



Welcome to St Matthew's Primary School



Familiar Faces - Office

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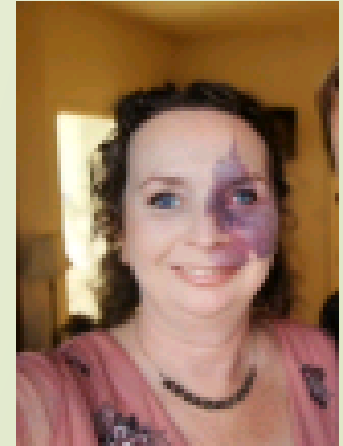
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Attendance



We expect that all parents/carers will:

- ❖ Make sure your child comes to school every day –
- ❖ Make sure your child arrives at school on time –

School starts at 8:45am. Main gates open at 8:40am

- ❖ Inform the school in advance of any medical appointments during school time. Parents may on occasion be asked to provide supporting information from the hospital, doctor or dentist, such as appointment details card/letter/text message in relation to the time requested. **Where possible, medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours.**
- ❖ Contact school **before 9am** if their child cannot attend school and inform the school why they can not attend.

Your journey to school – Norfolk Street is closed to cars at pick up and drop off times

- ❖ The road is closed from the junction with Staffordshire Street and Norfolk Street 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm
- ❖ If driving to school is unavoidable, please park a few streets away and walk the rest of the way
- ❖ Please do not drive as far as the barrier, **and please do not drive down Staffordshire Street, which is "access only" at all times**
- ❖ Please do not ask to drive through the closure, the volunteers will turn you away
- ❖ If you require special permission to drive through the closure, please speak to the school office. Permission is unlikely to be granted without a very good reason.
- ❖ If you are waiting in your car in the surrounding area, please turn your engine off.
- ❖ Please note that the **barrier will be in operation on stay and play days**, so plan your journey accordingly. This might be a good opportunity to do a practice walk/cycle to school!
- ❖ If you would like to find out more about volunteering with the barrier team please email street@stmatthewspta.org.uk



Our Reception Team

Mulberry

Mrs Bushen & Mrs Silva



(Monday-Thursday) (Friday)

Cherry

Mrs Blackman-Doyle & Mrs Chetwynd



Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday (Tuesday)

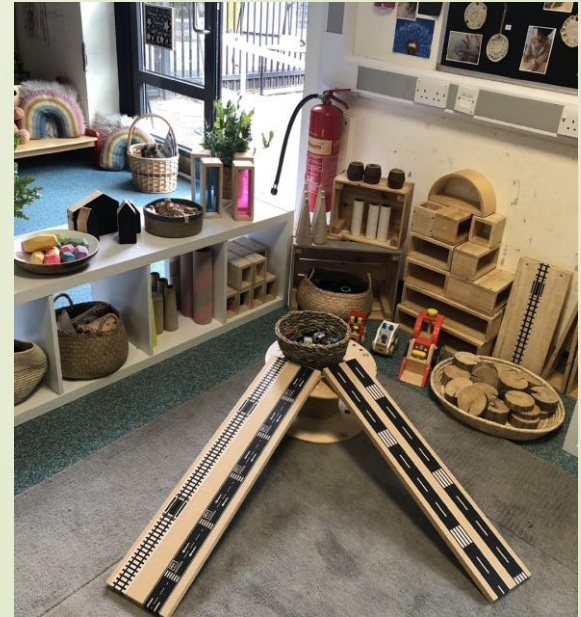
Oak

Mrs Sewell & Miss Argasinska



(Monday-Wednesday) (Wednesday Friday)

Our ethos in Reception at St Matthew's



Our School Values



Kindness
Empathy
Forgiveness
Thankfulness
Respect
Curiosity
Creativity
Independence

Co-operation
Responsibility
Perseverance
Integrity
Self awareness
Assertiveness
Enthusiasm

Your child's learning

- * Follows EYFS Curriculum – Continuation from Nursery
- * Play based curriculum
- * “Busy Learning”: independent learning
- * Whole class
- * Small group
- * One to one



A Typical Day in Reception

Start school at 8:45am

Whole class Phonics

Guided Reading in small groups and busy learning

Fruit time and story/ discussion

Outside time

Whole class teaching followed by small group activities and busy learning

Lunchtime

Whole class teaching

Small group work and busy learning

Fruit time

Outside time

Story time

Home time 3:15pm

Phonics - Learning to read and write



Attend a Parent Webinar

This webinar will guide you to better understand the systematic teaching of phonics – how your child learns to read and spell. It will give examples of how to use Monster Phonics to accelerate learning for your child and provide you with fun and engaging strategies to improve reading and spelling.

Monster
Phonics

PARENT WEBINAR



Validated by

Department
for Education

Transition

- Stay and Play visits...
- Tuesday 15th July (3:30-4:15pm)
- Thursday 17th July (3:30-4:15pm)
- Home Visits or Individual Classroom visits to your child's classroom in September
- Small Groups



Reception Transition Timetable September 2025

This table outlines how the children will start school in September.
You will find out which class and group your child is in at the New Parents Meeting on
Thursday 19th June at 7pm in the Sports Hall.

