

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

*Inspired by Christ to be our best*

## Welcome!



## Reception Class 2023/2024

# Welcome

It has been lovely to have the opportunity to meet many of you already at our Stay and Play sessions.

We hope this information will help you to feel excited and confident when your child starts our school in September.

# Staff at St. Joseph's

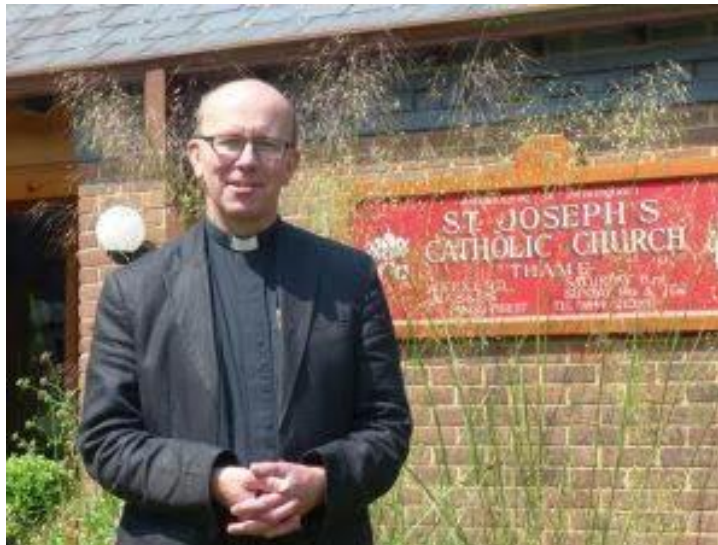
Headteacher

Ms Gowers



# Parish community

Our Parish Priest is Father David Hartley. The Parish email address is [saintjosephsthame@btinternet.com](mailto:saintjosephsthame@btinternet.com)



Father David Hartley

# Office staff

- \* Mrs Dawn Robinson is our Office Manager, Mrs Helen Spurgeon is our Finance Officer and Mrs Diana Marban is our School Secretary. If you have any administrative queries they are more than happy to help.

Mrs Robinson



Mrs Spurgeon



Mrs Marban



# Payments



- \* Cashless system called 'Schoolgateway' for all payment, e.g. trips, lunches, clubs etc.
- \* It's very easy to use – promise!
- \* Email address you provide will help set up Gateway.
- \* Login for Gateway – [login.schoolgateway.com](https://login.schoolgateway.com)  
OR download the APP in the Apple store.

# Your child's teachers will be..

- \* Mrs Dale on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- \* Mr de Vletter on a Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Dale



Mr de Vletter



# Uniform

- \* Uniform can be ordered online via Price and Buckland
- \* Price-buckland.co.uk [St Josephs Catholic Primary School Uniform \(pbuniform-online.co.uk\)](http://pbuniform-online.co.uk)
- \* PE tops can be bought through the school gateway or office
- \* All the information you need regarding uniform is available on the school website





## Uniform

Navy blue full zip fleece or sweatshirt (school logo/plain)\* or jumper or cardigan

Grey school trousers or knee length school shorts or navy blue skirt or pinafore

Light blue polo shirt (school logo\*/plain), worn tucked in to trousers or skirts

Navy blue summer check or stripe summer dress

Grey or white socks or navy blue opaque tights



## PE Kit (Children will wear PE kits to school on PE days)

Navy blue tracksuit (plain with no branding) - optional

Navy blue shorts\* or skort



## Trainers

Hair – back out of face

Jewellery - Removed for PE

- Earrings - taped up



# Continued ...

- \* *Shoes*— black school shoes – not boots or trainers.
  - For health and safety reasons and no open-toed sandals.

- \* *Bags*—



- \* *Jewellery*—No jewellery except watches. If pupils have pierced ears they may wear small discreet studs.
- \* *Make up* – No make up and nail varnish
- \* *Hair*—Long hair should be tied back. Hair ornaments should be discreet and be in school colours.

# New cardigan and PE kit



St Josephs Catholic Primary School Uniform  
([pbuniform-online.co.uk](http://pbuniform-online.co.uk))

# Information and Communication

- \* **Communication is vital between home and school**
- \* **We know that starting school is a big step**
- \* **You can also email the office**
- \* **There are two Parents' Consultations a year**
- \* **School newsletters**
- \* **Celebrating success**

# Early years curriculum

There are 7 Areas of Learning in the (EYFS), which activities are planned around.

