

Welcome to St Monica's R.C. Primary School Reception September 2024/2025





Saint Monica's is a Catholic primary school in the parish of Saint John Henry Newman. Our faith is at the centre of the ethos and mission statement of our school.

When your child joins Saint Monica's school they will learn that they are joining a school and parish family.



Key people in school:

The Head Teacher is Mr Doherty



The Deputy Head is Mrs Cosgrove



Our office staff are

Mrs Chivell – School Office Manager



Miss White – School Admin Assistant

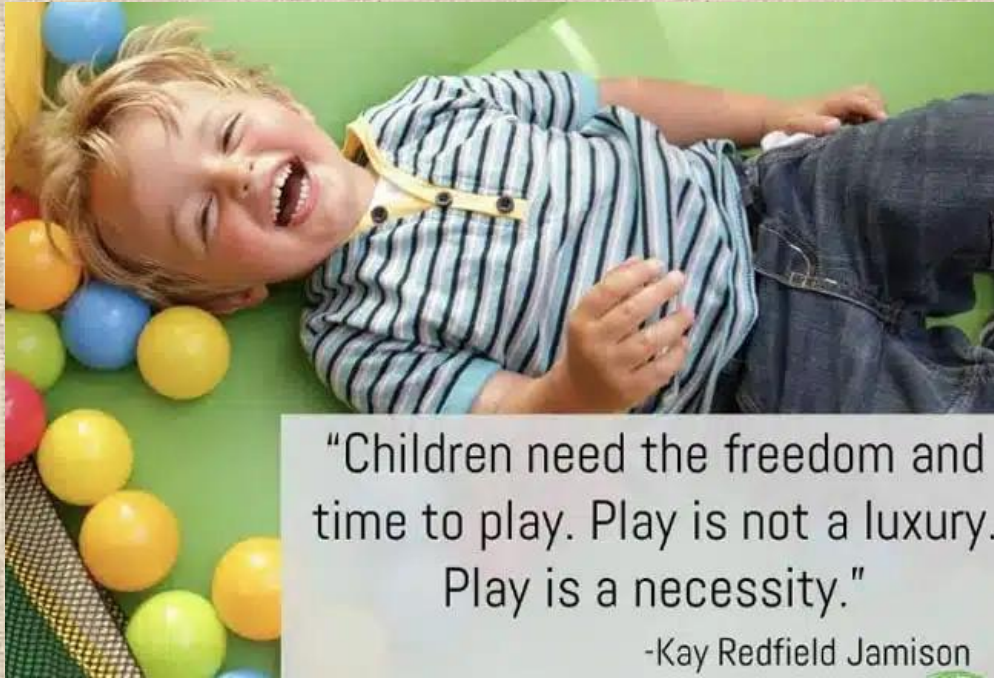




**Education
Experts**



PLAY



"Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity."

-Kay Redfield Jamison



"Play is our brain's favorite way of learning."

-Diane Ackerman



"Play is the highest form of research."

Albert Einstein



Scientists have recently determined that it takes approximately 400 repetitions to create a new synapse in the brain - unless it is done with play, in which case, it takes between 10 - 20 repetitions.

DR. KARYN PURVIS



Transition

- In life there are times of stability and times of change.
- Change is exciting but can be difficult.
- The more resilient and self-confident we are as individuals the better we cope with change.

- Enjoy the experience of coming to school.
- Feel safe, secure and valued in the new environment.
- Build relationships with the adults.
- Build relationships with the other children.
- Understand what is expected of them.

How do we learn in Reception?

Children learn best by observing, listening, exploring, experimenting and asking questions. Being interested, motivated and engaged in their learning. We provide lots of opportunities for this by...

- Continuous provision areas
- Focused activities
- Enhanced provision linked to interests and topics
- Carpet times, stories and RE
- **We have indoor and outdoor provision and activities throughout the day.**



Daily Routine

AM Registration - in classes at 8.50am (arrival after 9.00 am report to office as registers have been closed).

Group time – daily number groups or literacy activities

Continous Provision and Adult directed play – Focused tasks, activities and games to support their learning

Snack time - approx 10.30am

Group time – daily sound groups

Lunchtime (11:45) - free meal for all children in EYFS and KS1 or they can bring a packed lunch. All children eat their lunch in the hall.

