



**St Andrew's**  
Church of England Primary School

# New Starters Information

## RECEPTION



## Our Team

Miss Mann

Mrs Statham

Mrs Bolton

Miss Jones

Executive Headteacher

Head of School

Assistant Head and SENCo

Assistant Head and oversees EYFS

Mrs Bryant

Mrs Andrews

Mrs Lai

Mrs Law

Office Manager

Office Assistant

Business Manager

Welfare Assistant



# Our Vision and Values

## Vision

With God's love, we live, learn and grow together

## Core Values

Love, Courage and Friendship



# Starting Reception

- Starting Reception is a big step for both children and parents/carers and we will support you to ensure that this is a positive transition.
- Come and Play sessions before the summer give the children a chance to meet the staff and visit the setting. It also provides a great talk point during the summer before your child starts school.
- Children will begin Reception in a staggered start. This helps children get used to a new routine, settle into their class and to make new friends.



# Come and Play

- Thursday 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- 30 spaces available for each session
- Can book to attend a maximum of two sessions
- It is a great opportunity for your child to get to know their new setting.
- Chance to meet with the staff and ask any questions
- Please try to attend if at all possible.



# Start Dates

Group 1 Wednesday 4th September

Group 2 Friday 6th September

Group 3 Monday 9th September

Attend part time until 12:45 p.m.

Monday 16th September start attending full time



# Drop Off & Pick Up

## Mornings

- 'Soft start' school gates will open at 8:45 a.m. and all children expected to be in class by 8:55 a.m. for registration.
- Drop off at the doors

## Home time gates open at 3:25 p.m

- Collect from classroom back doors
- Children wait together and they called one by one



# Home Visits/Class Visits

## Three Options

Home visit in Summer term

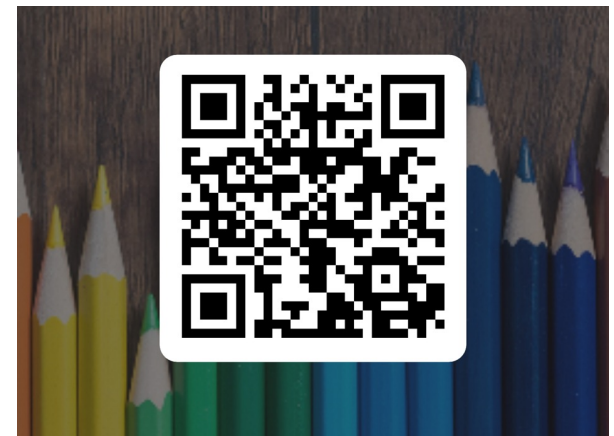
Home visit in Autumn term (during half days)

Visit to school

Important opportunity to meet with school staff

Please book using this online form or QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/YJ3JwQUqB5>





## Preparing for starting Reception

- Use the toilet independently
- Washing hands properly
- Put on and fasten their coats
- Take jumpers and shoes & socks on and off
- Use a knife and fork
- Talk to an adult about their needs
- Our staff are always on hand to help the children



# At the start we will be working on ...

- Making friends
- Saying 'goodbye' at drop off with a smile
- Learning the daily routines and classroom expectations
- Building relationships with adults in the school
- Building confidence with new experiences such as lunchtime



# A typical morning

- Arrive and welcome then registration
- Collective Worship
- Reading groups
- Whole class carpet session: story-based activity
- Variety of activities self selected by the children
- Focus activity with a teacher
- Free flow inside and garden area
- Phonics session
- Snack time
- Continue inside and outside activities
- Lunchtime: supported by our team of Play Leaders



# A typical afternoon

- Registration
- Whole class carpet session: Writing
- Focus activity with a teacher
- Variety of activities self selected
- Whole class carpet session: Maths
- Free flow inside and garden area
- Tidy up time
- Singing and storytime
- Home time



# EYFS Framework

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

Children have plentiful opportunities to learn through play. As the year progresses the amount of time children spend in child-initiated play will reduce to allow for a more structured learning style to ensure they are developing skills needed to embrace the Key Stage One curriculum.



## Reception Knowledge Organiser Autumn Term 1 - ME & MY FAMILY

Key Vocabulary	
unique	One of a kind
family	People who are related to one another
friend	People who like spending time together
experience	Something that happens to you, important experiences are called life events
community	A group of people who live in a particular place or have something in common

The Colour Monster will be helping us to think about our feelings



Jump and clap!

Happy



Cry lots of tears!

Sad



Growl and stomp around!

Angry



Hide behind your hands!

Scared



Close your eyes and breathe deep!

Calm



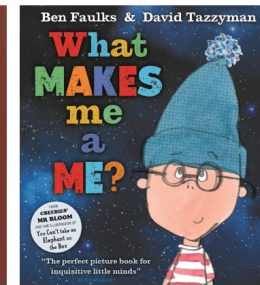
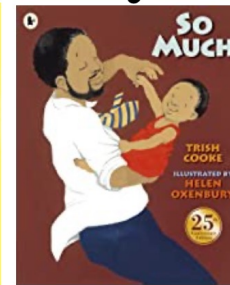
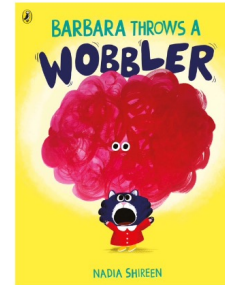
Hug yourself and say "I LOVE YOU!"

