



Welcome to Hardwick Green Primary Academy



Nursery 2020/21



Hello!

I am Mrs Gorman. I will be your teacher in Nursery.

I love going for walks outside, reading books and playing games with my little boy, Alfie. My favourite thing to learn about is maths.





Hello!

I am Mrs Wood. I am the
Higher Level Teaching
Assistant in Nursery.
I will also be helping you
with your learning.

Leadership Team



Mr Matthews
Early Years Lead



Mr Story
Principal



Mr Jones
Assistant Principal



Mrs White
SENDCo



Miss Howarth
Specialist
Safeguarding Officer



Our school values



Mission Statement: The academy will endeavour to raise the achievement and aspirations of every child.

S

Success: Children's resilience and hunger for learning leads to celebrated success.

M

Motivation: Children are motivated to meet the challenge and high expectations in learning through dynamic engagement.

A

Ambition: We have the highest expectations of ourselves and others, and foster self-belief and pride in our community.

R

Respect: We are polite, kind, tolerant of others and show empathy for all members of the community.

T

Trust: The Hardwick Green family work as a team with honesty, respect, loyalty and effective communication.

Our day at Nursery

Start and end times
Entry and exit

The morning session begins at 8:40am and ends at 11:40am. If you arrive after 8:55am you will need to enter from the school office. Gates for pick-up opens from 11:30am.

The afternoon session begins at 12:15pm and ends at 3:15pm. If you arrive after 12:30pm you will need to enter from the school office. Gates for pick-up opens from 3:00pm

For families accessing the funded 30 hours provision we can discuss your individual start and finish times.

Please use the gate next to the staff car park.



Learning through play

"Most of what children need to learn during their early childhood years cannot be taught: it's discovered through play" - Ruth Wilson

There is no such thing as 'just play'! There is overwhelming research that shows children learn best when they play and engage with activities that interest them. Our highly skilled team provide a learning environment that enables children to explore, create, experiment and play! Our resources, equipment and activities are all set up in a way that meets the developmental needs of each child. Our staff will regularly play with the children because it is our skilled questioning and support that helps them to progress.

Throughout each day the children will play independently, in groups, with an adult, at a table, on the floor, writing in a book, writing in the mud! We encourage all of our parents to play with their children at home too. You will be amazed at what children are capable of when we meet them at their level.



What will my child learn in Nursery?

There are 7 key areas of learning for young children which will be developed in Nursery. You can also help develop these areas at home!



Communication & Language

Listening to others, understanding instructions and speaking effectively.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Playing with others, being confident and managing feelings.



Maths

Counting, understanding number, shapes and measures.



Expressive Arts & Design

Using different materials, constructing and being imaginative.



Physical Development

Using our bodies, fine motor skills and looking after ourselves.



Literacy

Talking about stories and rhymes and making marks.



Understanding the World

Talk about our families, the world around us and using technology.

School uniform in Nursery

In Nursery we learn through play and sometimes that can get a little messy! We are also active all day! My recommendation is that you dress your child in a yellow school t-shirt and green jumper or cardigan and either black jogging bottoms or leggings (no jeans please). Plain black trainers or plimsolls are also a great idea to allow your children to be comfortable and active. However, please ensure that these have velcro fastening, not laces.

