other faiths too. We teach children to develop respect and tolerance for our own and others' beliefs. We have RE lessons every week and say prayers together three times a day.

Sometimes we visit St Walstan's Church.



### Mass

You will be invited to each EYFS (Reception and Nursery) and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Mass and will be notified of the dates of these in the school newsletter. We usually attend these in the school hall three times a term and they are led by Father David, our school Priest.

## Outdoor Learning



Outside learning is very important for you and we free-flow between our classroom and the outdoor area every day. You can grow vegetables and flowers, play in the 'outdoor-kitchen', hunt for mini-beasts, build an obstacle course or even get creative.

We change into wellies outside, so that we can get a bit wet and dirty!

## Play Time



In Reception, most of your day will be spent playing with your friends. During this time you will get to make your own choices of what you would like to do, using your own ideas, or choosing the activities given by the teachers. We talk about why some activities help us learn and challenge you to use new skills. The Teachers love to play with you, helping you to learn through play.

We all love play and know it is the best way to learn!



**Parents-**We encourage the children to develop a growth mindset, where the children believe that their abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. We praise effort as much as outcomes.

## Reading

We hope you enjoy sharing books with your friends and families and are getting to know lots of rhymes.

When your teacher feels you are ready you will be able to take a reading book home. For some children this begins in October and for others this starts after Christmas or in the Spring or Summer term.



## Phonics



At school you will be taught Phonics every morning. Phonics will help you to learn to read and write. Our Phonics lessons are multi-sensory; we play games, sing songs, use puppets, make words with magnetic letters, practise using pens and pencils and we use the interactive whiteboard. You will learn to recognise the 44 sounds (phonemes), say them and write them. You will learn how to break up words (segment) into individual sounds to help you to write. For example if you want to write cat, then say the whole word out loud 'cat' and then break up the word into the individual sounds within the word 'c – a – t'.

You will also learn tricky words – words we cannot completely sound out, such as 'me' and 'was'. We have to learn these by memory!

We use the Phonics Bug website in school and we will give you a login to use at home.

Websites such as [www.PhonicsPlay.co.uk](http://www.PhonicsPlay.co.uk) or [www.phonicsbloom.com](http://www.phonicsbloom.com) are full of interactive games for you to play.



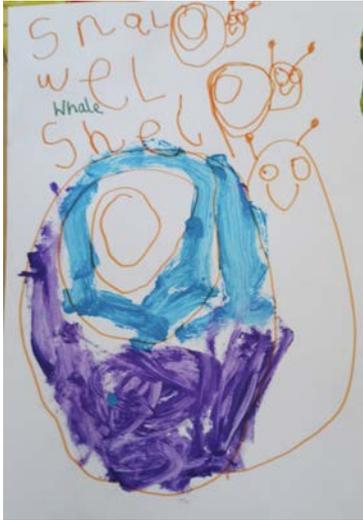
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvblWW4MtVk> Watch Mr Thorne explain what phonics is. He has hundreds of videos, for all the different sounds, sometimes with his friend Geraldine the Giraffe helping him!

## Writing

Your writing will start off as mark-making, which is just putting pen, crayon or paint to paper and telling those around you what you have written (or drawn). You might be ready to hold a pencil when you start, however don't worry if you find this tricky, we will help you to develop the muscles in your fingers so that you can hold a pencil correctly.



We will teach you how to correctly form letters and you will learn songs and rhymes to help you remember what to do. We teach you to use lower case letters, apart from the first letter in a name or at the beginning of a sentence when you will need a capital one. Ask your parents/carer to help you to write your name at home as this will enable you to label your pictures and models. Don't worry if you find this tricky, with lots of regular practice at home and school, you will get there! We don't mind where you choose to write, this can be outside or inside, we just want you to write for a purpose; writing labels, stories, shopping lists, postcards, birthday cards and more.



## Maths



In Reception you will be taught maths every day. In maths you will learn about number, shape, space and measure and will learn in a fun, practical way both inside and outside. You will also learn how to recognise numbers, count, add, subtract, double, halve, share and much more. We will learn about 2D and 3D shapes, money, time and measurement.

Before you come to school you can do lots of things at home with your family to help you to become confident with maths.

- Fit jigsaw puzzles together.
- Learn nursery rhymes and number songs such as "Five Currant Buns".
- Play lots of games where you have to throw a dice and move along a board.
- Bake some cakes and talk about which ingredients are heavy and light.
- Count the number of steps you climb.
- At meal times you can lay the table and make sure you have enough knives, forks and spoons.



# Tapestry



Tapestry is a special app used to track all the amazing progress you make throughout the year. We take photos, videos and write messages to your grownups to show them what you have been learning about in school. Your teachers will use Tapestry to record your progress in all the areas of learning; Maths, Literacy, Physical, Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional, Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

## Features

- Photos and videos will then be uploaded onto Tapestry for your grown ups to see, wherever they are, throughout the day.
- Your Tapestry account can only be accessed by those with the password.
- You can upload pictures or videos from outside of school, for your teachers to see. No other parents see these, only Reception staff.
- You can use Tapestry on phones, tablets, laptops and computers.

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## The Tiger Who Came To Tea

by Miss Aspin - added 05 Jun 2018 01:52 PM

Children:



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## Notes

I listened carefully as I read the story 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' by Judith Kerr'. Later in the day I decided to create a picture of a tiger using the Active Inspire computer program. She selected the different colours and brushes independently. She showed pride in her work as she was keen to show me what she had done. Excellent effort!

Early Years Foundation Stage

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### Self Confidence & Self Awareness

#### ELG No Refinement

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## Understanding the world

### Technology

#### ELG No Refinement

✓ Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes.

## Comments

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She looks so proud. Great work!

## Parents in School

Throughout the year your parents are invited to come into the classroom or the school hall and join in with our learning cafés. The cafes are great fun and give you the chance to show your families the sorts of things you do at school.



We also hope to be able to invite your family into school, every week, for story time. You can sit together with 2 or 3 friends and read stories, with an adult.

We hope this booklet has helped you and your family know what will happen when you start school.

Remember, when you come to school you will learn lots of new things and have lots of fun with your teachers and your new friends.

We look forward to seeing you in September. Have a lovely Summer.