

**ST MARY'S CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT
INFORMATION
ACADEMIC YEAR
2022 TO 2023
RECEPTION**



WELCOME TO RECEPTION

ROLE	NAME OF STAFF MEMBER
Emma Orrell Chloe Taylor	Class teachers
Lindsay Weed Natalie Waite	Teaching Assistants
Lucy Whitman Sandra Knox	SNA's
Jay Valji	Link Governor

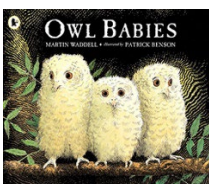
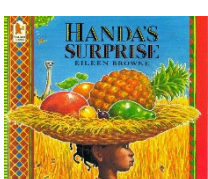
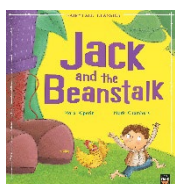
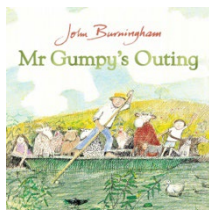
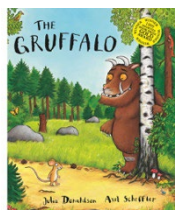
WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE LEARNING IN RECEPTION?

We operate a broad, balanced and experiential curriculum which focuses upon the importance of learning through play. Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design are the specific areas of learning. Alongside these are the prime areas of learning; Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. Our topics change half-termly and ensure we cover all seven areas of learning. The first topic we will cover is 'All About Me'.

RECEPTION TOPICS

Topic Themes	
Term 1	All About Me
	Celebrations and Festivals
Term 2	Super Science
	People Who Help Us
Term 3	Living and Growing
	Our Amazing World

RECEPTION TEXTS



HOMEWORK

We send out a weekly bulletin on a Monday to let you know how you can support your child's learning at home. In a few weeks your child will receive a reading scheme book. These books are changed frequently as the children progress in reading and comprehension skills. We ask that you read with your child for around 10 minutes every day and write comments in their home/school diary. In the unfortunate event of books being lost, you will be notified and a £5.00 charge per item will be requested from the school to restock the lost item.

DAILY ROUTINES FOR RECEPTION

8.45am	Early Years children enter school gate.
11.45am-12.45m	Reception lunch time.
3.15pm	Reception children leave via main gate.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We believe that children who take care and pride in the way they look also take pride in their work. The school encourages all pupils to identify with the school dress code as this engenders a sense of belonging. We ask for parental co-operation in ensuring that pupils are suitably dressed, and that high standards regarding school uniform will continue.

Our uniform consists of:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with the school logo (available from the Main Office);
- Grey or black trousers, skirts or knee length shorts;
- Pale blue polo shirt;
- Black shoes not trainers;
- Blue/white check dresses may be worn in warmer weather;
- Socks must match and be grey, black or white;
- Tights must be grey or black.

PE KIT

- School's PE T-shirt (available from the Main Office);
- Navy Blue or Black shorts;
- Black pumps.

FOOTWEAR

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Therefore, we require all children to wear black shoes in school.

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear studs in pierced ears only and a watch. We ask the children either to remove these items during PE and games or cover them with a plaster (supplied by the parent/carer) if they cannot be removed.

HAIR

- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted;
- All hair that is collar length or longer should be tied up with hair accessories that are simple, plain and dark in colour;
- Decorative patterns should not be cut into hair;
- Hair should not be coloured or dyed;
- Any head scarves should be either blue, black or grey and only worn for religious purposes.

ATTENDANCE

If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend their school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career. Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child to fulfil their potential. Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading.

ATTENDANCE	DAYS MISSED	JUDGEMENT
100%	0	Outstanding
95%	9	Requires Improvement
90%	19	Inadequate

BEHAVIOUR

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Get to know the school policy about promoting good behaviour and support it;
- Encourage your children to follow the school rules and to show respect for other pupils, school staff and property;
- Make sure their children have all they need for school and have done their homework;
- Respond quickly to concerns raised by the school;
- Make every effort to come to Parent/Carer Evenings and Work Shops;
- Treat school staff with the respect you would expect to receive;
- Tell your teacher immediately if you are concerned about your child.

WHO SHOULD I TALK TO IF I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT MY CHILD?

The school operates an 'open door' policy providing opportunities to speak to a member of the staff team. However, your first port of call is to your class teachers; Mrs Orrell or Miss Taylor, who may sign post you to the relevant staff listed below. If your

concern is more urgent, a member of the Senior Leadership Team are available to speak to via the Main Office.

CONCERN	POINT OF CONTACT	ROLE
Urgent	Diane Jeffries	Head teacher
	Emma Pilling	Deputy Head teacher, EYFS Leader Key Stage One Leader
	Ross Powell	Deputy Head teacher, Key Stage 2 Leader
Behaviour	Ross Powell	Behavioural Lead
Home Issues	Paula Cox	Home/School Liaison Lead
Emotional Health	Janet Ash	Wellbeing Lead
Finance	Suzanne Robinson	Business Manager
Special Educational Needs (SEND)	Emma Pilling	SENDCO Years 5,6
Special Educational Needs (SEND)	Jen Hayes	SENDCO Years 2, 3, 4
	Anna Newman	SENDCO EYFS & Year 1

SCHOOL TRIPS

Your child will hopefully be going on a trip this year as part of their topic. This will be confirmed at a later date!

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Snack Money is £2.00 per week. Please put it into an envelope with your child's full name and hand it to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant.
- We have some children in school who are severely allergic to nuts. Please can we ask that you refrain from sending nuts or nut-based products into school.
- Reception bulletin is sent out on a weekly basis.
- Newsletters are sent out on a monthly basis.
- Please refer to the school's website for additional information including policies at <https://www.st-marys-deane.bolton.sch.uk>.
- Parents/Carers are respectfully asked to read the Parent Code of Conduct available on the school's website.
- The use of mobile phones is not permitted on the premises.
- Smoking is banned on the premises.
- Reception children will not need PE until the Spring Term.