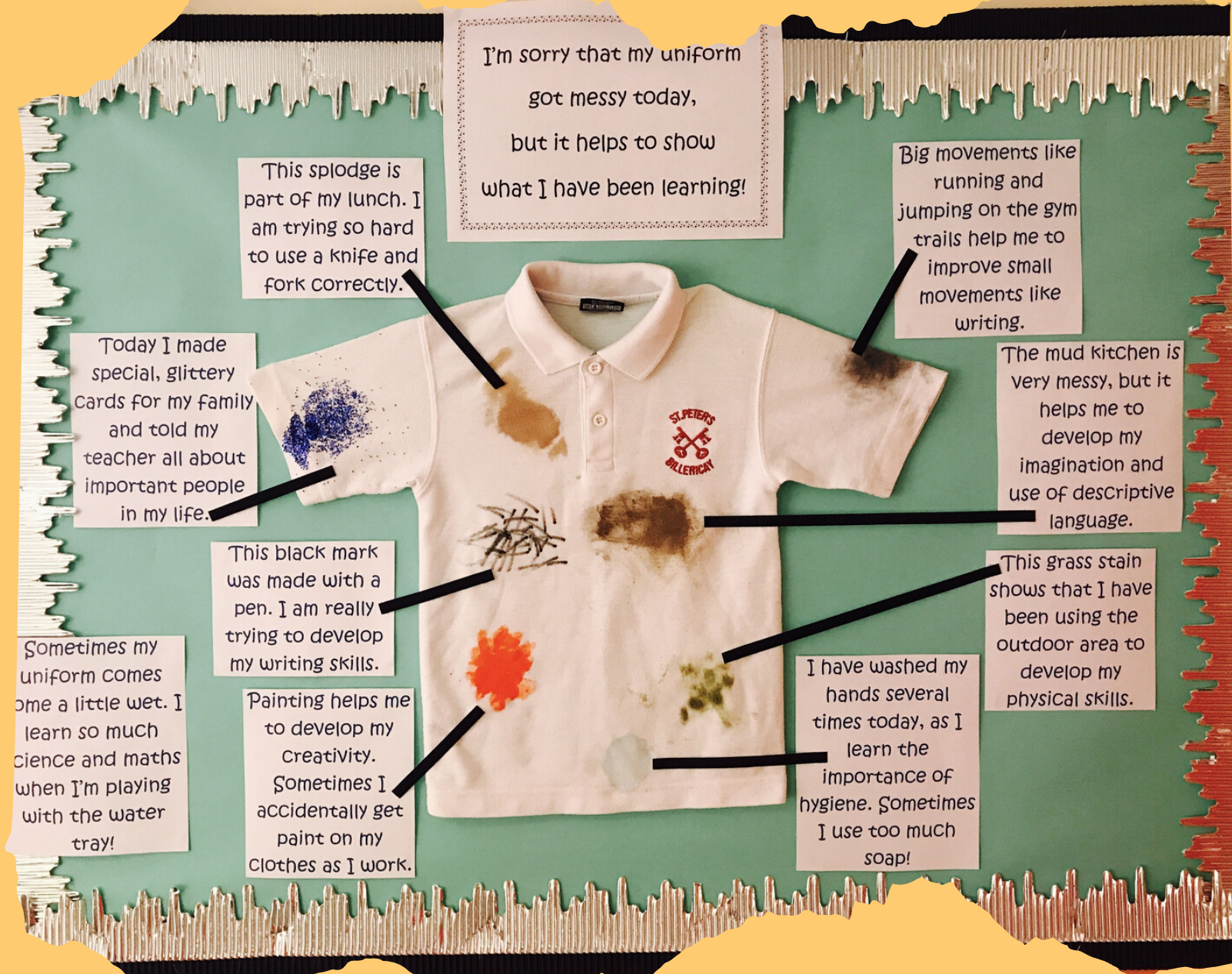
As we will be going outside no matter the weather please can you also provide your child with a pair of wellies that can stay in school and a coat or jacket each day. Don't forget gloves, hat and scarves in the winter too. Please also apply sun cream on sunny days.

Please can you name label all of your children's clothes!



An extra note about uniforms

Your child will probably often come home from Nursery with messy uniform but that's ok! It's a diary of that day's learning. For example, if their t-shirt is covered in whiteboard pen or chalk you know they've been trying hard with their pencil grip and mark making. If they have paint or glue on their clothes they have been developing their creativity and using different materials. If they grass stains on their trousers then that shows that they have been active and improving their physical development.



When will my child start Nursery?

Your child can start Nursery as soon as they turn 3. If your child has already turned 3 and you're waiting for them to start in our Nursery we will begin a gradual entry from **Thursday 3rd September 2020**. I will get in touch with you in July to arrange a meeting and give you your child's start date.

Please note this will depend on current government guidance.

What can I do to prepare my child for Nursery?

There are lots of things you can begin to do now to give your child the best possible start in Nursery.

1

Encourage independence

Encourage your child to independently go to the toilet and put on their shoes and coat. It's also a great idea to teach them how to ask an adult for help if they need it.

2

Develop their communication

Practise greetings, simple questions (such as 'May I go to the toilet?') and have lots of conversations. Giving your child time to talk – and also time when they have to listen – teaches vital speaking and listening skills

3

Talk to your child about Nursery

Talk about what will happen and what to expect at school. You could encourage them play schools or pretend their favourite doll or teddy is starting school. Talk about how much fun Nursery is and all the things they have to look forward to! You could watch video clips such as Woolly and Tig - First Day at Nursery School on CBeebies.



Keeping in touch



We use a brilliant app called **Class Dojo**, which you can download on your smart phone. Once your child starts in our Nursery I will be able to give you a code for your own login. Through this app we can both add photographs to your child's portfolio and send messages to each other. I can also communicate key dates and other important information to you.



I also regularly post photos on my class **Twitter** account **@MrsGormanHGPA**. If you would like us to **not** post any photos of your child on Twitter then please indicate so on your consent form or let the school office know.

We also have regular Stay & Play sessions where you can come into Nursery and play alongside your child in our setting.

30 hours funded nursery places

All children are entitled to 15 hours free nursery care. However, some working families are eligible for 30 hours funded places which we now offer at Hardwick Green Primary Academy. Find out if you are eligible at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



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30 hours funded places
for 3 & 4 year olds

AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

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