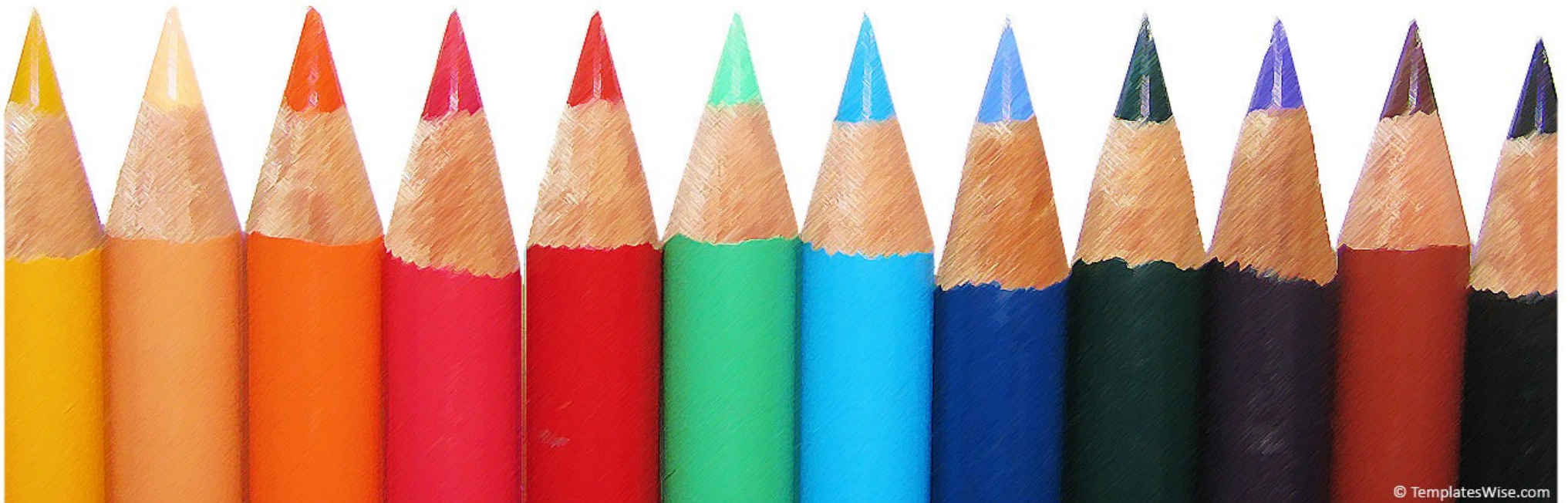


WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S
New Starters Information

RECEPTION



Meet the Teacher

For children who do not attend St. Andrew's Nursery

Please note you will meet a member of the Reception staff team, but this may not necessarily be your teacher in September (this information will follow in mid-July)

- Time and date in your pack
- Please RSVP
- 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.



Stay and Play Sessions

For children who attend St. Andrew's Nursery

- Will take place during the coming weeks as part of the normal Nursery session.
- Opportunity to visit the classrooms and outdoor area.
- Near the end of term your child will be able to meet their new teacher.



Start Dates

Group 1 Thursday 2nd September

Group 2 Monday 6th September

Group 3 Wednesday 8th September

Attend approx. 2 weeks part time until 1:15 p.m.
Monday 20th September attend full time



Lunchtimes

- Everyone is entitled to school dinners as part of the Universal Free School meals offer. You can also provide a packed lunch.
- 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.
- Children in YR also have milk or water.



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.
- Come the gates by the Reception outdoor area
- Children walk down to their class with their teacher or teaching assistant.

Pick up during the half days period

- The gate at the side of RB will give access to the back entrances
- Each child will be called to come to the door to meet their parent/carer.

Home time 3:30 p.m.

- Staff will open the main gate on the playground.
- You will be able to collect your child from the back entrances.



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 on the first day of absence.
- If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, please let us have a copy of the appointment letter.



At the start we will be working on ...

- Making friends
- Separating from the adult
- Learning rules of the classroom and daily routines
- Building relationships with adults in around the school
- New experiences such as lunchtime



Preparing for starting Reception

- Use the toilet independently
- Wash their hands
- 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



A typical morning

- Arrive and welcome
- Registration
- 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
- Snack time
- Continue inside and outside activities
- Phonics session
- Lunch preparation
- Lunchtime: supported by our team of Play Leaders



A typical afternoon

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



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.

PE

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



Our PTA Parent & Teachers' Association

- Dedicated team that fundraise for our school

Events across the year:

- Summer Spectacular
- Family Bingo Night
- Parent Ball
- Quiz Night for parents
- Disco for children
- Christmas Cracker
- Mother's and Father's Day gift sales
- Happy Bag company recycling scheme



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 £3,000 from HMRC in Gift Aid contributions.



Breakfast & After School Clubs

- Detailed information in your pack
- 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
- Food and drink is provided
- Daily fee Breakfast Club £4.00
- Daily fee After School Club £8.00
- Book regular sessions
- Start as soon as they are settled (not first week)



Further Meeting in September

- Meet staff team
- Find out about the curriculum
- Find out about class systems and routines

We run a Parent Workshops across the year covering key areas of the Early Years curriculum.



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



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.



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

