



St George's RC Primary School



Nursery Class Welcome

A very warm welcome. We are very excited for you to consider joining us at St George's! Here is some important information to help your transition to Nursery. At St George's, the Nursery class is situated next to the Reception Classroom at the front of the school. We have a magical, secret door providing access through to the reception classroom! We also have free-flow access to our large outdoor area. We are in a wonderful, new Nursery classroom. This enables us to offer 30 hours in Nursery plus wrap around care.

Sessions Available

We are open from 7.30 to 5.30pm incorporating the wrap around care offered by Dragon's Den, Monday to Friday. Parents and carers are offered the universal 15 hours Nursery provision or 30 hours dependent upon eligibility. Additional hours are available for all, charged at an additional per hour fee. We offer the opportunity for you to choose the hours and days to suit your family's needs from 7.30 to 5.30pm Children are welcome to join our Nursery from the day of their 3rd birthday with funded provision available from the term after their third birthday. Except Easter when their birthday must be on or before 31st March.

The Learning Environment

We aim to provide a home from home environment where your child can be free to develop as an individual in a supportive and caring environment. We have taken inspiration from the philosophies of Reggio Emilia and Elizabeth Jarman to create our environment; this is reflected in our neutral décor, natural materials, and plants in the classroom. This enables our children to learn in a calm, effective learning environment that is communication friendly.

Our classroom contains the following areas, which are resourced with quality resources, which are added to stimulate the curiosity of your little learner!



- Sand
- Water
- Home Corner
- Workshop (junk modelling)
- Construction
- Small World
- Reading Corner
- Technology Area
- Painting area
- Creative Area
- Malleable Area



Outdoor Learning

We have access to an amazing, large outdoor area providing free flow access for our children. The children are free to climb, balance and explore. We have a large selection of resources for the children to access depending on their interests – den making, creating an obstacle course with the large crates, building with the large blocks, creating music with the instruments, dancing with ribbons, digging in the soil or making dinner in the mud kitchen to name but a few!

We also hold Woodland Adventure sessions weekly in the woodland area at the bottom of the school field. This provides super physical development opportunities – climbing, running through the willow tunnels, or writing with twigs in the mud under the tree house. Every area of our Curriculum is taught in the Woodland Area, and it is often where little friendships are forged.

Staff

Mrs Dee Statham - Headteacher
Mr de Koning - Nursery Teacher
Miss Lauren Jacques - Nursery Assistant Teachers
Mrs Ellington – Early years lead

The school day

7.30am – Wrap around
8:45am - Gates open
8:45am - School Day starts.
11.45am - Home time / Lunch
12.45pm - Afternoon session begins
3.15pm - School Day finishes
3.15 - 5.30pm – wrap around care

We begin our day on the carpet area in the classroom where we can welcome everyone and talk about the activities for the day ahead.

Sessions include –

- Woodland adventures (located in our woodland area at the bottom of the field)
- Singing and dancing
- P.E.
- Cooking and baking
- Daily creative activities
- Letter or number of the week
- During the day we have snack time, when your child can pour themselves a drink of water or milk and choose a piece of fruit.
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Your child can bring a healthy packed lunch, or we can provide a warm nutritious meal cooked on site for £2.40 (currently)

Learning in the Early Years:

In Nursery, we learn through a mix of mainly continuous provision (learning through play) and some teacher led activities. During the year, the children will learn to

- form friendships and develop self-confidence.
- communicate effectively.
- use their body confidently for big and small movements,
- become independent in caring for themselves.
- make healthy choices.
- express themselves creatively.
- explore the world around them.
- recognise their name.
- mark making.
- count and play with numbers.



Tapestry

We use the online learning journal 'Tapestry' enabling you to see both photographs and videos of your child making the next steps in their learning. We love to see what your child is doing outside of Nursery and value the pictures or notes parents upload on to 'Tapestry'.



What does my child need for Nursery?

Our branded school uniform is available from Get Branded (www.getbrandedworkwear.co.uk). However plain items are available from most supermarkets.

Our uniform

- ☐ Red or white polo top
- ☐ Green jumper or cardigan
- ☐ Black jogging bottoms or leggings
- ☐ Green check summer dress or black elasticated shorts in summer.

Your child will also need.

- ☐ Book bag - to bring a book home to share (£5.95- currently- from the school office)
- ☐ Wellies
- ☐ Plimsolls – we change into plimsolls to wear inside.
- ☐ Draw string bag (with a spare change of clothes (bags are £2.40- currently- from the school office))

Please no back packs as we have limited storage for coat pegs.



Transition

We offer a variety of stay and play visits to aid transition to St George's. As soon as we can offer start dates or visits, we will be in contact.

If you have any questions regarding transition or any other aspect of life at St George's, please do not hesitate to contact the office Tel - 806192 or email stgeorges.primary@york.gov.uk

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