



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Information for the parents/carers of Nursery Children



Our School Vision



To be an outstanding school that:

- Successfully delivers a rich and broad-based curriculum that INSPIRES in our children a love of learning and an aspiration to fulfil their true potential.
- Makes a positive contribution at the heart of our local community.
- Ensures our children and staff are active, environmentally aware citizens making our school and parish proud in a culturally diverse society.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active participation.

The early years experience should be:
happy, active, exciting, fun and secure.





Nursery Education at St Anne's

We aim for our children at St Anne's Catholic Primary school to be happy, confident and respectful. Our children are nurtured and educated from their first day, until they leave us for the next stage in their educational journey.

- Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**. In Nursery we focus on the **Prime Areas**.

Prime Areas	Specific Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication & Language• Physical Development• Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy• Mathematics• Understanding the World• Expressive Arts and Design

- We follow 'Come and See' and 'Journey in Love' in order to support our teaching of Catholic education and RSE. We also celebrate daily Collective Worship.
- We use Read Write Inc. to support our phonics sessions.
- We aim to INSPIRE our Cubs through engaging topics introduced by our Early Years team alongside interests from pupils. We also enjoy trips out of the setting and welcome visitors to further engage our learners.

Monitoring progress



Each of the 7 areas of learning has its own set of Early Learning Goals which determine what most children are expected to achieve by the end of Reception Class.

We monitor children's progression and support learning and development using **'Birth to Five Matters'**.

To ensure children are likely to achieve the Early Learning Goals we regularly update our tracking systems to show your child's development and areas where they may need additional support.

We have a 1-1 parents meeting each term, however if you have any concerns about your child's development then please speak to a member of staff.



Seesaw



Seesaw is our main method of recording your child's learning. We upload pictures, videos and explanations of the activities your child has participated and allow you immediate access to their WOW moments. Comments and 'likes' are encouraged! We also share home learning ideas and activities to try at home.

You can also upload and send pictures and videos of your child's learning away from school as well as non-urgent messages* to the class teacher via the messaging capabilities.



*Please note that important messages should be sent through the school office



A day in the life of an English Cub

The school day begins at 8.40 am and ends at 3.10 pm (6 ½ hours a day).

(AM 15 hour children = 8.40-11.40am

PM 15 hour children = 12.10-3.10pm)

A typical day includes:

Morning activities	Lunchtime	Afternoon activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register & calendar• Carpet input e.g. news from home, topic learning, RE, phonics, mathematical concepts• Continuous Provision – access to indoor resources and our expansive outdoor grounds• Adult guided activities and play interactions• Interventions to support individual areas of development• Collective Worship and/or prayers• Snack – this is free flow to encourage independence• Squiggle or dough disco• Story time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch in the St Agnes Room (next door to the Cub Hub)• Children can bring a healthy packed lunch or you may order a school meal*• Outdoor play supervised by Early Years staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register• Carpet input e.g. news from home, topic learning, RE, phonics, mathematical concepts• Continuous Provision – access to indoor resources and our expansive outdoor grounds• Adult guided activities and play interactions• Interventions to support individual areas of development• Collective Worship and/or prayers• Snack – this is free flow to encourage independence• Squiggle or dough disco• Story time



Homework is usually given once per week

*School meal costs – £1.20 per day or £6 for a full week.

Our classroom

Welcome
to
The Cub Hub



The Workshop

We love to be inventive and make our own models. This area allows us to explore our creativity as well as work on moving and handling and self-care while using resources.



The Maths Area

For developing our number, shape, space and measure skills. These resources are rotated regularly to stimulate interest.



The Cloakroom

We store our belongings here. We aim to be able to find our own pegs and dress ourselves in coats and wellies as independently as possible. We can also access our Foundation Stage outdoor provision from here.



The Music Area

Creating the rock stars, composers and singers-in-the-shower of the future!



The Construction Zone
For developing our physical development, imagination, exploration of media and materials, speaking, listening and understanding, communication and collaboration with peers all while 'playing with a few blocks'...
The resources here go a long way in developing our Cubs!



The Carpet Space
Our carpet area offers us a comfortable space to enjoy adult led activities with the most up to date technology to support us.



The Writing and Mark Making Area
For developing our physical development, communication, language and Literacy skills. This is a great space for preparing our children to be Reception-ready writers



Our Snack Space
The children are encouraged to care for their own needs by helping themselves to a variety of healthy snacks, drinks, fruit and vegetables. It's a great place to chat with friends and become more independent!





The Paint, Chalk and Whiteboard Place

Generously donated to us by our PTA, this area allows us to develop our mark making skills as well as express ourselves artistically and through design. We're cultivating the next Picasso, Monet and Banksy here!



The Sand and Water Play Places

One of our most popular play places! The sand and water give the children opportunities to talk, construct, use their imaginations, make marks, measure, pour, build, design, offer opinions, discover, mix, develop fine and gross motor strength, have fun and so much more!



The Toilets

Our purpose built toilets allow the children to be independent in caring for their own needs, while allowing adults to support pupils in becoming self-sufficient in their health and self-care needs.





The Reading Area

With comfortable seating, story telling baskets and an ever changing selection of books, The Reading Area offers development in Literacy, communication and language, understanding the world and personal, social and emotional development.

The Malleable Area
For developing fine and gross motor strength, imagination, care with tools, design, communication and making really yummy play dough birthday cakes!



The Home Corner

Time for tea? The Home Corner offers opportunities to play all the things they've learnt at home, such as looking after families, cooking, solving problems, showing kindness and gratitude, making meals, taking on roles, making businesses (it's a 5* rated Café on Trip Advisor too!) and a place to explore food and money.



Other Information



- Parents whose children are accessing 30 hours nursery provision will need to pay £5 per week towards the cost of snack and the weekly additional 2 ½ hours of supervision. Snack will also be provided for children accessing 15 hours nursery provision at a cost of £2 per week. Both of these payments should be made in advance via Parentpay.
- Nursery uniform is a red school coat (which can be purchased from the school office) or any other suitable red coat, red sweatshirt, red polo top, black leggings or jogging bottoms and black shoes or wellies (any colour). During the summer term children may choose to wear shorts. If you wish to buy uniform with our school badges these can be purchased from M&S uniform online or Lisa's Schoolwear. It is VITAL that all items of their uniform have their name written on them. Please also ensure that your child has spare uniform (including socks and underwear) in school, along with a refillable water bottle.
- Please inform staff if your child has any medical needs – we are here to help! If your child is going to be absent, please inform school via the app or by telephoning the school office.
- Please sign and return all documents from your welcome pack by Friday 2nd July

Our Team



Mr L Anderson
Head Teacher



Mrs K Feeney
Cubs Teacher



Mrs J Monaghan
Cubs Teaching Assistant



Mrs L Harry
SENCo



Mrs J Henesy
Early Years Lead

Mrs M Woods
Cubs Teaching
Assistant



Miss R Sanders
Cubs Teacher/PPA
Cover



Mr K McCrystal
Business Manager



Mr M Revell
Learning Mentor

Our St Anne's Family

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our St Anne's family and cannot wait for our next chapter!



In the meantime, if you have any questions or require any support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.