



Welcome to EYFS (Nursery & Reception)



General information

Firstly we would like to welcome you all to our EYFS department at St Thomas More. This year, our school gates will be open from 8:30am and our Nursery and Reception doors will open from 8:40am. The children will be greeted by a member of our EYFS team as they go into class.

Nursery – children enter through the Nursery door. We encourage the children to walk into the Nursery building with their belongings and ask that Parents/Carers **ensure that this entrance remains clear so that all children can enter safely and with clear access.**

Reception – children enter through the Reception entrance door. We encourage the children to walk into the Reception cloakroom with their belongings and ask that Parents/Carers **ensure that this entrance remains clear so that all children can enter safely and with clear access.**

We also politely request that children do not access the outdoor equipment in the Reception outdoor area before or after school. Thank you.

At the end of the day, the school gates open at 3pm.

Nursery – please collect your child from our Nursery building. Please ensure that the Nursery exit is clear so that the children can safely exit the building and we can see clearly. Please 'line up' along the fence. In line with our Safeguarding procedures, please ensure that you clearly state the name of your child. We will then 'call' your child and they will then exit the building.

Reception – please collect your child from the Reception canopy area. Please ensure that the exit is clear so that the children can safely exit the building and so that we can see clearly. Please take note of the signs on the 'blue stands' that request for you to wait at these stands to collect your child. In line with our Safeguarding procedures, please ensure that you clearly state the name of your child. We will then 'call' your child and they will then exit the building.

Our EYFS team:

Nursery Team:

Miss Saunders, Miss Reeves, Mrs Williams, Mr Robinson & Mrs Patterson

Reception Team:

Miss Barran (EYFS Lead), Mrs Coughlan, Miss Harrison, Miss Crowley & Mrs Patterson

PE (Reception children only)

This year, we are asking children to continue to come to school in their PE kits on their allocated PE day.

Reception children will need to come to school in their PE kits on a **Friday**. Children can begin to wear their PE kits from next Friday (23rd September). Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name). We recommended that the children wear appropriate footwear on their PE day as we will continue to work both indoors and outdoors in all weathers! When the 'chillier' weather arrives, children are welcome to wear navy joggers/leggings.

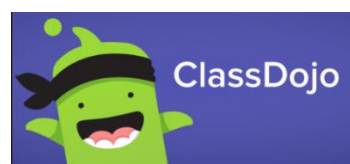
Snack and water bottles

Snacks are provided during the course of the morning for all of our Nursery and Reception children consisting of milk, water, seasonal fruits and vegetables, crackers, breadsticks etc. We kindly ask for voluntary donations of £1 per child each Friday to buy supplies for a variety of snacks and resources. You do not need to send any snacks into Nursery or Reception.

Children can bring water bottles from home. **Please ensure that water bottles are clearly labelled.**

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a reward system that is used in school and you will have received information to join your child's new Class Dojo. In our EYFS department we use the Class Dojo messaging system which enables you to message your child's class teachers. We will also send reminders on Class Dojo regarding events/dates in school.



Tapestry

Information about 'Tapestry' was included in your child's Welcome Pack that you received before the summer. We are currently inputting the children's information into Tapestry and you will receive an email over the coming weeks from Tapestry with more information.

Twitter

Each class at St Thomas More have their own Twitter page where we share our achievements and wonderful experiences. You will have been asked recently to complete the appropriate forms/survey to give consent for your child to be included in photographs that we share on Twitter. Once we have gained consent we will then post on our Twitter pages.

@MissSaundersSTM

@MissBarranSTM

@MissHarrisonSTM



Belongings

Please ensure that **all** uniform, lunch bags, coats, footwear, water bottles and any other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Lunch bags

Please ensure that all lunch bags, containers and drink bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please note that we are a **Nut Free school**. Please check that the contents of your child's packed lunch do not contain nuts. Thank you.

We are really looking forward to an exciting year. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our EYFS team.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The EYFS Teams