



TO LEARN, TO LIVE, TO LOVE

Early Years Autumn term

Welcome to Early Years

2022/23

Hello parents/carers,

Welcome to Early Years! We are delighted to welcome you and your child into our school community. It is such an exciting time!

Early Years encompasses both Nursery and Reception classes.

This presentation is designed to give you some information about what happens in our Nursery and Reception classes. We hope that you will find it useful.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the year!

Kind regards

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Team



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Our mission statement

Corpus Christi Catholic School is a welcoming, vibrant and diverse community with the Christian values of respect, equality and love for all at its core.

We aim to nurture, motivate, educate and to inspire all children to become lifelong learners and to achieve the best that they can.

Following the example of Jesus, we uphold our school motto:

To Learn, To Live, To Love.

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Welcome to Early Years!

We have recently had a brand new, open plan EYFS area completed in school. The Nursery and Reception classes can all be found in the same corridor in school, maximising use of adults and resources.

Nursery

We have one Nursery class. We are delighted that most of our Nursery children are now able to join us for the full school day.

Reception

In Reception we have two classes. Class 1 and Class 2 which are situated next door to one another. We also have a shared area and children are allowed to play in both classes.

Playground

We have a wonderful outdoor space with resources that are designed to encourage active learning through play. We also have a chalet area which is an ideal space for children to use when they might require a more quieter and calmer atmosphere.



Nursery staff



Mrs L Powell
Class 1 Teacher
EYFS Phase Leader



Miss H. Morrison
Nursery Teacher



Miss N. Martin
Nursery Teacher



Mrs M. Channer
Teaching Assistant



Ms O. McCann
Teaching Assistant



Mrs C. Seddon
SENCO

Reception staff



Mrs L Powell
Class 1 Teacher
EYFS Phase Leader



Mrs S. Richter
Class 2 Teacher



Mrs C. Seddon
SENCO



Mr Johnson
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Fitzgerald
Teaching Assistant



Ms Khadija
Teaching Assistant

Key worker

Your child will also be assigned one of the adults in their 'Key worker' over the next term.



“A key person is a named member of staff with responsibilities for a small group of children who helps those children in the group feel safe and cared for. The role is an important one and an approach set out in the EYFS which is working successfully in settings and in Reception classes”. www.earlyyearsmatter.co.uk

Email



Miss Morrison and Miss Martin are the Nursery teachers
hmorrison@corpus-christi.org.uk **nmartin@corpus-christi.org.uk**

Mrs Powell is the Class 1 Teacher (Early Years Phase Leader)
lpowell@corpus-christi.org.uk

Mrs Richter is the Class 2 Teacher
srichter@corpus-christi.org.uk

Teachers aim to reply within 48 hours to your email. As you can appreciate, our time is dedicated to the children during school hours so it is not always possible to reply immediately. If there are last minute changes to collection time, please ring the office.

Parent and teacher correspondence



- For all absences, parent pay, uniform, medication etc. the best contact is the school office. You can telephone them or contact them on office@corpus-christi.org.uk
- If you want to mention something quickly to a member of staff you are welcome to do so at drop off in the morning or you can email your child's class teacher.
- If you need to speak to the teacher for a few minutes, you are welcome to do so at the end of the school day. However, please wait until all of the children have been released to their parents/ carers.
- If you need more than a few minutes of the teachers time, then please email them to make an appointment.



Class Google Site

Each Year group has a Google Site.

This site is used for:

- * Providing curriculum information and guidance relevant to each year group.
- * Displaying photos of our learning through the year. (Please do not share any photos on social media platforms.)
- * Class Prayers
- * GDPR permission

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Reception

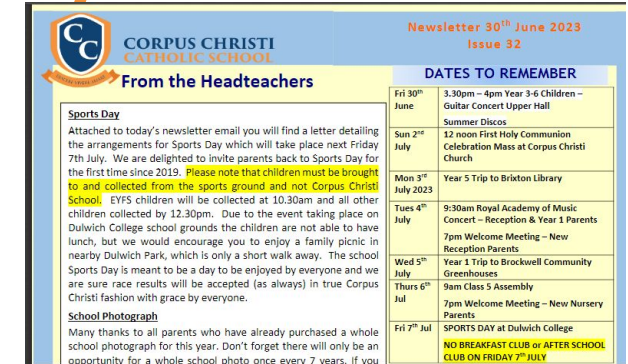
Welcome to Reception's webpage for the year 2021/22.
Here, you will be able to find A Day in Early Years, Home Learning, some
Journey, Phonics, Homework, Notices, Our Class Prayers and a



Parent Involvement in school life! (Whole School)

Our aim is to involve parents as much as possible through:

- **Weekly school newsletter** – posted on the school website
- every Friday and emailed
- **School website /Twitter/Instagram** – www.corpuschristischool.co.uk
@CCBrixton @corpus_christi_Brixton
- **Email/Group Messaging**. Many parents set up a Year group whatsapp group.
- **Termly Parents Evening** – a formal opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teacher.
- **End of year report** – parents receive this towards the end of the summer term. You can arrange a meeting to discuss it with your child's teacher if necessary.
- **PTA** - Please get involved!



