



Foundation stage One Advent Term, 2026-27

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break with your families. We have a lot of new children who are starting with us in Nursery. We would like to warmly welcome you and your families to our school.

At the start of this term we look forward to welcoming your child to Foundation one supporting them develop into inquisitive and independent learners through playing, working and exploring together.

Staff working in FS1

Please see the main school information on staffing. I am the Foundation stage one teacher: Mrs Jordan and Miss Jackson is our Teaching assistant We also have staff members and volunteers who support us each week.

Session Times

Start time 8:30 until 11:30 for the morning session. 12:20 until 3:20 for the afternoon session.

*30 hours' provision 8:30 until 3:20 (See our school office for further information.)

What to do at the beginning of the session

- The children put their water bottle and lunch bag on the trolley and then enter the classroom.
- Then your child will need to take off their coat and then hang it on a peg in the cloak room. Please encourage your child to independently take off and put on their coat at home. Their coat must be clearly **named** so that we can ensure the children have their own coat.
- The children then change their footwear – taking off wellingtons and putting their shoes on. Again, please encourage them to do this independently.
- After this the children find their name card and then go to our carpet and sit down quietly for register time or go to play.
- Please do not send bags or additional items for your child unless requested to do so

Nursery Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which has seven areas of learning. The children learn through purposeful play activities with a focus on talk and social development. We play inside and outside, whatever the weather, so it is important your child brings a coat every day.

Advent 1	
RE	Creation and Covenant Prophecy and Promise.
Topic	Sparkle and shine. This project teaches children about the celebrations that take place during the autumn and winter seasons, and focus on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year.
Maths	Count confidently developing a deep understanding of numbers to 5 and the relationship between them and the patterns within these numbers Pattern Weight Capacity Shape Position and Positional language

PE	Basic movements and spacial awareness	Increasing complexity of movement and patterns developing confidence and coordination
Forest School	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. For these sessions children will need to come dressed ready for forests school. A waterproof coat and boots are essential. They do not need to wear uniform for these sessions. Clothing that can get dirty and muddy is preferable.	

Book bags.

We request these once each week. Please share the books together. One book is selected for your child the second is a book they choose. Please fill in the reading record each week. Inside there is an example of a record for a week. Please also use this to communicate with about reading us if you wish to.

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. **Arbour** is our electronic system that we use to communicate with you on a day to day basis.

We also use our school web site to share information with you. We post photographs on this page twice a term. Also, we share photographs on our school face book page and newsletter. It is important that you inform us if you do not want your child to be included in these photographs via the permission form you are asked to complete on admission. We also request you verbally confirm this with Mrs. Jordan when your child starts school with us.

Foundation stage uniform – for FS1 and FS2

All children need to be dressed in the uniform please.

Uniform orders can be placed via the school office.

Autumn/ Winter Uniform.

- White polo shirt with or without school logo
- Blue jumper or cardigan with or without school logo
- Blue/ black/ jogging bottoms or leggings
- Shoes/black/dark – Velcro fastening please no laces



Spring / Summer Uniform.

- White polo shirt with or without school logo
- Blue jumper or cardigan with or without school logo
- Blue/ black/ cycling shorts or jogging shorts.
- Shoes – Velcro fastening please no laces



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Please ensure all items **are labelled with your child's name.**

For PE your child will need to wear the above uniform **along with a pair of trainers or plimsoles.**

As your child moves into year one they will then change their uniform inline with the rest of the school.

Please send a small bag clearly labelled with your child's name with a set of clothes that we can change them into if they have a toileting accident or get their clothes wet in play. We will send this back if used and then please return a fresh set of clothes the following day.

If your child is likely to have a toileting accident when starting school, we ask that you pack a bag with lots of spare sets that can be left in school for the week. **Please ensure you have discussed this requirement with Mrs Jordan prior to them starting school. It is our expectation that children are toilet trained but we are aware that there may be circumstances that need to be supported.**

Forest school	On forest school days children need to come dressed ready for forest school please.
A pair of wellingtons Waterproof coat Waterproof trousers (Preferably) or suit Old clothes that can get muddy suitable for the seasons across the year. Bring a change of shoes in a named bag on the day.	
Opal Play	For children who stay for lunch only.
A pair of wellingtons or old shoes A pair of waterproof trousers not a full puddle suit so your child can independently go to the toilet. Children will wear their own coat. Please put the above in a small draw string bag clearly labelled with your child's name. Please name all items of clothing. This bag will stay in school all year. If you require this bag for Forest school days, please collect it the night beforehand and return it the next day.	