

Welcome to Reception

at

St Matthew's C.E.

Primary School



Mission Statement

“St. Mathew’s CE Primary School is dedicated to providing an education which enables every child to fulfil his/her best potential. It seeks to promote academic, emotional and spiritual growth in a Christian environment welcoming children drawn from diverse cultures.”

Introduction

It is our aim to create a warm, stimulating and challenging environment in which each child can thrive. We recognise that each child is an individual, with his / her own needs and rate of development.



In the early years, children learn best through structured play and exploration. The sessions are therefore designed to help each child build on their previous knowledge and understanding.

School Times

Doors are open from 8:50 am
School finishes at 3:15pm



There is always a member of staff on duty before and after school. School starts at 8:55 am prompt. Please be on time as we start teaching phonics as soon as the children are in.

Please ensure that children are collected on time. It can be very upsetting for a child to be collected late. Please phone to notify the school on **01772 794482** if you are going to be late or if someone else will be collecting your child. We can only let children go with designated people.

Clothing

Your child will be expected to wear a school uniform.

Red sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo

White polo shirt

Grey or black skirt

Grey or black trousers

Black school shoes (velcro if possible)



PE

The children will complete PE once a week.

They will need black shorts, girls can wear leggings,
a red school logo t-shirt and some pumps.

A red draw string PE bag to store their PE clothes in.

Please do not send big rucksacks in we don't have space to store them.

ALL UNIFORM CAN BE BROUGHT FROM SMART CLOTHING
ON LANCASTER ROAD IN TOWN

Please support your child at home by encouraging them to try to use put their uniform on by themselves.

Please ensure all clothing is named.

Children will need a red book bag so they can transport their reading book and other things to and from school. These can be purchased from the school office.

Please do not send in rucksacks as these will not fit inside the children's draws.



Please ensure your child is toilet trained before they start school. This is an essential skill they should have mastered. If they are still in nappies please use the time over the summer to train them. If you require support please speak to your health visitor.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Our curriculum is based on Foundation Stage Guidance. These areas of learning are divided into 3 prime areas and 4 specific areas. We take into account the children's interests/experiences when planning activities.

Prime Areas



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Communication and Language



Physical Development



Specific Areas



Literacy



Mathematics



Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



School Dinners

All school meals are freshly cooked on site and children eat their healthy meal in the dining hall. They may have a school packed lunch if they prefer.
School dinners are free to all Reception and Key Stage 1 children.

- . If you are entitled to Income Support or Working Tax Credit, please make sure you fill in the enclosed form as this will entitle your child to free milk and other activities free of charge.



Milk & Snacks

Fruit is available throughout the day.

Milk is provided until your child turns 5 years of age then there is a charge.

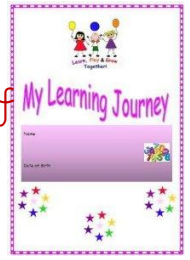
If your child has any allergies or dietary needs please ensure you speak to the class teacher.



Learning Journeys

We will have a Learning Journey for every child which will include post-its and photographs of what they have been learning. You are very welcome to see this at any time.

We always value what goes on at home. If you would like to share any of these experiences with us please fill in a 'wow moments' sheet.



Reading / Library Books



When we feel your child is ready, they will have a reading book. We listen to each child read at least once a week. We encourage parent to listen to their child daily and fill in the Reading Record.

Library books can be borrowed weekly and children are encouraged to change books every week.

If a reading book or library is lost/damaged, then a charge of £5.00 will be payable to replace the book.

Sick children

Although regular attendance is important, please note that the school cannot look after sick children. If your child is unwell please keep him/her at home. If your child suffers from asthma or any allergies, it is very important that the Reception team is aware of this so that necessary precautions and procedures are followed.

Please make sure that the School Office always has up-to-date information of how to get in touch with you if your child becomes unwell in school. Please telephone the school to report an absence or tell your child's teacher as soon as possible why your child was away.

Look at our school website. There is lots of information on what we are covering in class and how you can help your child.

We are constantly updating it.

<https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk>

Please don't hesitate to come in and talk us. We are always here for you and your child.