

Welcome to St. John's CE Primary School



Reception 2025-26





Reception Teachers



**Deputy Head
Mrs Thomas
Full time**



**SENDCO
Mrs Preston
4 days**

**Additional Teaching Assistants will help support
Reception children.**

‘The **JOY** of the Lord is Your Strength’ (Nehemiah 8:10)

At St. John's Church of England Primary School our Christian values are at the heart of everything we do. Our whole school community work together to create JOY in living and learning.

Our school values are:

- Respect
- Thankfulness
- Compassion
- Truthfulness
- Trust
- Responsibility



JOY represents:
JESUS,
OTHERS,
YOURSELF

Church Links

- ▶ We will make numerous trips to church throughout the year.
- ▶ Parents, families or friends will be invited to celebrate services both at church and in school.
- ▶ Our first school trip will be to church early in the school year for our Harvest Service.



Meeting your child

- Over the next few weeks Miss Gill our current Reception teacher will visit your child at Nursery.
- If your child does not attend a nursery please do come and speak to us tonight to make a separate appointment.
- Nursery visits and information will give us a good overview of what stage of development your child is currently working at.
- Please let us know if you would like a chance to discuss your child's development prior to September.



Working together



- ▶ We encourage the children to be as independent as possible. For example putting on their own coat and zipping it up, toileting skills and following instructions.
- ▶ Sharing books regularly and talking together about what is on each page. This develops language and reading skills.
- ▶ I have added a page in your welcome packs explaining how you can help your child be Reception ready over the summer.

September Start Date

**Your child's first day start date will be
Thursday 4th September 9:00am – 12:00pm**

Any siblings of new starters can arrive slightly later on that morning to share the experience.

You will pick your child up from the side gate at 12:00.

We will continue a half day on 5th September 9:00am-12:00pm then on 8th September your child will start school full time.

Attendance... it's a learnt behaviour!



Good school attendance
supports children to feel
confident and happy about
school and learning

As a parent you can support your
child to enjoy school life to the
full by ensuring they **attend
school EVERY day and also
arrive on time.**



The EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)Framework outlines **seven areas of learning and development.**

There are **three prime** areas of learning, which are particularly important for your child's development and future learning :

- **Communication and language**
- **Personal, social and emotional development**
- **Physical development**

Communication and Language

- Spoken Language.
- Back and forth interaction for language and cognitive development.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Building relationships
- Managing emotions
- Positive sense of self
- Growing confidence



Physical Development



- Gross and Fine Motor skills
- Healthy Bodies
- Oral Hygiene



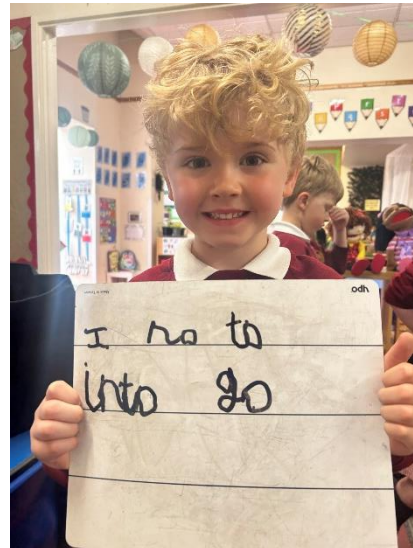
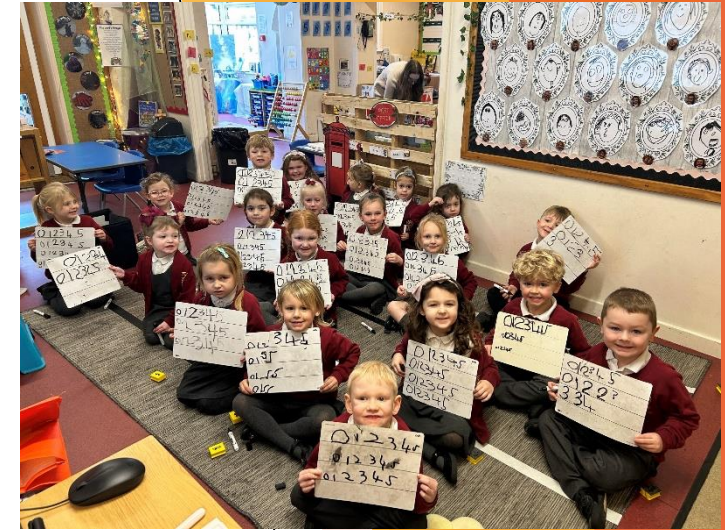
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There are **four specific** areas of learning, through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied:

- **Literacy**
- **Maths**
- **Understanding the world**
- **Expressive arts and design**

Literacy

- Reading
- Writing



Love of Reading and stories

Reading is a fundamental life skill

- It opens the imagination
- It helps build communication skills
- It can improve mental health and well being

In Reception reading is taught through a range of strategies with a strong emphasis on phonics.