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL		Newsletter 30 th June 2023 Issue 32	
From the Headteachers		DATES TO REMEMBER	
Sports Day Attached to today's newsletter email you will find a letter detailing the arrangements for Sports Day which will take place next Friday 7 th July. We are delighted to invite parents back to Sports Day for the first time since 2019. Please note that children must be brought to and collected from the sports ground and not Corpus Christi School. EYFS children will be collected at 10.30am and all other children collected by 12.30pm. Due to the event taking place on Dulwich College school grounds the children are not able to have lunch, but we would encourage you to enjoy a family picnic in nearby Dulwich Park, which is only a short walk away. The school Sports Day is meant to be a day to be enjoyed by everyone and we are sure race results will be accepted (as always) in true Corpus Christi fashion with grace by everyone.		Fri 30 th June	3.30pm – 4pm Year 3-6 Children – Guitar Concert Upper Hall Summer Discos
School Photograph Many thanks to all parents who have already purchased a whole school photograph for this year. Don't forget there will only be an opportunity for a whole school photo once every 7 years. If you		Sun 2 nd July	12 noon First Holy Communion Celebration Mass at Corpus Christi Church
		Mon 3 rd July 2023	Year 5 Trip to Brixton Library
		Tues 4 th July	9.30am Royal Academy of Music Concert – Reception & Year 1 Parents 7pm Welcome Meeting – New Reception Parents
		Wed 5 th July	Year 1 Trip to Brockwell Community Greenhouses
		Thurs 6 th Jul	9am Class 5 Assembly 7pm Welcome Meeting – New Nursery Parents
		Fri 7 th Jul	SPORTS DAY at Dulwich College NO BREAKFAST CLUB or AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON FRIDAY 7th JULY

Parent Involvement in school life! (EYFS)

Our aim is to involve parents as much as possible through:

- **Reception/Nursery newsletters** – sent home every week with information about topics and activities taking place.
- **Nursery/Reception Google pages**
- **Helping on EYFS trips/Craft day** – we take the children on lots of outings and are always grateful for adult support!
- **A Day in Early Years** - a chance for you to come and visit!
- **Mystery Reader** - parents are invited to sign up to come and read a story to the class. We will send details out when we start the scheme.



Nursery uniform:

Winter uniform:

Corpus Christi navy blue tracksuit

Corpus Christi light blue polo shirt

Plain white Velcro trainers/No logos/designs or laces

Corpus Christi Nursery Book Bag

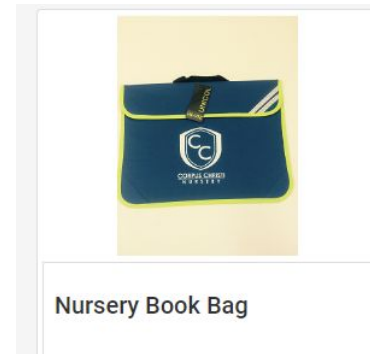
Any coat

Summer Uniform:

Navy blue shorts



**Nursery should
start in winter
uniform**



Nursery Book Bag



Morning drop-off

- Morning drop –off time is between **8:40am and 8:50am.**

If you arrive after this time, please take your child to the School Office and they will be taken into class. Your child will receive a late mark if they miss the gate closing (except for special circumstances.)

- EYFS drop off is at the black and wooden gate on Horsford Road.
- Nursery parents/carers may bring their children up to the large bi-fold doors.
- Reception parents/carers can bring their child into the playground, up to the chalet, where they can say goodbye from there.



Afternoon pick-up



Afternoon pick -up is at 3:15pm. The gate will open just before.

Adults are not allowed to enter the school building through any of the doors.

We kindly ask that parents do not gather at the door, but spread out across the playground. This really helps the staff to see everybody clearly.

We also have a daily update board for you to read about what has been happening that day.

The gates will be closed at 3:25pm. If you arrive after this time, please go to the School Office to collect your child.

We thank you in advance for your patience and support whilst we are dismissing the children. Our priority is that the children are collected safely by the correct adult. For this reason, it takes us a while to release the children each day.



What do we teach in Early Years?

In Nursery and Reception we follow
The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.
This is split up into 7 areas of learning:

Communication & Language
Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Physical Development
Literacy
Maths
Expressive Arts and Design
Understanding the World





Catholic Life and Religious Education



Phonics

We teach children to read using a synthetic phonics scheme.

Nursery:

Children work on developing their speaking and listening skills. This is known as Phase 1.

They focus on listening to environmental sounds and begin to introduce letter sounds in Summer term.

