



Meet the Teacher



Miss Shimmons
and
Mrs Skitt



Welcome to The Early
Years Foundation Stage
at St. John's Catholic
Primary School.

Who's who?

- ▶ Mrs Buzzing – Head teacher/Safeguarding
- ▶ Miss Derwas – Deputy Head and KS1 Lead
- ▶ Miss Shimmons – EYFS Teacher
- ▶ Mrs Skitt– EYFS Teaching Assistant
- ▶ Mrs Rix - SENDCO
- ▶ Chair of Governors – Mr Beards
- ▶ PTA - Sarah Mackay and Katy Ryan

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage? (EYFS)

The Early Years Foundation Stage covers the first stage of a child's care from birth to five years old. It sets the standards to ensure that all children learn and develop, as well as keeping them healthy and safe.

All schools and Ofsted registered early years providers in England must follow the EYFS.

Also included in the EYFS are the **seven Areas of Learning**. They are:

- **Communication and Language**
- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Physical Development**
- **Literacy**
- **Mathematics**
- **Understanding the World**
- **Expressive Arts and Design**

At the end of the EYFS, there are **17 Early Learning Goals** that children are expected to achieve.

And, as we are a Catholic School, the Religious Education programme 'The Way, The Truth and The Life'.

New Curriculum

- ▶ The previous school year, we were an Early Adopter school for the new curriculum which is statutory in September 2021. This has allowed us to prepare and understand the new curriculum before becoming statutory.
- ▶ The key differences are:
 - ▶ Reduced the amount of unneeded written recordings and assessment of children by staff.
 - ▶ There is more of an emphasis on the importance of developing communication and language skills.
 - ▶ There is a focus on how reading stories is important to help children develop in all of Areas of Learning.
 - ▶ There is a focus on encouraging healthy choices overall and an understanding of oral health.
- ▶ There have also been changes to a document called '**Development Matters**'. This document is not compulsory, but it is a document we use.

Baseline

- ▶ We have completed the volunteer pilot and Early Adopter in the baseline which is Statutory in September 2021.
- ▶ It assesses children in their starting points of language, communication and literacy and mathematics.
- ▶ We complete within the first 6 weeks of school starting.
- ▶ Completed 1:1
- ▶ No more than 15 minutes.
- ▶ It will not be used to label or track individual pupils.
- ▶ No numerical score will be shared and the data will only be used at the end of year 6 to form the school-level progress measure. However, teachers will receive a series of short, narrative statements that tell them how their pupils performed in the assessment.

How Will I Know How My Child Is Doing?

- ▶ I am the Key Person for all the children in the class, myself and Mrs Skitt will work in partnership with you, sharing information about your child.
- ▶ We have two formal Parent's Evenings over the year and an informal one in the summer term where you are invited into school but don't have attend.
- ▶ We will share wow moments on Tapestry.
- ▶ If we have any concerns, we will of course discuss these with you and work together with you.

A typical day in Reception

- ▶ 8.45am - Children are greeted from the playground. Children come in and get their water bottle out, their snack goes in their drawer, their bag in the box and coat on their peg. Find an activity to play at a table
- ▶ 9.10am – 9.30am *Assembly*
- ▶ 9.30am – 10:00am *Phonics*
- ▶ Adult led with one group a day – *Maths*
- ▶ This year, there is no morning break for Reception in the first term. We will be using this as a 'rolling snack' during our discovery time.
- ▶ From 10:00-11:45 *discovery time*
- ▶ 11:45am-12:45pm *Lunch time*
- ▶ 12:45-3:00pm *Discovery Time (EAD, UTW, Interventions, readers)*
- ▶ 3:00- 3.20pm We get bags packed and read our end

September

- ▶ There will be a Group A and Group B.
 - ▶ The school term starts on Thursday 2nd September.
 - ▶ Group A will attend on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September.
 - ▶ Group B will start on Friday 3rd September at 9:15
 - ▶ Both groups will be from Monday 6th September.
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- ▶ Line up on the playground for 8:45. I will collect your child from the playground. Adults are not allowed into school. You must stay with your child until they are collected from the playground and they are unable to play on the trim trail.
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- ▶ Please contact the office if your child is absent
 - ▶ Sickness – 48 hours after the last bout
 - ▶ COVID19 – Please report absence to school. There is an emergency out of hours number too.

What your child needs?

- ▶ School uniform – see letter in pack – make sure EVERYTHING is named.
- ▶ School bag – smaller the better; it only has to fit books, healthy snack and water bottle.
 - ▶ morning/afternoon snack
 - ▶ Milk
- ▶ PE bag – include spare pants and socks in a little plastic bag
- ▶ We are a nut free school, all snacks and lunches must be nut free

'Fun at the Forest'

- ▶ We will be starting this a few weeks into the term when the children are confident with their surroundings.
- ▶ Children will come to school in 'old clothes'.
- ▶ They will need wellies – these need to be labelled and can be stored at all times in the welly shed.
- ▶ Children will need waterproofs – an all in one suit or a jacket and trousers.
- ▶ Children will need to bring a spare clothes bag, just in case – we always suggest socks!

School Dinners

- ▶ School dinners are free until the end of Year 2
- ▶ Some families are entitled to free school meals if they receive qualifying benefits – it is important to sign up, even though meals are currently free.
- ▶ If you are entitled please sign up with the office as the school receive money for your child.
- ▶ Weekly menus and special day menus. Your child will be asked what they would like each day.

Homework

Reception:

- ▶ Daily reading – 2 pages a day
- ▶ Tricky words
- ▶ Phonics homework book - If lost, there is a replacement charge.
- ▶ Maths Homework

- ▶ Please sign and initial your child's homework.
- ▶ Homework will be set by the teacher and sent home on a Friday and should be completed at home and sent back to school by the following Wednesday.
- ▶ Homework is not set in the week before a school holiday.
- ▶ However, children are expected to continue reading at home during these weeks.

Anything else?

Medical:

- ▶ One labelled inhaler needs to be kept in classroom at all times – it is your responsibility (not the teachers) to ensure that the medication is in date.
- ▶ If your child is on medication such as antibiotics then the medicine goes to the office not into class.
- ▶ Hair must be tied back, no earrings (studs only), no nail varnish

How do we keep you informed?

- ▶ Weekly bulletin emailed each Friday
 - ▶ School website – includes curriculum information
 - ▶ Reception@SJRC.co.uk email address
 - ▶ Tapestry
 - ▶ Notice board outside office
 - ▶ PTA notice board
 - ▶ Parents Evenings
 - ▶ If unsure about anything, ask at the office
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- ▶ Please sign up to parent mail as this is another way we contact you.

Breakfast club and Fun club

- ▶ We also provide an Afternoon Fun Club — a fun alternative to childcare. It runs from **3:20-5:30pm** and the cost is **£5.00 per session** (drinks and a healthy snack included in the price). Children can be looked after in a fun and safe environment, without having to leave the school building.
- ▶ Breakfast club is from 7:30, the cost is £3.50. Your child can have breakfast (there is a wide choice) and children are taken to their classes ready for the bell at the start of the day.
- ▶ It can be attended on an ad-hoc basis, as long as we have spaces available.
- ▶ The office send out weekly forms for you to complete if you need breakfast club or 'fun club'.

Welcome Packs

- ▶ Please can the office have your welcome pack in by **Monday 12th July** at the latest.
(medical information for September)



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