



Welcome to St Thomas More's
Reception class



Our School Prayer



Fill me with your happiness and joy
Let your Spirit live within me
In the secret of my heart, teach me wisdom
And keep me true to your Word
Forgive the wrong that I do
And in your goodness, be with me always
Amen

Stay with us Lord on our journey



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



Prime Areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional
Development

Communication and Language

Physical Development



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



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





Reception Baseline Assessment



- Statutory from September 2021
- All children undertake the assessment that is produced by the Department for Education (DfE).
- The RBA will be undertaken in the first six weeks of school by a member of the Reception Team.

The DfE explain:

“The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) is a short, task-based assessment of your child’s early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school. It is statutory for all schools from September 2021.

The assessment can take place at any point in the first 6 weeks of your child starting Reception. The assessment will form the start of a new measure of how schools are helping their pupils to progress between Reception and Year 6.

Your child does not need to prepare. There is no pass mark or score and your child should not realise they’re doing an assessment.

Once the RBA is fully established, the intention is to make the Key Stage 1 National Curriculum tests and teacher assessments that children currently take at the end of Year 2 non-statutory.” (Department for Education, May 2021)

More information can be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>



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



School Lunches and Snacks



School lunches:

- Universal Free School Meals - free entitlement to a school lunch time meal
- 'Mellors' Menu lists sent home termly
- Choose from the variety of choices (hot, jacket potato, sandwich)
- Can bring own packed lunch - we advise to pack around 4 items (including a drink)



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



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 6th and Thursday 7th 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 school in September



- The children enter school in three groups after we have held our 'Stay and Play' sessions.
- The details of your child's admission arrangements are included in the pack you have received.

	w/c Monday 4 th September 2023	w/c Monday 11 th September 2023
Monday	School closed – INSET days	2 nd group of children start in Reception
Tuesday		3 rd group of children start in Reception
Wednesday	Stay and Play sessions – Wednesday 6 th and Thursday 7 th September	
Thursday		
Friday	1 st group of children start in Reception	



Starting school in September



Morning 'drop off'

- School gates open from 8:30am, please 'drop' your child off via the Reception outdoor area (under canopy).
- We encourage the children to enter the building independently and 'hang up' their own belongings.
- When 'dropping off' please take note of the 'blue stands/signs' and ensure that the entrance door remains clear for all children to enter the building safely



Starting school in September



Afternoon 'pick up'

- School gates open from 3pm, please queue and collect your child from the Reception outdoor area.
- When collecting your child, please take note of the 'blue stands/signs' and 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 45 Reception children from the same exit, so please bear with us as we safely release all children from school.



Communication with school



- Speaking to the Reception 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
- PE Kits – on the scheduled PE day, children will come into school wearing their PE kits and stay in them all day. We will inform you in September when we will begin our PE sessions.



Things to bring and remember for September...



- A packed lunch for your child (if applicable)
- 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 Reception 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

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.

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