

Welcome to Maple Class
Meet the Teacher
2026/2027





Our School Mission Statement



We all work together
to do our best to shine with God's love, and success
in a happy, peaceful and prayerful place where everyone tries
to be kind, helpful and caring.

Vision

By reflecting the principles of the Catholic Faith, we at St. Maria Goretti aim to celebrate the uniqueness of each child and through high expectations enable all our children to reach their full potential and become happy, confident and successful individuals.



Our Class Vision



In Maple class, we want our children to be happy, creative, imaginative and develop into independent learners, who have a love and passion for all their learning.

Miss Martin - Every day

Year 1 - Our Maple Class team...



Mrs Towers (Teaching Assistant)- Every day

Miss Hawkins (Teaching Assistant)- Every morning

Mrs Singh Hawkins (Teaching Assistant)- 3 afternoons

Our class page on the school website contains our curriculum overview for the year.

Each half term a more detailed plan will be added.

Photographs will also be added, I will send a dojo when I add photos.

Our learning in Maple Class.



Key Information

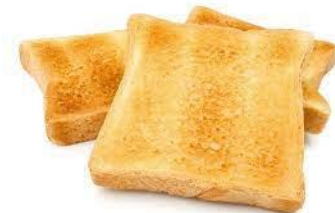
PE day is a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure all clothing is named.



Water bottles should be sent into school every day. These need to be filled up in the morning BEFORE school has started.



Toast can be bought for 30p a day. Please send this into school in a labelled envelope. It is easier to bring £1.50 for the week or you may pay for the whole term.



Supporting your child at home

We don't send formal homework each week in Maple class.



Your child will be learning new phonics each week and these will be reflected in the reading books they are sent home. Please ensure you read with your child EVERYDAY. If your child is reluctant, start with just one page a day and slowly up this.

Tricky words or common exception words - will be sent home for your child to learn. Every week have a look at these words with your child and see if they can read and write them. This should be achieved by the summer.

Please take a copy of the Common Exception words before you leave.

Year 1 Common Exception Words			
the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our
	we		



Reading in Maple Class

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



Reading is taught in many different ways in school. We have whole class shared reading, guided reading and class stories. Reading is also taught through other curriculum subjects.

Please read with your child **EVERY DAY**. This 1:1 time each day is so important.

Top tips for helping your children become readers

Take time to enjoy books and stories with your children. Not only will it help them improve their reading but it is a great opportunity to enjoy time together. Opening a book is like beginning an adventure – you never know what you might find inside.

1. **Talk with your children** as you play, shop or work around the house. Listen to what they say. Ask questions. Point out letters and words that they see all around them – read street signs, cereal boxes or words in the street.
2. **Go to the library together.** Ask the librarian for help in finding books your children will enjoy. Why not let your child join the library and have their own library card?
3. **Find out what books your children enjoy.** Do they like animals, sports or magic? Surprise them with books or magazines about their favourite interests or activities.
4. **Keep books, magazines and newspapers around your home** so you and your children will always have something to read.
5. **Read to your children.** Try to read to them at the same time every day. Bedtime is a great time to share a story. Why not let your child choose the story? Your child is never too old to enjoy a good story – keep reading to them even when they can read themselves.



Introduce your children to different types of books; classic fiction, chapter books, short stories, joke books, poetry, non-fiction.



Read slowly, with expression. Try using different and funny voices for characters.



Follow the words and read the story using the pictures.



As your child becomes more confident take it in turns to read.



Talk about the books, ask questions about what might happen next or what part did they enjoy the most.



Praise your child – tell them how well they're doing and they'll want to read more.

RE in Maple Class

Autumn Term

Creation and Covenant
Prophecy and Promise

Spring Term

Jerusalem to Galilee
From Desert to Garden

Summer Term

To the Ends of The Earth
Dialogue and Encounter

SMG Golden Behaviour Rules



Is it caring?

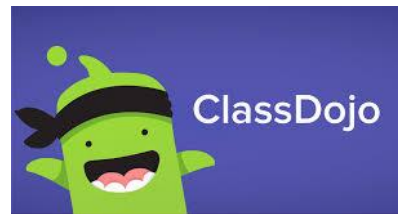
Is it Safe?

Is it my best?



Rewards

We love to reward children in this school for putting effort into their work, being polite and helpful, having lovely manners and for being exceptionally behaved.



Attendance and punctuality

School starts at 8:40 but children can arrive from 8:30. It is so important that children are in school and on time every day. If they miss days or are late for school, they will miss vital learning. If your child is ill, please ring the office to inform them of why they are absent. Otherwise, the absence will be unauthorised. Do not just send a dojo this is not reporting an absence.



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Class Communication



Our main means of communicating with parents will be on Class Dojo. Please check your Dojo regularly. If you need to speak to me, please send a message and I will try to reply as soon as possible. I will not reply to Dojo messages after 5.30pm or at the weekend. Please try and keep Dojo a positive means of communication.

I love when the children use their learning at home. If your child does any home learning please send me photos, if your child asks you to, so this can be celebrated back in class.