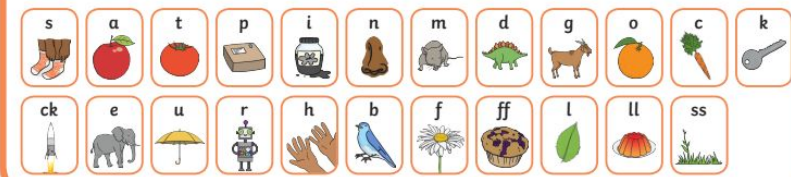
Reception:

They then learn digraphs (sh, ch etc.) and trigraphs (igh, air etc.) This is known as Phase 2 and Phase 3. We will then move onto Phase 4 in the Summer term.

Children are taught how to orally blend and segment words. When they are ready they begin to apply this to reading decodable words and eventually recording (writing) some.



Phase 2 Sounds



Phase 3 Sounds



Phase 4 Blends and Clusters



Reading

Please read to your child/ share books and rhymes as much as possible.

Reception:

Once the children have been taught most of the Phase 2 phonic sounds, they will begin to bring home 1 book per week. This will be sent home on a Monday.

Please share these books with your child and support them in reading them.

We will also send home some tricky words (non decodable words) for your child to practise.



I no to the go into

He she we me be you are her was all they my



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Ballet/ PE

Ballet:

Children do not need to wear their PE kit for this.

PE:

Both Nursery and Reception classes have PE on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit every **Thursday**.

The PE kit for Reception children is:

A navy blue tracksuit

A white t-shirt with the school crest

Any socks

Any trainers



Homework activities

The children in Nursery and Reception will bring home an home/school book.

Some weeks, your child's class teacher will send home a practical activity for your child to complete at home with you. These simple activities are based on what the children have been learning during that week. It is not essential for your child to complete these, although they tend to really enjoy it.

In the book we encourage parents/ carers to make comments/ stick in photos/ drawings to show what the child has enjoyed about the activity/ has been able to do.



Self Care Skills

Please help your child to:

- Dress and undress independently, including shoes and socks.
- Practise putting on coats.
- Use the toilet independently.
- Feed themselves independently and use cutlery.
- Recognise their name on their water bottle.





Important dates

Welcome to EYFS day!

Parents are invited to a morning or afternoon session to come and play and observe the learning that takes place! This usually takes place Mid-October.

Nativities – These will take place early/mid December.

Christmas Craft morning - Usually in the last week before the Christmas holidays.



In addition, children in Nursery and Reception have a weekly PE lesson with a specialist sports coach. There will also be ballet lessons during part of the year.

Children in Reception also take part in a music programme with the Royal Academy of Music (weekly lesson).



WHO SHOULD I SPEAK TO ?

This is a guide to show parents and carers who to consult with if you have any questions about your child's education or well being at Corpus Christi

Class Teacher

In the first instance you should ask your child's class teacher about queries such as homework, school work, friendships or progress matters



Middle Leadership Team

If matters, including English and maths learning, cannot be resolved at class based level then you can contact the Phase Group Leader who can organise further support within the phase group. Pastoral and foundation curriculum matters can be addressed with Mr Calvey and Mrs Seddon.



Assistant Headteacher

Issues relating to member of staff or concerns about the wellbeing and safeguarding of your child or other children in the Juniors and infants need to be discussed with the Assistant Headteachers.



Co- Headteacher

The Co-Headteachers can be contacted if you have personal, financial or confidential matters to discuss. More serious concerns relating to the wellbeing and safeguarding of your child or other children will be referred to the Co-Headteachers.



School Business Manager and Chair of Governors

You can email the School Business Manager with issues relating to school admissions, free school meals entitlement and payment of services. The chair of Governors can be contacted regarding serious issues that cannot be resolved by the Co-Headteachers.

Uniform requirements

You can purchase your child's school uniform online at home through the school website.

Some items can be purchased from High

Street stores.

PLEASE!

- Label all items
- Sensible haircuts, hair tied back, and only blue and white hair accessories
- No jewellery please
(plain round studs in silver/gold are fine)



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Uniform: Summer

Girls:

- Light blue and white summer dress
- straw hat
- white/navy socks only (no tights)

Boys:

- Grey shorts
- Grey socks

Both:

- A sun hat in the colour of their house (which is on the packs).



Most of our teaching in Nursery and Reception is through play.

Nursery and Reception days consist of short teaching sessions on the carpet, followed by free play when children can choose to engage with a range of carefully planned and resourced play activities.



Both Nursery and Reception work on topics, although in accordance with the new curriculum, much of the learning that takes part is child led and initiated.

Each day, children in Reception will have a phonics input, a maths input and one other (topic dependent).

At the end of each week, your child's class teacher will send you an email to let you know what the learning focus' have been and how you can support your child at home.

Please make sure that the school office has an up to date email address for you, so that this information always reaches you.

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Reception uniform: Winter

- Navy school coat
- Mid blue blouse/shirt
- School tie
- School jumper
- Navy blue blazer with school badge
- Black/navy shoes (with child friendly fastenings – no laces please)

Girls

- Navy blue pinafore or skirt
- White socks/navy blue tights

- Felt hat

Boys

- Grey trouser
- School socks
- School cap

You won't need to purchase your child's book bag.





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