



St. Andrew's Primary School

Information for Parents
Reception 2026/27

About our school

THIS IS A GREAT SCHOOL
with
GREAT adults and GREAT children

- ▶ Classes 7 - Reception, 1- 6
- ▶ Key Stages:
 - ▶ Foundation Stage - Reception
 - ▶ Key Stage 1 Year 1 - Year 2 (age 5 - 7)
 - ▶ Key Stage 2 Year 3 - Year 6 (age 7 - 11)

Important information

- ▶ Class teachers - Mrs. Usherwood
Mrs. Donson
- ▶ Teaching assistant - tbc

School Life

- ▶ Safeguarding
- ▶ Lunches
- ▶ Clubs - Breakfast Club, After School Club, Teacher led clubs
- ▶ Communication
 - ▶ Newsletters, Parents Evenings and Reports, Website, E-mail, School App, Staff, Class Dojo
- ▶ Absences / Sickness / Medicines
- ▶ Friends of St. Andrew's (FOSA)
- ▶ Volunteers

Uniform

- ▶ Navy Sweatshirts/cardigans (with logo - from Kids Klobber)
- ▶ Grey/Navy trousers or skirts
- ▶ White shirts/blouses/polo shirts
- ▶ School shoes/plain black trainers
- ▶ PE Kit: Navy shorts, white T shirt and plimsolls/trainers (needed later in the year)
- ▶ No jewellery or nail varnish
- ▶ Book bags

Early Years Curriculum

Activities in Reception are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences.

Planning for each week/term is carried out using a topic-based approach, responding to specific events when appropriate. We follow children's interests in provision.

There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Physical Development**
- **Communication and Language**
- **Literacy**
- **Mathematics**
- **Understanding the World**
- **Expressive Arts and Design**

Taught sessions and Continuous Provision

Taught sessions- Maths and Phonics daily

There will be a workshop in each of these areas to show you what we do at school, what knowledge will be covered and how you can support us at home.

Continuous Provision describes the areas of learning that your child has access to during “busy time”. These activities have been carefully planned. During “busy time”, your child will direct their own learning. It is a chance for them to practise, rehearse and consolidate key learning skills and behaviours independently.



Extra information

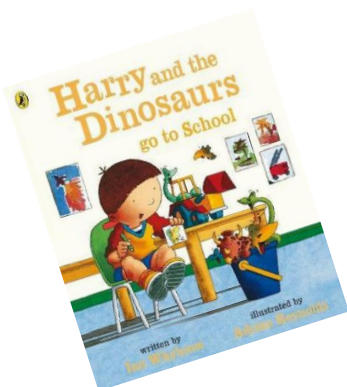
Clothing

- ▶ Spare clothes
- ▶ Name everything!
- ▶ Wellies
- ▶ We sometimes get messy!

Reading books

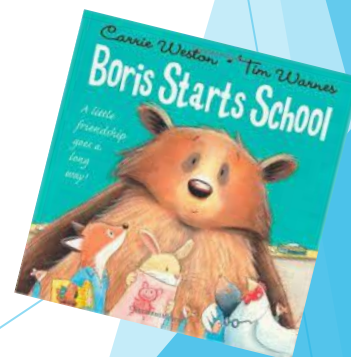
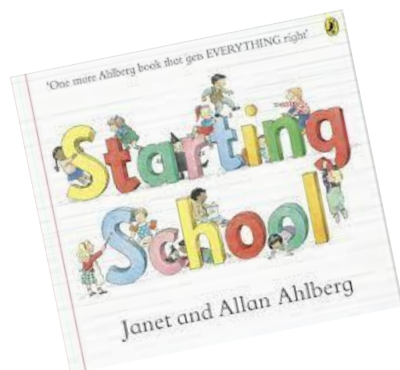
- Phonics training in Autumn term
- Looking after our books
- Sharing stories every night
- School book bags not backpacks

Before starting reception



Getting Ready for School Checklist

I can...	I can...	I can...
recognise my name	☐ hold my pencil carefully	☐ put on my socks
write the first letter	☐ draw a face 	☐ find my shoes
copy my name	☐ colour in carefully	☐ put on my shoes
write my name 	☐ name the colours I use	☐ fasten my shoes 
I can...	I can...	I can...
count from 1 to 10	☐ sing simple rhymes	☐ find my coat
recognise some numbers	☐ sing and clap to a song	☐ put my arms into my coat
recognise spot patterns on a dice	☐ tap a beat 	☐ zip up my coat
recognise some common 2D shapes 	☐ move to music	☐ fasten buttons on my clothes 
I can...	I can...	I can...
eat with a knife and fork	☐ tidy away my toys	☐ say please when I ask
pour myself a drink	☐ clear away things I've used	☐ say thank you when I get
taste different foods	☐ put my clothes away	☐ ask to go to the toilet
wash my hands before and after meals 	☐ help at home 	☐ take turns talking in a group 
I can...	I can...	I can...
wash my hands 	☐ walk up and down stairs using the handrail	☐ cut along a line
dry my hands	☐ hold hands on the street	☐ cut 'snips' into paper
go to the toilet when I need to	☐ take turns when playing	☐ cut out a shape
wipe/clean myself when I've been to the toilet	☐ share toys with a friend 	☐ cut out shapes to make a picture 



Stay and Play sessions

Wednesday 1st July- 1:15-2:15

For parents and children

Thursday 9th July- 1:15-2:15

For children only

First week of term



School Drop in



These will take place on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September in school.

Please book your slot today on the sign up sheet if you haven't already done so.

Reception's first few days

- **Friday 4th September** (morning or afternoon) –
Surnames A-O 08:30 to 10:30
Surnames P–Z 13:00 to 15:00

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- **Monday 7th September** (Staggered start) - 08:30 to 3:00pm
we will contact you with your child's start time

- **Tuesday 8th** (full day) - 8:30am to 3:00pm



Any Questions?

