

Welcome to Reception at St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



Live and Learn as Friends of
Jesus

Staff

Miss Hockley
Class Teacher



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When will your child start in Reception Class?

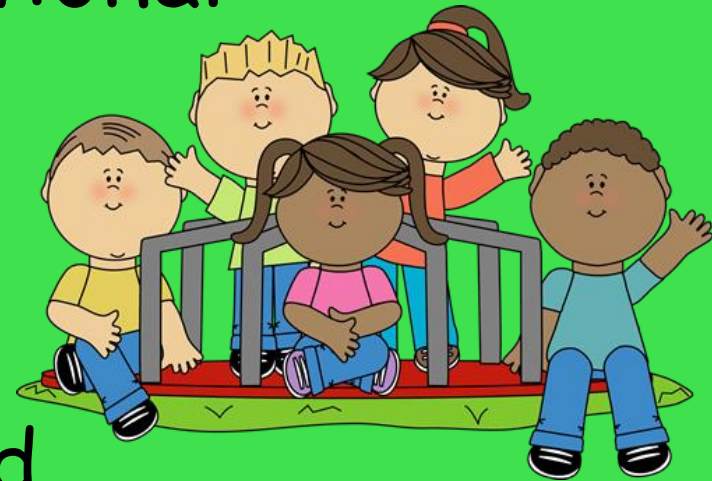
- All children start Reception in September, in the school year they turn 5.
- The first few weeks of September are staggered to support the children with their transition.
 - Day 1 & 2 of the school year, Miss Hockley has 1:1 meetings with the parents and children (the children will then start school on day 3).
 - The first week children go home at 12.
 - The second week, children stay for lunch and then go home at 1.
 - The third week, children start full time but parents do have the option to extend part time attendance.

Why is Reception class so important?

- The early years of education form the foundation for your child's school career.
- Children learn through play and learn to take the lead in becoming more independent as the year progresses.
- There is lots of time and focus in Reception to not only build on the academic education for the children but also the social and emotional side too.

Areas of Learning

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal Social & Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding The World
- Expressive Arts & Design



Our Classroom



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What does a typical day in Reception look like?

- Soft start mornings (arriving between 8.40am and 8.50am) free choice time.
- Registration.
- Morning focused activity (literacy, maths, RE etc.) on carpet and group work.
- Free choice time
- Snack and play time
- Phonics and free choice time
- Lunch time
- Afternoon focused activity (eg. Circle time, Ict, Welly Wednesday).
- Free choice time and 1:1 readers.
- Story time and home time (3.15pm)

Reception as part of the school community

- As we are a small school with a big community spirit, we encourage Reception to join in with the rest of the school in lots of areas.
- Reception attend assemblies and whole school masses with the rest of the school.
- Reception have their lunch in the school hall and have play time with year 1 and year 2.
- Reception take part in mixed groups with year 1 and year 2 in Welly Wednesday.
- Reception have year six buddies who support them throughout the school year.

Reception Class Trips

- Reception enjoy going to two big school trips and lots of little local trips throughout the year.

Shortenills Outdoor Learning Centre



Visit to St. Peter's Church



Trips to Riley Park



Blue Reef Aquarium Portsmouth



How Can I Prepare My Child For Starting School?

- Promote independence - getting changed independently, cutting up food etc.
- Toilet training
- Having good communication skills including good manners.

If your child can write their name or recognise numbers then that is a bonus but we do not expect children to come to school being able to do this!

Parents as Partners



At St. Peter's when we welcome a child, we welcome a family and believe firmly in parent partnership.

This is encouraged by:

- An open door policy
- Supporting your child with reading and phonics at home.
- Volunteers - helping in the classroom, trips, special events
- Sharing achievements at home with us through proud notes.
- Newsletters (whole school) and Reception Weekly News.

What Should My Child Bring to School?

- Named uniform
- Named book bag
- Named PE kit in a named bag
- Named coat
- Named snack
- Named refillable water bottle

Learning is sometimes messy!



- If your child goes home with a shirt like this it means they learnt or found out something new and had lots of fun doing it!