

St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Primary School

New Reception Class intake 2024

Welcome!

Welcome to St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Primary School

- All about our school and our ethos
- Our curriculum and expectations
- Communication
- A day in Reception



Our staff at St John the Baptist RC Primary

Head teacher: Mrs Campbell

Assistant Head teachers: Miss McGuigan and Mrs Smillie

Class Teacher: Mrs Tillat

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Anwar and Mrs Boardman

SENDCO: Mrs Hickman

Pastoral Manager: Mrs Robinson

Business Manager: Mrs Malik



Starting Reception

- * Short, staggered intake
- * Settling in period
- * Initial observations, building relationships and establishing routines
- * Reception Baseline Assessment
- * Lots of fun – learning indoors and outdoors



What does your child need?

A warm coat and wellies

Blue jumper or cardigan

Grey trousers or shorts, skirt or dress

White polo shirt

Black school shoes

PE kit: Blue polo shirt and black joggers/leggings/shorts, trainers or pumps

Book bag

Lunch box (if on packed lunches)

Water bottle



How can we help?

Uniform recycling scheme:

Opportunities throughout the year to come into school for a chat and a cup of tea. At these events our parent governors will display all donated uniform for parents to take for their children.

Please bring unwanted uniform to school to exchange where possible.



We learn through play!

The seven areas of learning:

- * Communication and Language
- * Physical development
- * Personal, social and emotional development
- * Mathematics
- * Literacy
- * Understanding the world
- * Expressive arts



Our provision:

Short carpet sessions followed by learning in continuous provision:

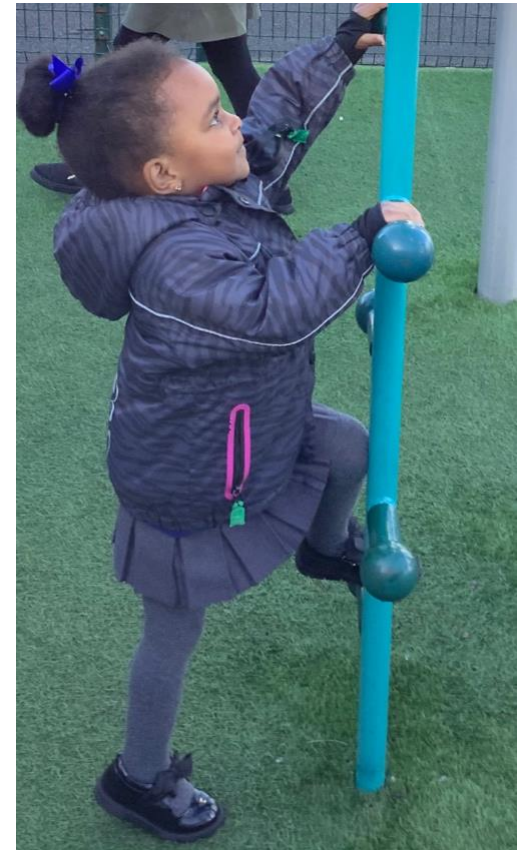
- * Sand
- * Water
- * Construction
- * Reading area
- * Writing
- * Painting
- * Roleplay
- * Home corner
- * Investigation area
- * Climbing frame
- * Creative area



How will you know how your child is getting on?

Drop off and pick up
Twitter [StJohnsRCRochEYFS](#)
Stay and play sessions
Curriculum workshops
Parents evenings
Reports
Tapestry

Make an appointment if
you want to discuss a concern.



Share your home learning with us!

Parents are the first educators and we would like you to share the activities and experiences that your child has at home, with us.

Tapestry gives you the ability to see what your child has learnt at school and comment on it. You can also share a photo or video of your child with Mrs Tillat and she can comment on it.

Mrs Tillat can see these interests and talk with your child, building on the learning and encouraging conversation and a shared enjoyment of their life outside of school.

It is lovely to see children counting the steps as they go to bed, choosing items in the supermarket to help with cooking tea or celebrating a birthday with family.



Examples of wonderful home learning that supports us in assessing your child against the Early Years Framework:

Understanding the world - reception

Understand some places are special to members of their community.

Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.



Examples of wonderful home learning that supports us in assessing your child against the Early Years Framework:

Expressive arts- reception

Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.



What do you need to do before your child starts in September?

Please don't worry about 'starting points' and being able to write names, know the alphabet or count to 100! We will meet your child where they are at.

These skills will help:

- Take their coat and shoes off independently
- Put their coat and shoes on independently
- Use the toilet independently
- Help to tidy up after themselves
- Recognise their name
- Share toys and equipment
- Take turns
- Sing some rhymes and songs
- Look at and enjoy books
- Talk about starting school and how much fun they will have!

