

St Agnes Catholic Primary School

Nursery Newsletter 1



We warmly welcome you to Nursery and look forward to supporting you and your child this year.

THE NURSERY TEAM

Miss Abbott - Class Teacher

Kay - Nursery Nurse (Monday – Thursday)

Rocio - Teaching Assistant (Friday)

Stef - Teaching Assistant



TIMINGS

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and that you are prompt in collecting your child as being late can cause them great distress. **Please let us know if someone else is collecting your child.**

AM session – 8.30am to 11.30am

PM session – 12 pm to 3pm

Whole day session – 9am to 3pm

STARTING NURSERY

When the children enter the Nursery they will be greeted by a member of staff. The children will play before we gather on the carpet for registration. We will encourage the children to hang up their own coats and put their bag into the box independently. At the end of the Nursery session, parents will wait outside the gate and your child will be called by a member of the team.

SETTLING IN

We will be working with you to support your child as they settle into Nursery. For some children, this will take longer than others. We will always consider the best interests of your child to ensure a smooth transition period into Nursery.



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

During the first half term, our focus will be on settling the children into Nursery, building their confidence and independence and teaching the children the Nursery routine and expectations.



Our theme is: *I am Special*. We will be talking about likes, dislikes, families, similarities and differences and that all of us are unique.

You can support your child at home by talking to them about your family, similarities and differences between them and you and recalling experiences you have had as a family.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please ensure that your child has a set of spare clothes that are left on their peg in case of accidents. We do not have spare clothes to give to children so required each child to have a bag of their own clothes in Nursery. These do not have to be uniform.



ILLNESS

If your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea they must remain at home for **48 hours** after their last bout of illness. This is to prevent the spread of illness to others. If your child is ill please telephone the school office in the morning. On their return to school you must provide a note explaining the reason for their absence.

Your child's absences and punctuality will be monitored closely as a significant amount of absence or lateness can impact on your child's learning and development and their funding.

UNIFORM

Children must attend school every day in full Nursery uniform including black or white trainers/shoes. We go outside in all weathers so suitable clothing for wet, hot or cold days will be needed (such as hats, scarves, and wellington boots).

Please clearly label every item of your child's clothing with their full name in permanent marker or with name tags in easily found places e.g. collar. Please show your child where you have labelled their clothing so they can identify their belongings independently.

Please note:

Hair below shoulder length must be tied up

Jewellery is not permitted – earrings must be small studs or sleepers

FOCUS CHILDREN & PROGRESS MEETINGS

Once all children are settled, the Nursery team will be assessing a small group of children each week. We refer to them as the 'focus children'. When your child is a 'focus child' we will be observing and recording information regarding their learning and development. Your child's key worker will share this information with you in a 5-10 minute meeting to discuss their progress and next steps. We will display a timetable of when each child will have their 'focus week' and your child's key worker will arrange an appointment with you.

ALLERGIES AND MEDICATION

Please inform us in writing of any allergies, health issues or medication. Prescribed medication can only be administered by prior arrangement.

CONSUMABLES DONATION

Every term, we ask that each family donate £5.00 for 'consumables'. This money enables us to provide cooking activities, gardening resources and materials for the malleable area such as play dough, jelly, corn flour etc.

We would also appreciate a donation of a box of tissues from each family.



FOOD AND DRINK

You must register your child to receive free school milk at <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>. Fruit is also provided everyday as a snack and the children can access this independently. Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle in school every day. It must contain water only. If your child is staying for lunch, please ensure they have a healthy packed lunch with **no nuts**.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Please read the school's weekly newsletter for diary dates. You will also find useful information on our noticeboard outside the cloakroom door. Your child will often bring school letters home with them – please take the time to read these.

We hope that your child will be very happy here at Nursery. We look forward to working with you this year. Please speak to one of us if you have any questions.

The Nursery Team