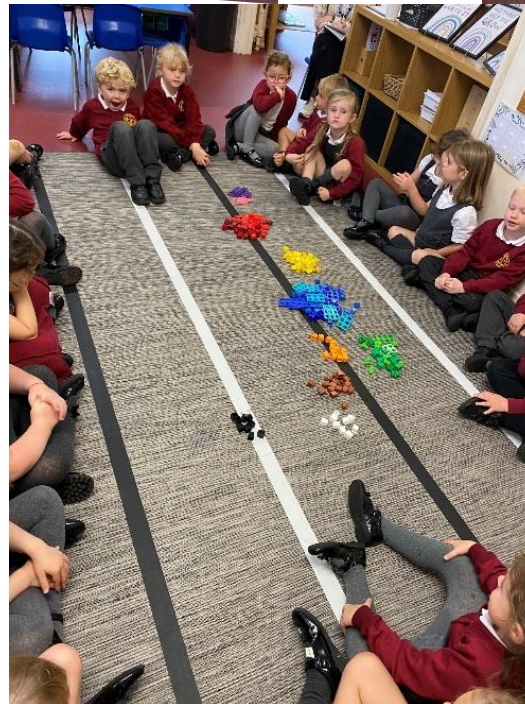
Phonics

- ▶ Reading is taught through a structured phonics programme called **'Little Wandle'** with a daily lesson.
- ▶ We learn letter **sounds/ phonemes** which we can **blend** together in order to read a word. **E.g c-a-t** .
- ▶ Encourage your child to make clear sounds as it will make it easier to hear the word that is being blended.

For more information visit our website...

Mathematics

- Numbers
- Shape Space and Measure



Expressive Art and Design

- Being Imaginative
- Creativity



Understanding the World

- Peoples and Communities (Geography)
- The World (Science)
- Past and Present (History)





Everyone is different



We teach some important life skills through puppets

I am Independent Isla



I can ask for help if I need it
I can have a go
I will try new things
I can do it myself

I am Communicating Catherine



I am friendly to others
I can wait
I share my ideas with others
I can listen carefully

I am Resilient Robert



I learn from my mistakes
I'll keep going when it's hard
I'll try again
I won't give up

I am Learning Luke



I have a powerful brain
I want to learn
Maybe if I do it like this...
I wonder what will happen...





School Times and Entrance

Our Reception School Day...

8:45	Morning Task
8:55	Register
9:00	Phonics
9:40	Literacy
10:30	Snack time
10:45	Maths
11:45	Lunch time
1:00	Topic Theme/ Foundation Subject
2:40	Story time and Snack
3:05	End of the School Day



Wrap around Care



Uniform



PLEASE make sure you label everything!

Uniform can be purchased from Whitakers in Southport Town centre and you will find some information on purchasing uniform at the back of the hall.

Snack and Lunch Time



Milk, water and fruit provided

Morning snack £12 per term



All children are entitled to a school lunch

Hot/ cold options available and choices can be picked daily

Please declare any allergies/ intolerances on the medical form

NUT FREE CLASSROOM



Please do not bring any tree nuts, peanuts or foods containing nuts into this area.





Parental Engagement

Open Door Policy

Workshops

Parent Evenings



Class Dojo—We use this online app to communicate with you regularly. We also welcome observations and photos from outside of school. We love seeing all the wonderful things your child has been doing. We would love to see some of these over the Summer holiday to build up relationships prior to starting school.

School Website- Up to date information and documentation. Including Photos!

Special assemblies



Trips and events



Buddies



Important Dates

Before your child starts here in September its important that they have the opportunity to meet staff and experience their new classroom environment. We will be holding a 'taster' session for your child to come in to meet us.

▶ **Tuesday 24th June – 9:45 – 10:45**

▶ **Tuesday 24th June – 1:45 – 2:45**

In your induction packs there will be a highlighted time and date which we would like your child to attend.

Children are to wear their own clothes to these visits and parents are to drop their children off at the office.

Parents are welcome to stay in our school, have a drink and meet some of our staff.

Picnic

In addition to their 'taster' morning we will also be hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic from 1:30 – 2:30 pm on Thursday 10th July

This event will be for parents and children. It is a lovely opportunity to meet others who will be sharing the journey through St. John's with you.



Thank you!

Classroom visit