

# Wigan St. Andrew's C.E. J&I School



## Welcome to Reception

*“With God all things are possible” – Matthew 19:26*

## Information for Parents

Welcome to Wigan St Andrews Foundation stage! We have put together some information which we hope will assist you and benefit your child. If there is anything we can help you with please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team.

### Reception Team

Teacher – Mrs A Brown

TA – Miss Baker

TA – Mrs Jones

TA – Mrs Olga

### Staff List

Head Teacher - Mrs Taylor

Deputy Head – Mrs Hoban

Assistant Head/SEND/CO – Miss Taylor

School Business Manager – Mrs Swift

Site Manager – Mr Moon

Y1 Teacher – Mrs Banks

Y2 Teacher – Mrs Sharkey

Y3 Teacher – Miss Taylor/Mrs Preston

Y4 Teacher – Mr Charnock

Y5 Teacher – Mr Hoban

Y6 Teacher – Mr Finch

Nurture Manager/HLTA – Mrs Crooks

Teaching Assistants – Miss Baker

Mrs Ely

	Mrs Bannister
	Mrs Blackburn
	Mr Calland
	Mrs Schofield
	Mrs Ashcroft
	Miss Pritchard
Welfare –	Mrs Corfield
	Mrs Atherton
	Mrs Power
	Mrs Gallagher
School Rabbit -	Oreo

## **Our Early Years core values that are rooted by our Christian values.**

**Confidence** – *supporting children to be confident in their learning and in life.*

**Love of learning** – *encouraging children to embrace lifelong learning to grow and succeed*

**Ownership and compassion** – *helping children to be in control of and self-regulate their own learning and having compassion for others around us*

**Wonder and thankfulness** – *promoting a culture of creativity, thinking, expression and inspiration and being thankful for the world around us.*

**Nurture and forgiveness** – *developing the whole child, their self-awareness, resilience and growth mind set.*

**Trust, safety, peace and friendship** – *ensuring the wellbeing, safety and happiness of children physically and emotionally and building trusting meaningful relationships.*

## **Early days**

Children are all different and react in different ways to starting school. Parents and staff must work together to help children settle in and avoid possible causes for anxiety.

Some children are more reluctant than others to leave their parents. To ease each child into this new setting, we stagger the starting dates of each group (your child's starting date will be sent to you in advance).

Staff are trained to deal with this transitional period for children so, even if children seem distressed or upset when you leave them, please do not worry. We will always contact you if they continue to be distressed or we are concerned.

You can prepare your child for starting school by talking to them about it, reassuring them that they will only be staying for a short time and then you will come back and collect them, attending our taster session or arranging an alternative time to look around our setting is recommended.

Before long, your child will be skipping into school eager to meet their friends and explore all that Reception has to offer.

## **Attendance**

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable full time education, for most parents, this will mean making sure your child is in school every day except when:

- Your child is too ill to come to school.
- You have permission for a leave of absence from school for them not to attend.

You should only ask for this in exceptional circumstances.

If your child is absent and we do not receive an explanatory phone call or message from you by 9.15am, we will begin contacting you via ParentMail or by calling all the emergency numbers that we have on file for your child(ren).

If we cannot make contact with you on any of the emergency numbers you have supplied, a senior member of staff will attend your property to verify that your child is safe.

If we cannot make contact at your property we will call the police to request a welfare check.

We all have a duty of care under Safeguarding Regulations to establish and maintain the safety of all of our children. A parent could have met with an accident, be unconscious or incapacitated and not able to care for their child, and it is with regard to this concern, amongst others, that we have to enforce this procedure.

To avoid the above procedures, which do take up a considerable amount of staff time, we are asking parents/carers to contact school via one of the following options:

- Speak directly to the school office on 01942 244354 choosing Option 2.
- Leave a message on our school answer machine on 01942 244354 choosing Option 1.
- Email the school office directly [enquiries@admin.saintandrews.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@admin.saintandrews.wigan.sch.uk)

If your child has an appointment please also inform the school office directly.

## **School Times**

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm

For security reasons, we ask that parents encourage children to enter the classroom and self-register by themselves to reduce the number of adults

coming and out of the classroom door. When children are collected at the end of the day, parents and carers are asked to wait and the children will be seen out by a member of the Reception team. If someone new or unfamiliar will be picking your child up, please let a member of staff know in advance. Children will never be allowed to go home with someone they are unfamiliar with if staff have not been informed beforehand.