The 3 Prime Areas:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
  - **Physical Development**
- **Communication and Language**

The 4 Specific Areas:

- **Literacy**
- **Mathematics**
- **Understanding the World**
- **Expressive Arts and Design**

# Characteristics of Effective Learning

The Characteristics of Effective Learning are essential aspects that we focus on during the children's time with us. These are embodied in 3 main areas:

- **Playing and Exploring**
  - **Active Learning**
- **Creating and Thinking Critically**

# What does my child need to bring to school daily?

**Book bag / Pencil case**

**Fruit**

**Water bottle**

You are entitled to a **free school meal** although if you wish for your child to have a packed lunch please bring this daily and named

**Named wellies**

**Spare clothes**

**Coat**

**Sun cream**

**Please keep toys at home**

# Start of the day

- \* **Drop off from 08.35** as the gate to the Reception classroom will be open
- \* **Register at 08.45**  
If you arrive after this time please report to the office
- \* **Finish at 15.15** and the children should be collected at the Reception class gate



# Morning routine

We encourage the children to independently do as much as possible in the morning:

- \* Hang up coats on their peg
- \* Water bottle in the trays on top of the blue trolley
- \* Lunch/fruit boxes on the shelves of the trolley
- \* Book bags go in the tray
- \* Self register
- \* Voting station
- \* Choose game/activity on the carpet/morning activity

# A daily timetable may be:



- ❖ Independent learning time - indoors and outdoor area and follow their interests/school topic
- ❖ During this time the adults will do some adult lead activities in groups as short follow up activities for Phonics, Maths and Literacy.
- ❖ Snack at 10.30am and 2.30pm.
- ❖ Lunch will be at midday - dietary requirements

# Home time

- \* **Pick up – Reception class gate**
- \* Short messages of their day
- \* Someone else picking up?

# Starting the School Year

- \* Smooth transition into Reception -half days in the morning for the first week 8.35 – 12.00
- \* Monday 4th September – Friday 8th September
- \* The children will have lunch in school on these days
- \* Full days at school start from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

# Home Visits

- \* **Home visits are a great way to continue to develop a relationship between us, your child and yourself.**
- \* Information can be shared
- \* Home visits will take place in the afternoons of the first week of school (4th-8th September)
- \* They will last 30 minutes each.
- \* You will receive the date and time of your Home visit by email from the school before the end of term.

# Things you can help your child develop before they start school

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- \* Dressing and undressing as independently as possible
- \* Putting on coats and hanging them up
- \* Putting their things away – bags, shoes etc.
- \* Tidying up toys and in the right places
- \* Using the toilet independently and wiping themselves independently
- \* Flushing toilets, washing hands and folding paper to wipe
- \* Opening and closing water bottles, food packets, oranges etc.
- \* Confidently saying goodbye to carer
- \* Using knife and fork and begin to cut their food
- \* Lids on pens

# Things you can help your child develop before they start school

## Communication and Literacy

- \* Recognising and beginning to write their own name
- \* Reading and enjoying stories and nursery rhymes with adults
- \* Singing familiar songs
- \* Sharing lots of talk and conversations

## Maths

- \* Counting as much as possible
- \* Singing maths songs
- \* Recognising, talking about numbers
- \* Problem solving – know where to find things
- \* - If something isn't there where will you look? No water bottle what should I do? If they lost a jumper – look for the name.

# Reminders

- \* **All About Me booklets**
- \* **Parent questionnaires**
- \* **Please do label all your child's belongings**
- \* **Piece of fruit and a water bottle daily.**
- \* **Inhalers**
- \* **Medication**
- \* **Spare set of clothes in named bag**
- \* **Birthday**



# The Friends of St. Joseph's

Stay in touch



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# Breakfast Club and After School Club

- \* Mrs Sue Heath runs our After School Club and Mrs Hawkins and Mrs. Marban run our Breakfast Club.
- \* If you would like to know any more information about these clubs please phone the office and they will answer any questions.

Mrs Heath



Mrs Hawkins




Mrs. Marban



# Video

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We are all very excited to begin the next chapter of learning in your little one's life. We can not wait to welcome you to our school.

# Questions

- \* Please feel free to ask any questions that you may have.

Thank you!