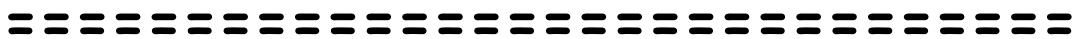


St. Matthew's Nursery

Nursery: Cuttle Street, Preston

Telephone: 01772-790976



School: New Hall Lane, Preston

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Welcome

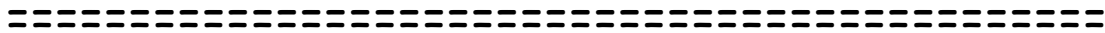
Hello, we would like to welcome you and your child to St. Matthew's Nursery.

Your child's first day at Nursery will be

The session will start at _____

It will finish at _____

We look forward to seeing you then.



Settling In

We are sure your child will be very happy and enjoy their time at our nursery. We aim to provide a safe, happy, caring and stimulating environment.

Mission Statement

St, Matthew's C.E. Primary School is dedicated to providing an education which enables every child to fulfil his/her best potential.

It seeks to promote academic, emotional, physical and spiritual growth in a Christian environment, welcoming children drawn from diverse cultures.

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Members of staff

Headteacher:	Mr M Mackley
Deputy Headteacher:	Mrs L Walton
Assistant Headteachers:	Mrs N Shaikh (KS1) Mrs S Bryden (KS2)
Nursery Teacher:	Mrs N Naik
Chair of Governors:	Mr James Atkinson

Nursery Aims

1. To provide a happy, caring and secure environment in which each child will be encouraged to develop at their own pace.
2. To encourage independence and a sense of responsibility.
3. To help children to develop social skills e.g. taking turns; sharing, caring for each other, good manners etc.
4. To teach early Literacy and Numeracy skills.
5. To encourage and develop creativity through providing a wide range of activities - music, art, dance and drama.
6. To encourage physical activities through play on large apparatus' P.E. sessions, outdoor play etc.
7. To encourage parents to become involved in their child's learning.

8. To encourage an understanding of the cultures of others.

9. To offer the same opportunities to all children regardless of gender, background or needs.

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Home visits and starting Nursery

You will have already had a visit from the nursery teacher at home. However, if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us at nursery.

It is very important that your child settles happily at nursery. They may feel anxious at first and need you to stay with them. Sometimes at first they may need to stay for a shorter session. Even if your child is upset please bring them everyday as this will help them settle and get them used to nursery routines.

We will work with you and do all we can to ensure you and your child feel happy and confident.

Snacks

Each child receives a small carton of milk and some fresh fruit each day. Please do not send sweets or crisps as they do not need these in nursery.

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Session Times

Mornings: Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 12.00 noon
(doors open at 8.55am)

Afternoons: Monday - Friday 12.10 pm - 3.10 pm.

Please make sure you arrive on time for each session. It is very important that you pick your child up on time at the end of the session.

Your child must be brought to nursery and collected by a named responsible adult.

It is very important to let the Nursery staff know if anyone other than the named person will be picking your child up from Nursery.

If there is a problem, ring Nursery on 01772-790976

Nursery Fund

There is no charge for Nursery; however, we do ask parents to make a small contribution of £1.00 per week, which will be collected each Monday.

These contributions help to buy the following:

1. Snacks and cooking ingredients
2. Special art/craft materials
3. Presents and food for parties and festivals
4. Additional resources to support our work in nursery.

Illnesses and Accidents

Please keep children at home if they are ill.

In the case of sickness and diarrhoea, children should not come back to nursery until they have been "clear" for 24 hours as germs can spread very quickly amongst very young children.

It is very important that we are aware of any relevant issues concerning your child's health e.g. asthma, allergies etc.

Also, you need to mention any learning difficulties and home circumstances affecting your child.

Any information will be treated with sensitivity.

In case of accident, or if your child becomes ill whilst at nursery, it is very important that we can contact you by telephone.

It is very important therefore for us to have an emergency contact telephone number and that you let us know if this changes at any time.

What to wear

We have a Nursery uniform which we would like all children to wear.

- Red sweat shirt
- White polo shirt
- Black jogging pants
- Trainers or sensible shoes

The uniform is comfortable for the children to wear and practical for our activities.

Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name, this is really important as it saves a lot of time and upset.

Please do not send your child to Nursery wearing jewellery, rings, and necklaces, earrings etc. as these can be dangerous .They can also cause upset and worry if lost.

Behaviour

At St. Matthews we encourage good behaviour and a caring attitude. We have two simple rules we teach the children.

- Always be kind.
- Always try your best.

Our children are very young; we try to be patient positive and encouraging. We acknowledge and reward good behaviour with praise, reward stickers etc.

If a child behaves badly or in a dangerous way a member of staff will talk quietly to the child to find out the reason for their behaviour and say sorry etc.

If there is a serious incident or problem, we will always discuss this with parents so that we can work together to solve the problem.

At St. Matthew's we are a family, we want every child to feel happy and valued.

Equal Opportunities

In Nursery, we are committed to providing the same opportunities to all children regardless of gender background and needs.

We will be celebrating festivals of different world faiths, including Diwali, Christmas, Chinese New Year, Harvest, Eid, Easter etc. These celebrations may include a party, cooking, creative work, music, dance, drama etc.

Special Educational Needs

At St. Matthew's we aim to meet the needs of all children, whatever they may be.

If at any time we become concerned about your child's progress or development at Nursery, we will first discuss our concerns with the parents.

During this informal discussion, with parent's permission, we may feel that it is necessary to contact outside agencies for support e.g. speech and language services.

Staff will try to support the parents of children with special educational needs as much as they can, by making sure that they are always fully informed of matters relating to their child's progress.

Our aim is that working together we can help all children reach their full potential at nursery.

Our Curriculum

At St. Matthew's Nursery, we are committed to providing good quality early years education for all our children.

Work is based around a topic or theme. We cover a new theme each half term e.g. homes, toys etc.

We cover the seven areas of learning in the early years.

- Personal, social & emotional development
- Mathematical development
- Communication & language
- Literacy
- Expressive arts and design
- Physical development
- Understanding the world.

Young children learn mostly through play and our work will be in the form of carefully planned play activities, which will encourage the child to be actively involved in their own learning.

All your child's efforts will be acknowledged and praised, to develop their self-esteem.

Learning at home

As parents, you are your child's first and most important educators, here are some ideas you might like to try at home.

- 1) Reading stories together
- 2) Counting with your child: cups, beads fingers, toes etc.
- 3) Colours in the environment
e.g. flowers, cars, clothes etc.
- 4) Encourage your child to dress themselves etc.
- 5) Allow your child to be creative at home:
glue, paints etc.
- 6) Encourage your child to tidy up their toys etc.
- 7) Sing songs and nursery rhymes together.
- 8) Allow your child to use pencils or felt pens at home.

Most importantly of all; talk about their work and play at nursery.

Celebrate their achievements and praise their efforts.

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Thank you.

Mrs. Naik and the Nursery Staff

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