PM Registration – 1:10pm afternoon session starts

Group time

PLAY

Story Time and prayers – 3:00pm

Home Time – 3:25pm

St Monica's RC Primary School

Our Reception day...



School starts



Registration



Indoor/outdoor play



Snack



Group time



Lunch



Group time



Focused activity



Indoor/outdoor play



Story



Home time

Where is the Reception class?



Drop off

School starts at 8.50am

If you arrive onto the big playground (go through the pedestrian entrance at the right hand side as you look at the school) continue straight across the playground up to the top Reception playground, the door under the red shelter on the left will be open for you to bring your child to.

Collection

School ends at 3.25pm

Through the gates at the end of Reception playground is where children leave at the end of the day.

We have a coded pick up for occasions when an unfamiliar adult is collecting at home time, also we ask that you contact school office if there are unexpected changes or you are running unavoidably late.

The Reception Team



Mrs Peattie



Ms Lathrope



Mrs Hopkins



Mrs McFarlane



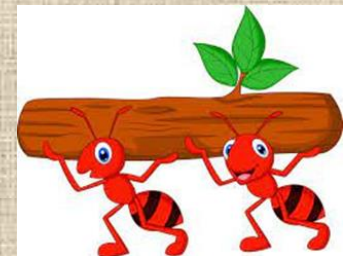
Mrs Windridge

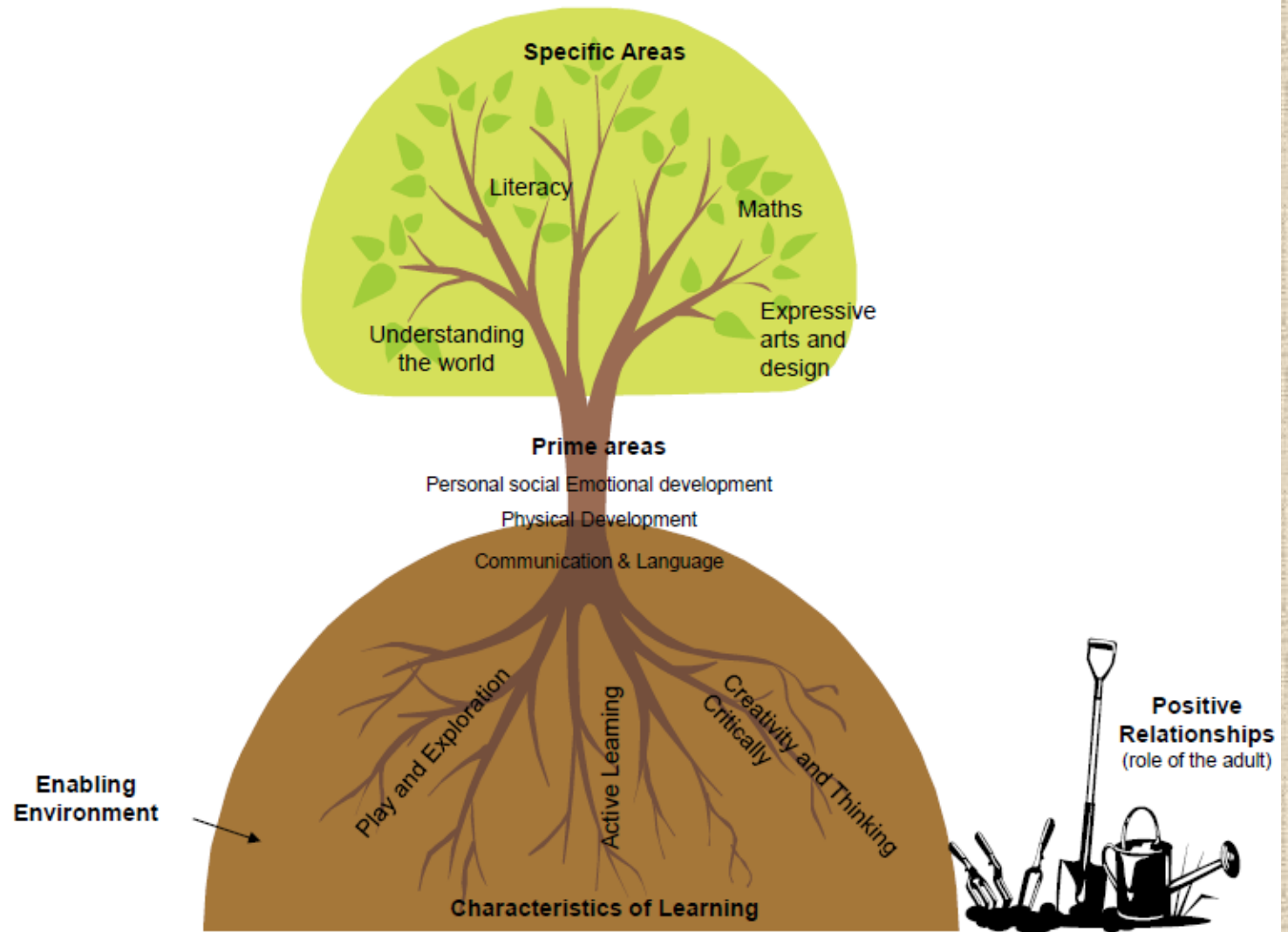
