



St Agnes

Early Years Foundation Stage

Welcome to Reception!



Aims

- ✓ To find out about St. Agnes' EYFS
- ✓ To help you to understand the curriculum your child will be covering in their reception year.
- ✓ To identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in school.



Reception Teachers:

Miss Moran RM and Mrs Zarri RZ

After this meeting, you will receive:

- ▶ Stay and play date and time: **26th June 9:15-10:15am**
- ▶ Home visit (if coming from another setting than our own nursery) **W/B 7th July**
- ▶ Class teacher
- ▶ September start date

N.B. Children can move classes up until October half term if we believe there to be a reason that will benefit the child.



What does the EYFS look like at St Agnes?

- ▶ Activities in Reception are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences.
- ▶ The learning environment (both indoors and out) is set up to ensure children have access to a range of learning opportunities
- ▶ There is a balance of child-led and adult-directed activities
- ▶ Books are an essential part of the planning and are regularly used to plan opportunities across all areas of learning



Learning Through Play

- ✓ Play underpins the delivery of all the EYFS. Children must have opportunities to play indoors and outdoors. It is through play that children develop intellectually, creatively, physically, socially and emotionally.
- ✓ Play is the way adults support young children to learn with enjoyment and challenge (**planned and purposeful play**)

Play is the highest form of research

Albert Einstein

Where do we start?

- ▶ Find out children's interests.
- ▶ **Baseline** - We pinpoint children's development on entry by observing and interacting with them during play-based and child-initiated activities.
- ▶ We use this to make a series of judgements about each child based on a clear set of assessment criteria.

How we assess the children

- Through observations and high quality interactions by all team members
- Tapestry – online journal to record observations
- Focus children
 - Observations feed into future planning and setting of next steps in learning
 - Meet with parents twice per year

Focus Meetings

- ✓ We meet twice a year to discuss focus children
- ✓ Dates communicated to you via Tapestry— it is your responsibility to attend the meeting.
- ✓ The third term is not a meeting- this is an End of Year report.
- ✓ We ask that you also become involved in adding to their portfolio by writing comments and praise for your child's achievements on Tapestry

Parental Engagement



Working With Parents



We recognise that you are your child's first educators and we work hard to ensure that we work together

- ✓ Tapestry: Online Journal which records photos, observations and comments/next step, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage. You can upload videos/photos too.
- ✓ Read half termly newsletters
- ✓ Parent App
- ✓ Home learning challenges linked to learning in class
- ✓ Parent Workshops with take home resources
- ✓ Phonics weekly tasks
- ✓ Reading books for daily reading



General Information



Daily Routine

- ▶ School starts at 8:55am but children can start coming in from 8:40am. You will be greeted by the TAs at the gate whilst the teachers will be waiting for the children. Any messages must be passed onto the TAs.
- ▶ We always start our day with registration, our morning prayer and carpet session.
- ▶ The children then spend time in free flow, both indoors and out.
- ▶ Before lunch we have another carpet session and prayer.
- ▶ At the end of the day we have a story session and say our end of the day prayer
- ▶ Children need to be collected from outside the classrooms at 3:10pm



Outdoor Learning

- ▶ As the children undertake so much of their learning outside, the outdoor is accessible for the children from 9.30 – 2.45 and we go outside in **all weathers**.
- ▶ To support this, we ask that you ensure your child has suitable clothing e.g. school coat, school hat, scarf, gloves, sun hat & sun cream.
- ▶ There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!





Reception uniform



- ✓ Grey socks
- ✓ No toys/key chains attached to book bags
- ✓ Black shoes NO trainers
- ✓ Every item labelled with your child's name (no siblings etc)
- ✓ No jewellery (stud earrings allowed, to be covered on PE days)
- ✓ Winter: school logo hat, scarf and gloves



Reception uniform



- ✓ White socks or green tights
- ✓ No toys/key chains attached to book bags
- ✓ Black shoes NO trainers
- ✓ Every item labelled with your child's name (no siblings etc)
- ✓ No jewellery (stud earrings allowed, to be covered on PE days)
- ✓ Hair tied at the back
- ✓ NO cardigans



Reception uniform – PE Kit



- ✓ White socks and grey socks
- ✓ Trainers ALL black or ALL white (no laces)

Labelling Uniform

- Please purchase either sew in name labels or sticker name labels.
- Writing in marker or biro blurs/fades and this makes it much more likely your child's uniform will be lost. It is also tricky for your child to read their name at this age.
- Please put the label in somewhere very visible for your child and for adults (not hidden in a pocket for example).
- Sticker name labels usually give the option to add a picture/symbol beside the name- this will help your child (and their friends) to identify their uniform.
- If uniform is second hand or a siblings, please update the name label.

[Just Stick Clothing Labels \(wovenlabelsuk.com\)](http://wovenlabelsuk.com)
Pack of 30 is £8.25





Healthy School

- ✓ A piece of fruit is available from the snack area all day.
- ✓ Milk – you must register your child to receive free school milk. When they turn 5 you can choose to pay for it.
- ✓ If your child brings a packed lunch to school then please ensure that this is healthy and **NUT FREE**.
- ✓ For the first couple of weeks we would like all children to try school dinners instead of a packed lunch.
- ✓ If you would like to send something into school to celebrate your child's birthday please note that we do not accept sweets or cakes only fruit or you can donate a book for the class book area.





Consumables

- ▶ Each half term, we request that each family donate £5.00 for consumables. This money will enable us to do some fantastic cooking, planting and messy play with your children.
- ▶ Please give it to a member of staff in an envelope with your child's name on it at the start of every half term.



House Keeping

- ✓ Any sickness or diarrhoea must be followed by 48hrs absence from the last time the child was sick.
- ✓ Any absence requires a telephone call to the school office and a note explaining why reported through Parent App.
- ✓ Head lice are common! Please check regularly, treat as recommended and let a member of staff know. Shoulder length hair must be tied up.
- ✓ Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement. Forms are available at the office.
- ✓ If your child will be collected from someone not on your list, please let us know in the morning
- ✓ Note that Thorverton road has restricted access (no access 8.30-9:15am and 2:30-3:30pm)



Preparing your child for Reception

- ✓ Develop your child's independence skills (dress him/herself, pull his/her pants down/up, use the toilet, wash his/her hands)
- ✓ Read lots of stories together – this will support your child's language and understanding and give them an idea of story structure
- ✓ Listen to Nursery rhymes
- ✓ Support your child in recognising their name. If children are writing their name, encourage them to use a capital letter at the start and then lower case letters.
- ✓ Play together, model taking turns
- ✓ Be creative together (use scissors, pencil)
- ✓ Play number games



If your child has any food allergies or intolerances, please collect a form from us and return this completed to the office.

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

Please feel free to get in contact if you have any questions:
office@stagnes.barnetmail.net

The Reception Team



Useful websites:

- <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/stagnesrcprimaryschoolnw21rg>
- <https://www.coolmilk.com/>
- <https://stagnesnw2.co.uk/>

Apps to download: (You will receive more information on your log in details for this via email)

