



# Welcome to St Thomas More's Nursery



# The EYFS Team



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EYFS Lead &  
Reception Class  
teacher



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Reception  
Teacher

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Nursery Teaching  
Assistant



Mrs Patterson Nursery &  
Reception Teaching  
Assistant (M-W)



# Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



## Prime Areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional  
Development

Communication and Language

Physical Development



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Specific Areas:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



# Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning



- Playing and Exploring - engagement
  - Active Learning - motivation
- Creating and Thinking Critically - thinking



# Religious Education



Come and See





# Outdoor Provision



- We access our outdoor provision on a daily basis
- We also use the school grounds regularly - please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing to suit the weather conditions



# Packed Lunches and Snacks



## Packed Lunches:

- If your child is attending the full day session, you will need to provide a packed lunch.
- We find that around 4 items in their packed lunch is an appropriate amount for them to eat during their lunch break.
- Please ensure that packed lunches are in a labelled lunch bag and include a drink.
- We are a NUT FREE school and request that items sent in lunch bags are free from nuts.

## Snacks:

- A drink of milk or water and a snack is available during the course of the morning for the children
- Weekly snack money donation = £1





# 30 hour eligibility codes



- Information about the 30 hour eligibility codes were included in the pack that was posted out in May.
- Please follow the advice and please let us know as soon as you have the eligibility code.



# Stay and Play sessions



- An opportunity for you and your child to meet the team, their new friends and explore the environment.
- Stay and Play sessions - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- Each session is for one hour and we are currently able to allow one parent per child to stay for the duration of the sessions.
- All dates and your allocated time slot are included in the pack that you have received.



# Starting Nursery in September



- As you are aware from the pack that you received, we 'stagger' the children into Nursery.
- You have received the details for your child in your pack.

	w/c Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		w/c Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	
			AM (9am – 11am)	PM (1pm-3pm)
<b>Monday</b>	School closed – INSET days		A	B
<b>Tuesday</b>			B	A
<b>Wednesday</b>	Stay and Play sessions – Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September		B	A
<b>Thursday</b>			Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 9am – 1pm (including lunch)	
<b>Friday</b>	AM (9am-11am)	PM (1pm-3pm)	From Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 30h children attend Nursery 'full time' – 8.40am - 3.10pm	
	A	B		



# Starting Nursery in September



## Morning 'drop off'

- School gates open from 8:30am, please 'drop off' your child off at the Nursery building.
- We encourage the children to enter the building and staff will assist as the children 'hang up' their belongings on their coat pegs.
- When 'dropping off' please ensure that the entrance door remains clear for all children to enter the building safely. Our Nursery cloakroom is quite 'snug' and staff will be present to assist the children as they enter.



# Starting Nursery in September



## Afternoon 'pick up'

- School gates open from 3pm, please queue and collect your child from the Nursery building - along the fence near the large green containers.
- When collecting your child, please ensure that the exit door remains clear for all children to exit the building safely.
- When collecting your child, the member of the team 'on the door' will ask who you have come to collect, please state your child's name clearly. Your child will be then called from class to exit school.
- Please let us know if there will be a different collection arrangement for your child - e.g. the adult collecting your child from school.
- We release all Nursery children from the same exit, so please bear with us as we safely release all children from class.



# Communication with school



- Speaking to the Nursery team and when we need to speak to you
- Class Dojo
- Phone calls, text message service, letters and newsletters
- Tapestry
- Please ensure all contact details are always up-to-date



# Useful Information



- We are a 'Nut Free' environment
- The Annex - Breakfast/After School Club
- What to do if your child is unwell
- What we do if your child is unwell
- Spare clothing



# Things to bring and remember for September...



- A packed lunch for your child (if your child is attending a full day session)
- A pair of wellington boots labelled with your child's name, that can stay in school
- A labelled water bottle
- Please, please, please label every item of uniform and belongings!





# Preparing for Nursery checklist



## Can your child:

- Respond to an adult or ask for help?
- Put their coat, jumper, shoes on/off and (with help) manage zips/fastenings?
- Go to the toilet and wash their hands independently?
- Get a tissue and blow their nose?
- Tidy up toys and put things away?
- Wait for their turn when an adult is busy with others?
- Comply with reasonable adult requests promptly and appropriately?

## Steps to starting school

Build your child's confidence so that they start school confident, curious and ready to learn

Access more great advice, tips and downloadable resources at [pacey.org.uk/schoolready](https://pacey.org.uk/schoolready)

**More top tips:**

- ★ Get your child ready for their new routine by switching their meal times to match those of the school day
- ★ Encourage your child to explore new environments and interact with new people
- ★ Talk to your child about what they are most looking forward to at school
- ★ Let your child practise putting their new school uniform on and taking it off
- ★ And remember, every child is different and starts school with different abilities

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# Thank you



Thank you for attending this evening. If you do have any further queries you can contact us via the details below.

- School telephone: 0161 643 7132
- School office email:

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