Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Reception Parents' Information
June 2026

St. Patrick's - Our Mission

Our school motto:

'Christ be within me' (The prayer of St. Patrick)

St. Patrick's school exists to share the faith with your child together with excellence in educational provision.

Many of you will be starting a journey with us, or continuing the partnership that began with your family some years ago, building on the strong school, home parish links.

We aim to work together to ensure that your child has the best start in life.

Research shows that those parents who are actively involved in their child's education from the very beginning have the best educational outcomes throughout their time in education.

We are highly aspirational for all the children of our school - as you are for your child.

The dreams we have for ourselves and our children are only a shadow of God's dreams for us.

The Reception Unit

St. Bernadette Class



St. Francis Class

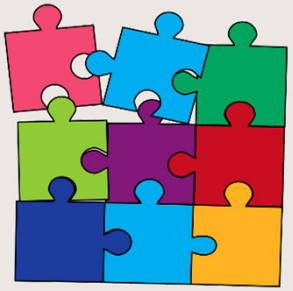


The Reception Year is in the Foundation Stage.

- 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 structured play and active learning.



The Curriculum



Based on the

'Development Matters'

Guidance from the Department of Education for children aged up to the age of five – the end of their reception year.

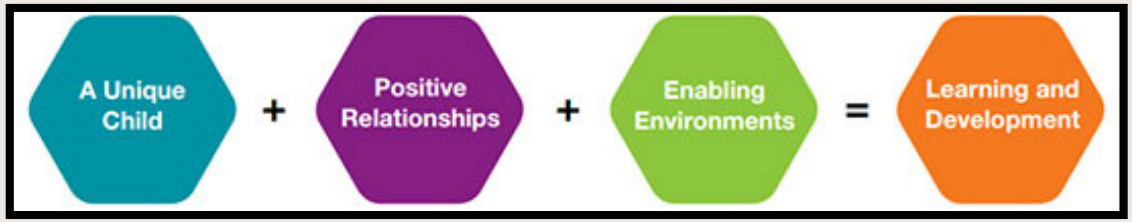
This Foundation Stage is based on 4 themes:

1 A Unique Child

2 Positive Relationships

3 Enabling Environments

4 Learning and Development



Within these themes there are three Prime areas, which support development in all other areas. They are:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development

2. Communication and Language

3. Physical Development



The themes also include Specific areas which include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society. They are:

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be learning to:



- become self-confident
- take an interest in things
- know what their own needs are



- dress and undress independently
- become independent
- tell the difference between right and wrong

Communication, Language & Literacy



The children will be learning to:

- Talk confidently and clearly
- Enjoy listening to stories, songs and poems
- Hear and say phonic sounds and link them to the alphabet
- Read and write familiar words
- Read simple texts with increasing confidence
- Learn to form the cursive alphabet
- Produce their own simple pieces of written work using their sounds and high frequency words



Mathematics

The children will be learning to:

- Develop an understanding of maths through stories, songs, games and imaginative play
- Become comfortable with numbers and with ideas such as 'heavier than' or 'bigger'
- Begin to problem solve using simple calculations of addition and subtraction
- Be aware of shapes and space



Understanding the World

The children will learn to:

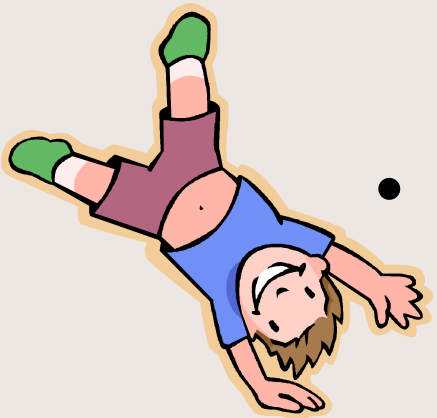
- Explore the natural world around them, and ask questions about it
- Find out about past events in their lives and their families' lives, enjoying family customs and celebrations
- Use age appropriate computer software and other IT equipment

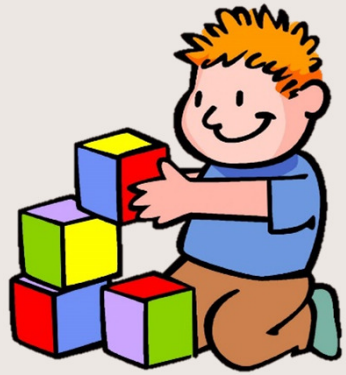


Physical Development

The children will be learning to:

- move confidently
- control their body
- handle equipment and tools



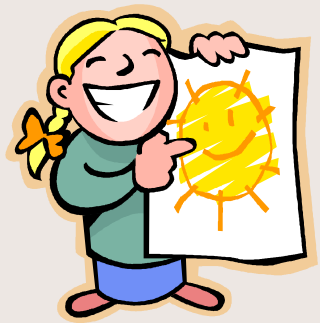


Expressive Arts and Design



The children will explore:

- Colours and shapes using a range of art materials
- Making things using a range of tools
- Role play imaginatively
- Make music and dance





How can I support my child with their learning?

- We are sure you do this already through talking to and reading stories to your child.
- In the autumn term, we will inform you more about our reading and phonics provision – we do not wish to bombard you with too much information just yet!



The first few weeks…

Your child will be settling in to the new setting and getting to know the routines of the day, particularly the new experiences of the reception unit and a larger playground.

Sometime in October, we will be holding a parents' evening, where you will be invited to discuss how your child has settled in to school and the progress they are making.



General Information

- School day: Children can come to school between 8:30am-8:50am, and collected between 3:00-3:20pm.
  (Punctuality is paramount to ensure an orderly start to the day.)
- The government is providing free school meals for all infant children.
- Or you can provide your child with a packed lunch clearly labeled with his/her name. Your choice must remain the same for ½ a term.
- A breakfast club and after school club are available.
  Please speak to the office for further information.





Medical Matters

•Any absence requires a telephone call before school or in the morning on the day of absence to provide an explanation. The office will call or text if notification is not received. The school cannot authorise absence for holidays.
(Absence is tracked by Greenwich and the DfE).

•Any sickness, diarrhoea, is usually followed by 24 hours absence.

•Prescribed medicines can be administered with written consent.

Uniform

Boys

A white shirt, school tie, **black** trousers, grey socks, green pullover jumper with school crest , and sensible black shoes (No black trainers or boots).

- For PE: Plain white T- shirt, black shorts, black sweat-shirt and black jogging bottoms.

Girls

A white blouse, school tie, green cardigan with school crest, bottle green skirt. White socks or green/black tights and sensible black shoes (No black trainers or boots).

- For PE: Plain white T- shirt, black shorts, black sweat-shirt and black jogging bottoms.

- Please provide your child with a black or navy school coat.

- No jewellery should be worn for health and safety reasons.

- School bags – you may wish to purchase a school book bag, or provide your child with a book bag that can fit A4 sized books.

Please see an example of the school's uniform



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Labels

- All the uniform looks the same- please label your child's clothes so that if they are mislaid they can be easily identified.



The New Term



The first day of school is on Thursday 3rd September.

- Children come to school at 9:15am.
- Children stay for lunch.
- Children are collected at 12:15pm.

- From Friday 4th September children are in school full-time.

And Finally…



- Please complete the enrolment forms.

- Re-use the envelope you received this pack in and post it into the black, school letterbox on Griffin Road (no stamp required).