## **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024 to 2025**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2024**

Tuesday 3rd September (staggered starts see your child's letter in the pack)

Half Term Close Friday 18th October

School starts for children - Monday 28th October

School finishes for Christmas at 1pm on Friday 20th December

### **SPRING TERM 2025**

Inset Day Monday 6th January

School starts for children - Tuesday 7th January

Half Term Close - Friday 14th February

School starts for children - Monday 24th February

Close Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

### **SUMMER TERM 2025**

School starts for children - Tuesday 22nd April

Half-Term Close Friday 23rd May

School starts for children - Monday 9th June

School finishes for Summer at 1pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

# Uniform



**Spring/Summer Uniform**



**Autumn/Winter Uniform**

**Please label all items with your child's name.**

**Spring/Summer Uniform** - (After Easter half term – October half term)

**Autumn/Winter Uniform** - (After October half term – Easter half term)

**PE Kit** – Dark blue sports top with school badge paired with long black shorts and PE pumps. Reception children will bring their PE kit in a pump bag which will stay in school. We encourage children to get themselves changed, as this is part of our curriculum. (Don't worry – we help with tricky buttons!)

Children will also require a bag containing a change of clothes in case of an accident, a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies as we access the outdoor area in all weather throughout the year.

We also ask children to bring a reading folder to school with them. We are very limited on storage, so if possible, no backpacks.

Children are also asked to bring a named water bottle with them **every day**. This can be filled with **water** from home, or the children can fill it themselves with water from our water fountain (this, so we're told, tastes better!)

We have deliveries of fruit such as, bananas, apples, pears, tomatoes and peapods, this can vary day to day, so children can bring their own **fruit** if they would prefer. On a Friday we have 'Toast Fridays'. The children enjoy sitting on the carpet and having snack together.

School dinners are ordered in advance by parents/carers on Evolve. Dinners are on a 2 week rota offering a delicious selection of foods and desserts. There will always be a choice of 2 hot meals, jacket potatoes with filling and sandwiches.

## Sun Safety and High Temperature

Our Sun Safety and High Temperature Policy requires parents and carers to provide sun cream and a protective sun hat labelled with your child's name. Parents and carers should apply sun cream before bringing children to school. With consent, children will be supported to re-apply sun cream throughout the school day. **Pupils without sun safety hats will only be able to access areas protected from the sun.**



## **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**

### **What is the EYFS?**

**The EYFS is the framework for children's learning and development from birth to 5. It provides guidance for adults working with young children to encourage them to learn through play.**

*'The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.'*

### **Play**

Children make sense of their ever enlarging world through play. During play children create, explore and solve problems. They develop their imaginative, social and physical skills and gain the tools needed to prepare them to be able to read and write. At St. Andrew's we devote our time to creating a stimulating learning environment and we are fully committed to helping your child learn and develop through play.

### **Learning Environment**

We have many varied resources which the children can freely access, with stimulating and challenging continuous provision. Our Reception environment is organised into planned areas, which include mark making, home corner, sand and water, craft, small world, mud kitchen, construction, loose parts, play dough, bikes and the carpet area. We also have a large outdoor area which is accessible in all weathers so that children can learn through exploring their natural environment using all of their senses.

## **Learning and Development**

Nursery and Reception classes around the country follow the EYFS guidance and statutory framework. Learning and development in the early years underpins all future learning by supporting, fostering and promoting;

- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)
- ✓ Communication and Language (C&L)
- ✓ Physical Development (PD)
- ✓ Literacy (L)
- ✓ Mathematics (M)
- ✓ Understanding of the World (UW)
- ✓ Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

**The Foundation Stage team at St. Andrew's is firmly committed to providing, as well as a secure and caring environment, rich and challenging opportunities for children.**

As a Christian school, we encourage children to develop fundamental life skills. The children learn to value themselves and others, to be motivated and to consider the consequences of their words and actions.

We as a school, we focus on our Christian Values, 'Thankfulness', 'Peace', 'Compassion', 'Forgiveness', 'Trust', 'Friendship'.

## **Wellbeing**

Personal, social and emotional wellbeing of the children, we believe, is the most important part of our learning. We have a big focus on this during our learning time on 'Thoughtfulness Thursdays'. The children have a PSHE lesson and share a biscuit together.

## **Parents as Partners**

It is essential for settings to develop a positive partnership with parents and carers to help each child feel secure and confident in order to reach their full potential.

## **How can you help?**

Encourage your child to talk about their time in Reception and the activities they have participated in.

Make sure you read messages sent home regarding homework and special events in school.

Please collect your child on time as they worry. If you can, please phone to let us know of any delay.

Please ensure practitioners are informed if a different person is to collect your child.

Encourage your child to get dressed and undressed, put their coat on and take their shoes on and off by themselves.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns about toilet training. At this stage most children are toilet trained but we understand some may require additional support.

Please discourage your child in bringing toys to school. This is to avoid disappointment of loss or breakage.

For any more information please visit [What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf)

**Thank you for your support. We hope your child will have a happy and educational time at St. Andrew's with us.**

**If you have any queries please contact school.**

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