Early Years Foundation Stage



At the end of the Reception year, children will be assessed in 5 of the areas of learning to see if they have reached a 'Good Level of Development' in Reception.

There are 7 areas of learning and the Characteristics of Effective Learning.





Transition into Reception

- PVI Meetings.
- Welcome meeting- tonight.
- Stay and Play- tomorrow (please sign up for 9.30am-10.30 or 10.45-11.45am) *This is for children new to the school but any parents of children who are in our Nursery are welcome to bring their child along. Current Nursery children will be having separate stay and plays arranged through school.*
- July - Visits or phone calls to local play groups/day nursery's currently attended by the children.
- July- Transition morning Tuesday 16th July 2024
- Home visits on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September (only for children not currently in St Monica's Nursery). *Home visit slots are in your packs.*

Start Dates

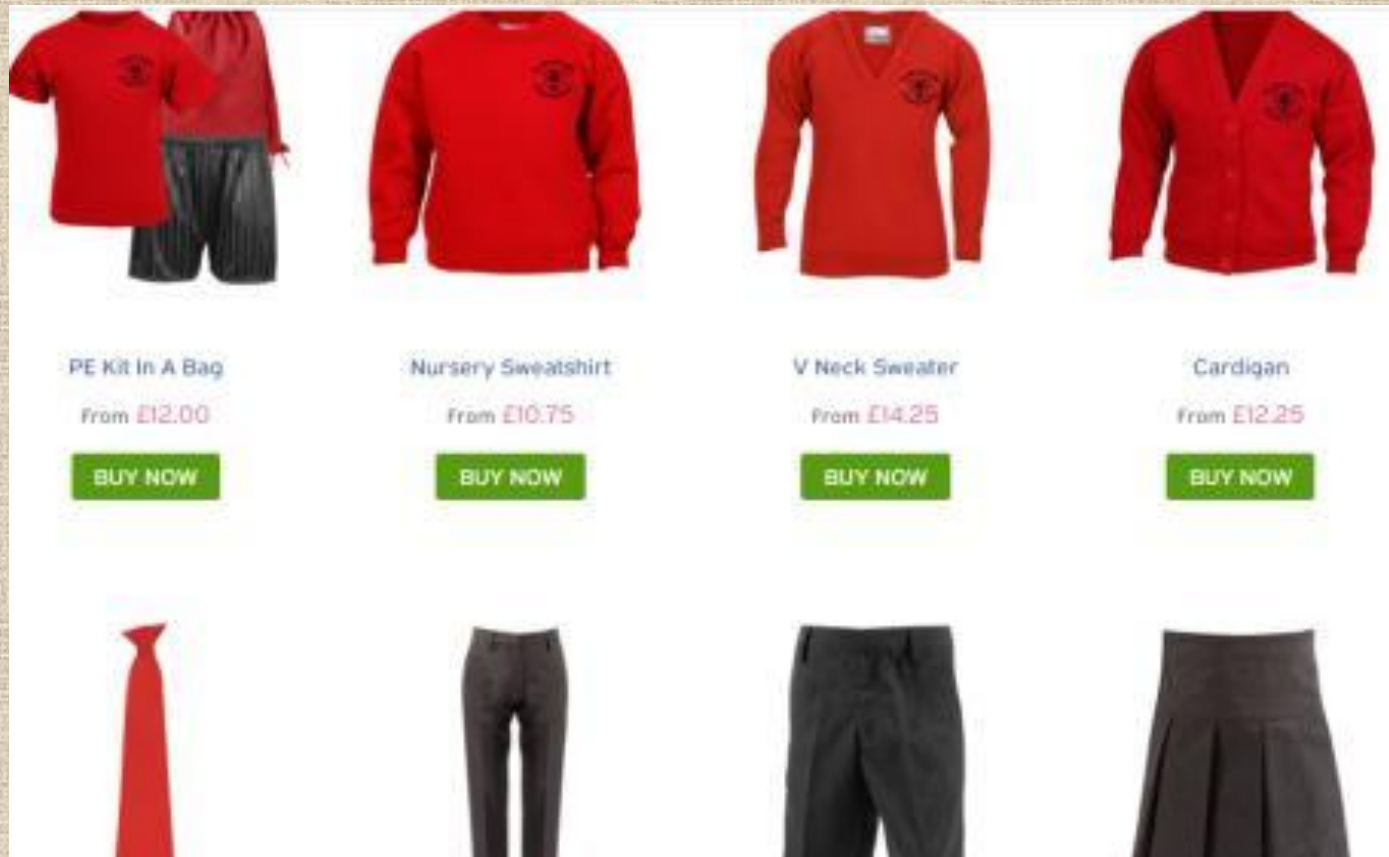
- Half day session (9am-11.30am) Thursday 5th September.
- Children will stay for lunch on Friday 6th September (9am-1pm)
- Children start FULL TIME on Monday 9th September 2024 (8.50am-3.20pm).