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st September – 5 th September	Staff Training Day No Children	Staff Training Day No Children	Home Visits *see individual times	Individual Classroom Visits *see individual times	Individual Classroom Visits *see individual times

Week Commencing	Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th September – 12 th September	am 8:45 – 11:30	Group A	Group C	Groups A and C	Groups A and C	Groups A and C
13 th September – 19 th September	pm 12:30 – 2:15	Group B	Group D	Groups B and D	Groups B and D	Groups B and D

Week Commencing	Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 th September – 26 th September	am 8:45 – 11:30	Groups A and C Stay for an early lunch	Groups A and C Stay for an early lunch	Groups A and C Stay for an early lunch	All Groups All children will stay for lunch and option to stay for the afternoon session	
	12:30 – 2:15	Groups B and D Arrive and eat a late lunch	Groups B and D Arrive and eat a late lunch	Groups B and D Arrive and eat a late lunch	Optional afternoon session	

Week Commencing	Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 th September – 30 th September	8:45am – 3:15pm	Full Time for all children 8:45am – 3:15pm				

* Please be aware that times may be subject change in September

Lunchtimes

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Commencing: 1st Nov, 22nd Nov, 13th Dec, 17th Jan, 7th Feb, 7th March, 28th March

Allergen Key: Barley (B), Celery (C), Egg (E), Fish (F), Gluten (G), Lupin (L), Milk (MK), Mustard (MU), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya (SO), Sulphites (SU), Wheat (W)

Week 1

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Main Meal

Beefburger in a Bun with Baked Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables

(G) (W) (SE)

BBQ Chicken Wrap served with Baby New Potatoes and Fresh Salad

(G) (W) (B) (SO) (C)

Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables

(G) (W) (MK)

Farm Assured Roast Chicken with Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

(G) (W) (E) (MK)

Cod Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans
*Salmon Fish Fingers Available

(G) (W) (F)

Meat Free

Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Baked Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables

(G) (W) (SU) (SE)

Roasted Vegetable & Cheese Wrap served with Baby New Potatoes and Fresh Salad

(G) (W) (MK)

Vegetable Lasagne served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables

(G) (W) (MK)

Quorn Roast with Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

(G) (W) (E) (MK)

Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans

(G) (W)

Pasta and Jackets

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

(MK) (F) (E)

Pasta Twists with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Fresh Salad and Fresh Bread

(G) (W) (MK)

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

(MK) (F) (E)

Pasta Twists with Cheddar Cheese Sauce served with Fresh Salad and Fresh Bread

(G) (W) (MK)

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

(MK) (F) (E)

Lunchtime Lunchbox

Cheese Roll
Cheese Straw
Salad Sticks
Fresh Sliced Fruit
Apple Sponge
(G) (W) (MK) (E) (SE)

Ham Salad Roll
Pasta Salad
Salad Sticks
Fresh Sliced Fruit
Chocolate Brownie
(G) (W) (MK) (E) (SE)

Egg Mayo Roll
Pizza Finger
Salad Sticks
Fresh Sliced Fruit
Cherry Cookie
(G) (W) (MK) (E) (SE)

Tuna Mayo Roll
Pasta Salad
Salad Sticks
Fresh Sliced Fruit
Fruit Plapjack
(G) (W) (MK) (E) (SE) (F)

Cheese Roll
Chicken Strips
Salad Sticks
Fresh Sliced Fruit
Fruity Rocket Lolly
(G) (W) (MK) (SE)

Desserts

Choose One of Our Fabulous Deserts
Apple Sponge & Custard
Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit
(G) (W) (E) (MK)

Choose One of Our Fabulous Deserts
Chocolate Brownie
Fruit Yogurt & Coulis
Fresh Fruit
(G) (W) (E) (MK)

Choose One of Our Fabulous Deserts
Cherry Cookie
Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit
(G) (W) (MK)

Choose One of Our Fabulous Deserts
Fruit Plapjack
Fruit Yogurt & Coulis
Fresh Fruit
(G) (W) (MK)

Choose One of Our Fabulous Deserts
Fruity Rocket Lolly
Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit
(G) (W) (MK)

Available every day:

A selection of fresh vegetables and tasty salad

Delicious freshly baked bread

Fruit platter and natural yogurt with toppings





Pick up and drop off:

Be punctual:

- * Main gates open at 8:40am
- * School starts at 8:45am

- * Say goodbye in the line
- * Encourage your child's independence

- * End of the School Day is 3:15pm for Reception

Top Tips

- * Bring in your child's birth certificate or passport and admissions form before **Friday Wednesday 23rd July**.
- * Encourage Independence – coats, shoes, toileting
 - * Be positive about school
 - * Boost your child's self esteem
 - Play dates
- Look at the Early Years Section on the school website

What your child needs to bring in September

Daily: water, fruit, book bag

We will let you know when PE will start. The children come dressed in their PE kit.

To be kept at school: wellies, a rain coat, small bag with change of clothes

Name Everything!

Working Together



Weekly information
sheets

Parent
Consultations

Stay and play
sessions

Main gate

Communication

Google
Classrooms

Attendance

Punctuality

Email child's
teacher/s

Thank you for coming.
Please come and visit your child's
classroom.

