

SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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EYFS Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2026 Reception Class

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to SS John and Monica's. We hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable summer. In this letter you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this term. Please find opportunities to support your child's learning by doing additional research on any new topics.

RE	In RE lessons, the children will be learning: • The Story of Creation and learning that the natural world is a gift, entrusted to us because God cares for us. • God creates every person uniquely and lovingly and we are all capable of kindness. • The Sacrament of Baptism – being welcomed into God's family. • Important early Christian practices. The sign of the cross is presented as a formal, respectful way to begin and end prayer, helping children understand that speaking to God is something special. The children will also be learning our School Mission Statement and exploring the lives of Saints.
English	Comprehension: The children will be learning to listen and join in with stories and poems. They will begin to talk about events and characters in stories and make simple suggestions about how a story might end. Reading: The children will become increasingly confident in the following areas of reading: • Linking sounds to letters by hearing and saying the initial sounds in words. • Sounding out simple words <u>Please send your child's bookbag to school every day.</u> Writing: The children will be practicing correct letter formation and writing the letter to represent the sounds they hear. They will begin to write some simple words including their full name.
Math	Number: The children will be covering the following topics: • Counting objects, actions and sounds. • Subitising (recognising quantities without needing to count). • Beginning to automatically recall some simple number bonds. Numerical Patterns: The children will be covering the following topics: • Comparing quantities, recognising quantities as greater than, less than and equal. • Recognising one more and one less. The children will also begin to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measure.
Communication & Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding: The children will be learning to listen attentively in a range of situations, responding to instructions involving a two-part sequence and joining in with small group discussions.

	Speaking: The children will be encouraged to retell simple past events and use full sentences to share thoughts and ideas.
Personal, Emotional and Social Development	The children will develop their sense of belonging, seeing themselves as valuable members of our school. Pupils will be encouraged to initiate conversations, speak about their needs, wants, interests and opinions and ask questions. Children will also be learning that their own actions affect other people.
PE	The children will have P.E every Tuesday and Wednesday . The children will need to ensure that they come to school in full school uniform as they will get changed in class. The correct P.E kit includes black shorts, yellow/white T-shirt and black pumps. Please label each item clearly with your child's name. PE kits will remain in school for the term. Our focus this term will be gymnastics and dance. Through our PE sessions, children will learn to negotiate space, adjusting speed and direction.
Understanding The World	Past and Present / People, Culture and Communities Our Autumn topic will be 'All About Me' and will involve work related to: • Families & Homes • My Feelings / Likes and Dislikes • Growing and changing We will also celebrate significant days in our academic calendar e.g. Diwali, Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night.
Expressive Arts and Design	Children will be learning to create with a range of techniques and materials. They will explore colour and study the work of Piet Mondrian.

Homework	Reading: Children will have reading books sent home, these will be changed when your child is familiar with the story and confident to discuss the characters and events. Please continue to bring your child's book bag and reading book to school every day. Please comment when your child has read via Boom Reader.
Attendance and Punctuality	We have a school target of 97% for pupils in Rec– 6. It is very important that your child attends school every day. Pupils with an attendance level of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and parents will be invited into school to discuss reasons for persistent absence. School starts at 8.40am and ends at 3:20pm . If there is cause for concern about your child's punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter.
Other Information	Reception Reading Meeting: Monday 21st September at 2:45pm Parents Consultation: Tuesday 13 th and Wednesday 14 th October - invite link to follow Reception Phonics Workshop: Wednesday 11 th November 9.15am Rec/KS1 Theatre Visit: Friday 4 th December Rec/KS1 Nativity: Tuesday 15 th December 9.15am More information to follow.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Parveen (Learning Support Assistant)