

FS 2  
Class information  
2025  
Advent Term One



St Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School.

### **STAFF: Who shall I meet?**

There are 2 adults that you will meet during your time in Reception:

- 1 F2 Teacher: Miss Beveridge
- 2, Teaching assistant: Mrs Humphreys

### **Session Times**

Start time 8:30 until 3:20 Monday -Friday. Please use our F2 entrance to drop children off, and at pick up time.

### **What to do at the beginning of the session**

- Your child will need to hang their coat on a peg in the cloak room.
- Your child will put their Water bottle into the trolley, and their lunch box if they have one.
- The children will have a morning task to complete each morning, they will rotate to a different activity each day.

### **Juniper/Arbor**

Arbor and Juniper (replacing Marvellous me) is our way of keeping parents/guardians. informed about everything we do in school. You can sign your child up to clubs, breakfast/afterschool clubs, parents evenings, and pay for upcoming trips.

### **MILK AND SNACK: Will my child need to bring any snacks?**

Milk is provided free of charge until your child's fifth birthday. We use an online school milk system. Once your child turns five, you will be asked to sign up online with Cool Milk to pay for your child's milk.

We also provide a variety of fresh fruit each day.

Children need to bring a water bottle each day with water or sugar free juice.



### **DINNERS: What happens?**

All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free meal provided for them by school. There is always a range of food available to cover many dietary requirements, including a vegetarian option. Pasta, a jacket potato, and a sandwich ham, jam, cheese, or tuna is an option everyday also.

If you choose to send a packed lunch, please make sure their lunch box is clearly labelled with their name and class. A healthy packed lunch doesn't have to be boring, use your imagination, but please make sure you always include a sandwich, a piece of fruit. (No chocolate spread, due to a children in school who have severe nut allergies).

### **CLOTHING: What will my child need?**

In F2 our uniform is comfortable, so that our children are able to explore indoors and outdoors daily. They are able to climb without any uniform restrictions, such as ties, long sleeved shirts etc.

- a navy jumper or cardigan • a white polo shirt,
- Jogging bottoms or leggings.
- Please label all items of clothing, including coats and jumpers, water bottles, so we can reunite them successfully.
- Foot ware that have Velcro

In F2 children have access to painting and gluing activities everyday. We provide aprons, but please appreciate that your child might go home a little messy. We try to ensure our paint and glue is washable. However, if your child does get paint/mud on their clothes, we recommend that you soak them in cold water first.

### **P.E: When does my child start doing P.E.?**

All children will have a weekly P.E. session. This takes place every Tuesday afternoon. Your child should be wearing uniform that is PE kit on a daily basis

- a white t-shirt,
- Jogging bottoms/ leggings for winter and a pair of pumps.

## Forest school

Forest school will be taking place every Thursday morning. Your child should come to school dressed in outdoor clothes on a Thursday. These may get dirty so 'play clothes' please. A wet suit, or trouser and jacket suit are brilliant keeping clothes clean. Children will need wellington boots for forest school, please bring in a bag with spare shoes to change into after the session.

### FOUNDATION STAGE CURRICULUM: What will my child do in F2?

In F2, we believe in educating the whole child, focusing on intellectual, social, emotional, physical and creative growth, valuing the rich diversity of culture the children bring to the classroom. The curriculum is carefully planned with children learning through a combination of teacher/pupil initiated activities and play. We consider play to be an important educational activity enabling children to practise and consolidate a variety of skills.

Each day, your child will be involved in a wide variety of activities which will encourage learning in an enjoyable and stimulating way.

There are seven areas of learning which must be included in the curriculum planning:

<b>Advent 1</b>	
<b>RE</b>	<u><b>Myself</b></u> Welcome Judaism Birthday
<b>Topic</b>	<u><b>Exploring Autumn</b></u> This project teaches children about the natural changes that happen during the season of autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.
<b>Maths</b>	<u><b>We follow the Maths Hub in Foundation 2</b></u> Our focus this term is Subitising, counting cardinality, ordinality, composition. and comparison
<b>PE</b>	<u><b>Balancing skills</b></u> Children will take part in a variety of activities, following instructions, negotiating space, balancing and coordinating.
Outdoor Forest School  We have a forest school session each week.	Forest School builds on a child's innate motivation and positive attitude to learning, offering them the opportunities to take risk, make choices and initiate learning for themselves. We focus on the process, rather than the end result, tasks are open to exploration and encompass different learning styles. We nurture and fosters resilience creativity and independence in all learners Being in nature promotes wellbeing- happier, healthier children are more open to exploring their world and problem solving in positive ways. The children's interests along with the varied natural resources in our woodland are used to stimulate creative thinking, problem solving and skill development, all under the premise of 'play.' Our Forest school learning environment provide experiences that encourages an appreciation, awareness and knowledge of the natural environment.

### **Keeping in touch**

At St. Joseph's we are keen to establish a good relationship with parents and create a system where parents feel involved in their child's learning.

As parents, you are the first educators of your child and at the school we recognise that the partnership between home and school is fundamental to your child's success. School staff are always happy to speak to parents during the week before or after school, you can always contact the school using the school email or telephone.

Miss Beveridge

