



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

"Loving God in all we do"

Welcome to our Nursery



How to get your child ready for Nursery. Encourage your child to have a go!

- Develop self-help skills by encouraging your child to take off and put on their own jumper and coat. Support your child in doing up zips, buttons and poppers; we understand that these can be tricky so make it fun by dressing up toys in old clothes. Encourage your child to take their shoes and socks on and off. Do not wait until the first day - give them time to practice.
- Support your child in getting to the toilet in time, wiping themselves, flushing the toilet and washing their hands. Sometimes children are so involved in play that accidents do happen. Please talk to your child about what to do if an accident happens, reassuring them and telling them to tell an adult.
- Encourage your child to blow their nose themselves, bin the tissue and washing their hands. If reinforced at home and Nursery this will become the norm and your child will develop a healthy routine.
- Encourage your child to use a knife and fork or a spoon to eat their meals. Sit with them for meal times and eat your meal. Support your child to be independent eating. Teach your child to communicate their needs
- Talk to your child without distractions from the TV, radio or tablet. Talk about shared experiences that you have enjoyed such as visits, shopping trips, or things you have seen. Talk about what you see, hear, smell, touch, taste.
- Sing songs and rhymes together to develop their vocabulary.
- Recognise and talk through your child's feelings and different emotions, this will help them to understand and communicate how they are feeling with staff.
- It is important for children to listen and follow instructions at nursery, these can be enhanced at home by playing games such as snap and giving simple instructions e.g. hang your coat up and wash your hands. Feeling safe and secure in the new environment
- Talk to your child about the routine and the staff in the Nursery
- Your child will have a peg with their photo and name on for their coat, therefore it would be helpful for your child to begin to recognise their own name. To reinforce this you could put a name card on the fridge or play a treasure hunt game; finding name cards around the house. Be healthy, active, friendly and helpful
- Visit the library regularly. Find books that relate to places you have been or things you have been talking about with your child. Look for a notice board for activities on in your local area.
- Arrange play dates with other parents and their children. Encouraging sharing, socialising and turn taking.

Most importantly..... play, play, play, play, play, play, play!

Your child's first days

On your child's first day, please bring them straight over to the Nursery Class where they will be greeted by the staff team. Your child will be supported in hanging up their coat on their peg and putting their water bottle away.

Please complete the 'All about me' form, this will enable us to have a clear picture of your child's likes, dislikes and interests.

What to bring with your child

Your child will need to come dressed in the St Anne's Nursery uniform (see the uniform list for full details).

They will need to bring:

- A coat/raincoat (dependent on weather)
- Water bottle
- Wellington boots / Puddle suit
- PE shoes/trainers
- Spare set of uniform (if your child has toileting accidents)
- Sun hat (dependent on weather)

Key Persons and your child

Our setting uses a key person approach. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom she/he is responsible. Along with the Nursery Manager your child's key person will be the person who works with you to make sure that what we provide is right for your child's particular needs and interests. When your child first starts at the setting, she/he will help your child to settle and throughout your child's time at the setting, she/he will help your child to benefit from the setting's activities.

The Nursery Day

The daily routine

The following is our Nursery daily routine. Occasionally this can change due to opportunities that arise for the children to take part in.

7:45-8:45 Breakfast Club- Please be aware that you do need to book onto the Breakfast club.

8.45 Session Arrival and Registration

8:50 Free-Flow Play. During this time your child will explore the indoor and outdoor environment and free-flow snack.

10:30-10:45 Small Group Time with Bug Club Phonics

10.45 -11:15 Outdoor Gross Motor Development/play

11:25-11-30 Collective Worship

11:30-11:45 Story and Nursery Rhyme of the Week.

End of Morning Session (unless staying for lunch)

11:45-12:30 Lunch Time

12.30 Afternoon Session Begins/ Free-Flow Play During this time your child will explore the indoor and outdoor environment

14.15-14:30 Small Group Time Mathematics

14:30-15:00 Outdoor Gross Motor Development/play

15:00 - 15:30 Story and Nursery Rhyme of the Week.

15.30 Home Time

15:30-18:00 After School Care- Please be aware that you do need to book into the After School Care.

The weekly timetable

During the week the Nursery children participate in PE, you will be informed of the timetable during the first week of the autumn term.

And finally ...

- Please name ALL your child's clothes!
- Please send photographs of your child with their family so we can prepare our family boards.
- We love to hear about what your child's interests are at home so we can incorporate their interests in the Nursery environment.
- Please email any photos of special occasions, achievements, and family outings. Your child will discuss these with their friends during circle time.
- If you have any concerns or questions about anything please do not hesitate to ask email the Nursery