Love

### Fun Fact

Your smile is infectious!  
Try smiling at someone, it is nearly impossible for them not to smile back!

### Our Key Texts



We will also be sharing lots of stories about starting school

### Key Questions

What makes you unique?  
What are your most important experiences?  
Who are your friends and family?  
Where do you live?  
What do you know about your local area?

- I will be settling into my new school community
- I will be finding out about my family culture
- I will be talking about important experiences in my life
- I will be learning how to recognise my feelings

### Focus Season AUTUMN



Big Question  
Why are the leaves changing colour?

Key Concept  
Understanding why and how things change over time



# Class Organisation

**We have two classes RB and RW**

RB (Reception Blue)

RW (Reception White)

**Complete form in the pack about friendship preferences**

We will try to place children with their named friends wherever possible



# Lunchtimes

- Everyone is entitled to school lunches as part of the Universal Free School meals offer. You can also provide a packed lunch if you prefer.
- Children can change from packed lunch to school dinner or vice-versa at half term. We are a bit more relaxed with this rule in the first few weeks.
- We have children with severe allergies we are a nut free school.

# Snack

- Children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to free fruit.
- Every child needs to bring a water bottle each day.





# Lunchtimes

- Reception staff team stay with children in lunch hall for first few sessions.
- Team of Play Leaders who supervise the children at lunchtime.
- Y5/6 children Games Makers who help in the hall and outside on the playground

Staggered introduction to lunchtime play:

- Start in YR garden area
- Move to playing in the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)
- Move to sharing the playground/field with KS1



# Uniform & Equipment

- Uniform list in pack and on school website.
- For PE children wear a polo shirt in their house team colour.
- Label everything **please**.
- A handheld book bag not a backpack.
- No toys.
- Logo items available from Smiths Schoolwear

## PE

- Children come into school wearing their PE kit.
- Weekly session led by school staff & sports coaches



# If Your Child Is Unwell

- If your child is unwell during the school day we will contact you to collect your child.
- Please make sure contact details are kept up to date.
- If your child has been vomiting or suffering from diarrhoea. Please keep them away from school for 48 hours, from their last bout of illness.
- In all cases absence please leave a phone message.
- If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, please let us have a copy of the appointment letter. Please ensure routine appointments are made during the holiday periods.



# Governing Body

- Annual Maintenance contribution £35 per child
- This money helps to ensure that the buildings are kept in good condition.

Please complete the Gift Aid form in your pack.

So far, this year will be able to claim approximately £2,500 from HMRC in Gift Aid contributions.



## Our PTA

- Dedicated team of parents who fundraise for our school

### Examples of events across the year:

- Family Bingo Night
- Parent Ball
- Golf Afternoon
- Quiz Night for parents
- Disco for children
- Christmas Fayre

Our Summer Fayre 'Summer Sizzle' is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July



## Breakfast & After School Clubs

- Detailed information in your pack about applying
- It is is popular. We have a limited amount of places
- Run by our school staff
- Breakfast 7:45 a.m. start time with flexible drop off
- After School runs until 5:45 p.m. with flexible pick up
- Book regular sessions
- Payment beforehand - for half a term
- Start as soon as they are settled (not first week)



## Breakfast & After School Clubs

- We hold back some places for Reception new starters
- Places allocated on a first come, first served basis
- Complete online form to register interest
- Form opens at 9:30 a.m. on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

<https://forms.office.com/e/ncJqu10NZN>



Breakfast & After School Clubs



## Extra Curricular Clubs

- We have outside providers who run clubs from our school
- Information issued each term
- Impress Theatre and Arts
- ELMs run school holiday sports clubs





# Communication

- Website including calendar of key events
  - Text messaging system
  - Letters via email
  - ParentPay system e.g. monies for trips
  - School newsletters on our website
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- Parent consultation in Autumn and Spring term
  - End of year written report
  - Tapestry online photo-based system
  - Open door policy
  - Staff available for a quick message in the morning
  - Arrange a short meeting with staff after school if you need a time to talk





# Tapestry



Tapestry allows parents to access their child's online journal, so you have a snapshot of what happens at school.

Parents are also able to upload pictures and videos of their child at home.

We also share additional information about our learning and topics and put a weekly homework activity on Tapestry.



## To Follow

Letter will be sent before the end of term  
with information about:

- Start date
- Classteacher
- Class (RB or RW)
- House team siblings will be in the same house



# Information Pack



Please complete the forms and return as soon as possible.

Your child will not be able to start in Reception unless these forms have been completed and returned to the school office.

If you have any queries, please phone or email the school office.





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**We look forward to welcoming  
you and your child to our  
Reception classes**

