



Starting Nursery at St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School

Here St Thomas & St Anne's, we aim for our children to have the brightest futures, each one nurtured individually to discover their unique potential. We want our children to aspire to be the best they can be and live their lives rooted in kindness, courage and respect. We want our children to go into the world as beacons of light, shining their lights brightly so they can live their lives in all its fullness.

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5: 16

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Welcome to

Our Nursery Provision

Welcome to St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School! We are very much looking forward to meeting you and your child and settling them into Nursery. This booklet contains the key information you will need to know before your child joins us.

We are a teacher led Nursery, which means that our provision for 3- and 4-year-olds is planned and led by a full time teacher.

We provide opportunities for the children to have extended periods of uninterrupted play in both our indoor and outdoor environments. Our Nursery children work closely in the same class base as children in Reception and join in with whole school events such as assemblies and trips, where appropriate.



Mrs Lowe

*Nursery and Reception
Class Teacher*



Ms Upton

*Nursery and Reception
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What is the **EYFS?**

What is the EYFS? The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets standards for the learning, development and care of your child from birth to 5 years old. All schools and Ofsted-registered early years providers must follow the EYFS, including childminders, preschools, nurseries and school Reception classes.

In the EYFS framework there are three prime areas of learning: Personal, social and emotional development; Communication and language; and Physical development. There are then four specific areas of learning: Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the world; and Expressive arts and design.

All of the learning that happens in the EYFS is based on rich play activities that are suitable for your child's age and development.



Home & School Links

When your child starts nursery, they will be issued with a login for Seesaw which is an online platform that allows us to share photos and other learning activities with you. This is also a great way for you to share photos or videos of learning or achievements that your child does at home or outside of school.

We also update the school's website on a termly basis with a curriculum overview; this outlines the topics and areas of learning that the children will explore each term.

Where do I drop off & collect my child?

Nursery children are able to enter directly into the classroom from the door at the front of the school (next to the main entrance). You and your child will be greeted by a member of the team on the door and then your child will hang up their coat and bag and engage with an activity to begin the session. If your child needs support with this initially, please do not worry there will be staff available to help them. Please arrive promptly for each session (8:50am and 12:00pm). At collection time, the children will be released by a member of staff from either the same door (12pm pick up) or the door onto the side playground (3:20pm pick up).

Lunches & Snacks



We provide all children with milk and a fruit snack during the day. If your child is staying for the whole day or afternoon sessions, you are able to order a hot meal for them at the cost of £2.60.

Nursery lunches follow a 3 week menu and there is also the option of ordering jacket potatoes each day.

You will receive a welcome email from School Money (our online ordering and payment system) which will allow you to order and pay for school meals in advance.

Alternatively you can send your child with a packed lunch.



A typical Nursery Day

8:45 – Gates open for children to arrive

8:50 – Arrival, register, nursery rhymes and active songs

9:10 – Adult led learning time – phonics based

9.30 – child initiated time (learning through play)

10.10 – Snack time

10:30 – Story time (or assembly time if appropriate)

10:45 – Break

11:00 – Adult led learning time – number based

11.15 – child initiated time (learning through play)

12:00 – Lunch time/ Pick up time for morning session/ Start of afternoon session

12:55 – Afternoon register

1:00 – Adult led learning time

1.20 – Topic based activities – D&T, Science, Geography, History, R.E, Art, P.S.H.E, computing and child initiated time (learning through play)

3:20 – End of the day

Nursery children have two timetabled PE sessions each week; this may take place in the hall or outside. Children should wear clothes that are suitable for PE on those days.



Outdoor Learning

We use our outdoor learning environment as much as possible so it is helpful if your child has clothing for all weathers. All items should be clearly labelled.

1. Wellies
2. Waterproof coat, hat, gloves for the colder months
3. Sun hat and sun cream for the warmer months.

More detailed specific information will come home for specific outdoor learning sessions that may require alternative clothing.

What to Bring

- A change of clothes including underwear and socks
- A water bottle
- No toys, teddies, pencil cases etc please
- Spare nappies/wipes if your child requires these. (Most children should be toilet trained before starting Nursery however we understand that there are sometimes reasons why this is not possible. Please speak to a member of staff to discuss this further.)
- Nursery children don't need to wear a school uniform but are very welcome to. More information can be found on our school website about our uniform.

Preparing your child for Nursery

- Promote independence e.g. taking off and putting on their own coat, taking off and putting on their own socks, shoes and wellington boots
- Develop listening and attention skills
- Develop understanding of spoken language
- Promote social skills e.g. playing games that require turn-taking
- Share stories and nursery rhymes
- Find opportunities to count, look for numbers, patterns and shapes in the environment.

Attendance

We offer full day and half day sessions and these can be used flexibly to suit the needs of you and your child. Each term you will be issued with a session booking sheet where you can book the sessions that you require.

Attending the booked Nursey sessions are important as they ensure positive routines are in place from the very start of your child's school journey.





Early Years Pupil Premium

Nursery could be eligible for extra funding to help support your child. Early Years Pupil Premium could provide up to £302 per year to help with your child's education and is paid directly to the Nursery.

You can apply for early years pupil premium if your child is aged 3 or 4 and you get 15 hours free childcare. You must also get at least one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax not including any benefits you get.

If you think you may be eligible, please see more information on our website or speak to a member of the team.



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