

Welcome to St Maria Gorreti

New Parents Meeting 2024



Aims of today

- To help your child make the best possible start to school.
- To help you to understand the curriculum that your child will be covering in the reception class.
- To identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in school.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

Reception Staff

- Mrs Sergeant
Beech Class Teacher
- Mrs McCallion TA
- Miss Anderton TA
- Miss Aristidou TA

Three prime areas of learning and development

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Four specific areas of learning and development

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Learning Together

- There are 3 sessions available- every child is invited to all 3 sessions
- They will take place on Wednesday afternoons 1pm-2.30pm
- Dates- 26/06, 3/7 and 10/7

Learning Together

- 1pm- Arrive and drop your child off
- Registration and singing
- Activities - inside and outside/ end with a story
- 2.30pm collect children -please wait by the outside gate- the gate will be opened and you can walk up to the classroom gate where you will collect your child.

A typical morning in Reception...

- 8.30am Come in, move picture card, hang coat up and do some morning fine motor activities.
- 8.45am Register and lunch choices
- 9.00am Phonics/ Own Learning and adult focused tasks (inside and outside)
- 10.00am Assemblies/ Prayer and Liturgy (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
- 11.15am Maths
- 11.30am Toilet/ wash hands ready for lunch
- 11.45am Lunch

A typical afternoon in Reception...

12.45 Register and teacher input- topic/ RE

13.20- 14.30 Own Learning and adult focused tasks
(inside and outside) Thursday- PE

14.30-14.45 Story time

14.45 Getting ready for home time/ poem

15.10 Home time

Reception Learning is not always clean! Please be understanding!

School Lunches



The first few weeks

School starts on Wednesday 4th
September

We will find out what the children
already know and can do
and use this information to help us develop our
planning.

We spend lots of our time talking to the children
about what they are learning. We will record 'Wow'
moments and work on the children's 'Next Steps'.

You will be invited to discuss
how your child has settled in
and their progress so far at
parents evening.

The first couple of weeks

Dojo- We use Class Dojo to send you any messages/ reminders, 'Wow' moments.

We will get you set up on Class Dojo ASAP. You will receive an invite from them to download the app.

- We encourage you to send us in any 'wow' moments from home/ special thing's your child has done/ celebrated. We love to look at these pictures/ videos in class with the children.



ClassDojo

Parent Pay

Parent Pay is schools system of collecting any money from you- You will need to use parent pay to pay for any educational visits.

It is much better to get set up early rather than waiting until you need to pay for something.

When you receive you Parent Pay letter, you will be able to set up your account.



Medical Matters

- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hours absence.
- Any absence requires a telephone call before 9.30 to the office explaining why. You are welcome to send a message on Dojo to let myself know as well.

Attendance

- Please ensure your child is in school on time. School opens at 8:30am and registration is at 8:40am. We begin our learning as soon as your child walks through the door.
- It is important your child is in school on time and in school everyday.
- If your child has any appointments please let us know- try to make any appointments outside of school hours if possible.

Other matters

- PE kit
- shorts/ joggers, yellow school t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers
- Blue school PE bag
- All named please!

Other matters

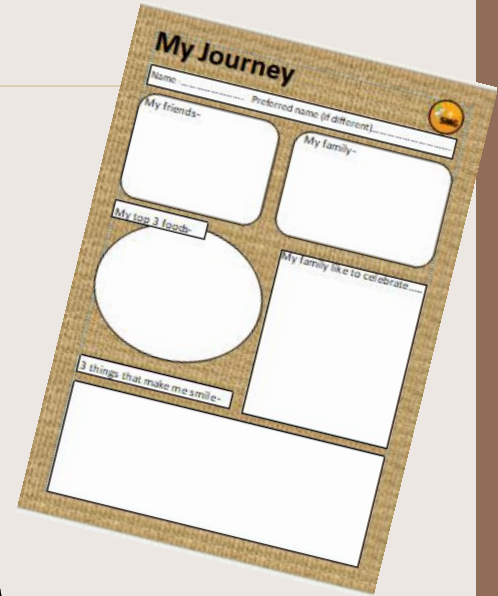
- St Maria Goretti School P.T.A
- School Family support worker- Mrs Barton
- Breakfast Club- £3.50 per morning

What does my child need at school?

- **Coat**- can leave a water proof coat at school if you wish
- **Wellies**- please leave these in school
- **Book bag**- please bring everyday so letters, library and reading books can be transported safely
- **Water bottle**- Please do not leave in your child's book bag
- **Please ensure each item is clearly named**

What can I do to help my child ?

- Putting on and zipping up coats
- Toileting
- Counting/number recognition
- Read lots of stories and poems
- Enjoy the summer- walks on the beach/ in the woods/ garden etc
- Lots of back and forth conversations
- Fill in their 'my journey' sheet together



Please name all of their
uniform!

And Finally...

- Thank you for joining us today!
- If you have any worries or concerns please come in and see us and we will do our best to help you 😊
- I will add this power point and any other information to the website.
- We look forward to meeting your children on the 26th!