School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

- Mid morning we have a daily fruit snack provided with milk or water to drink.
- Milk is available everyday. *You can register and log in using the details in the pack to create an account.*
- You can pay weekly, half termly. Should be paid on the Tuesday for the following week.
- Please inform staff of any allergies



All uniform can be purchased (Price and Buckland) link via the school website under the parents page. LABEL EVERYTHING!



What do they need to bring to school in September?

Red school book bags – please purchase one of these from website. Please bring this in everyday.

PE is on a Friday – The children come to school in their PE kits on Fridays. This will not start immediately. We will let you know when we would like the children to come in PE kits.

Labelled Water Bottle

Wellies- NAMED





Parents as Partners

A Working partnership between
school and home

- We have a school communication platform called Dojo which is an app that you load onto phones or tablets. You log into it for your child and you will then have access to school stories and class stories linked to your child. This is a very effective means of communication between your child's teacher, the head teacher and yourself.
- The school website has lots of information on it too.
<https://www.stmonicasschoolflixton.org.uk/>
- A class newsletter will be uploaded onto Dojo weekly telling you what the children have been covering that week and any forthcoming events and dates.


Learning journals



TAPESTRY

Jamie's train play

31/10/2013 with Jamie Edwards



Jamie really enjoyed building a train track today, and especially liked the fact that it lived in its own tunnel.

He was the train driver, and his train was called Thomas, which was very funny because Thomas is also his brother's name!

Playing and Exploring
Playing with what they know

- Representing their experiences in play
- Taking on a role in their play

Jamie Edwards

FSM – Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

This is different from the Free School Lunch for every child

If you are in receipt of specific benefits (as listed on the letter in the information pack), it is really important that you fill in the FSM/Pupil Premium form in the welcome pack as it will enable school to claim additional funding from the government for your child.



Medical information



- There is a First Aider within Reception- Mrs McFarlane
- If your child is ill then please inform the office.
- **Sickness or Diarrhoea** - stay off school for 48 hours from the last episode.
- **Medicine** Long term - ongoing medicines e.g asthma inhalers – we ask that you fill in a long term medical form which will be sent to you in the welcome pack
 - Short term medicines - antibiotics only given if needed 4x a day. No non prescribed medicines will be administered.
- **Contact numbers** must be kept up to date, please inform the office if your mobile number changes. We ask for at least 2 contacts.
- **Allergies** – please inform school of any allergies your child has.
- If your child has a fall or bump during the day you will receive an email from **Medical Tracker** to notify you.
- **Head lice** – unfortunately they do occur in school! We ask that you let us know so that all parents can be notified by a letter that there is a case in the class (no names are given!) and then everyone can be vigilant and check. Treatments for head lice can be obtained for free from any local chemists. You do not have to keep your child off school but you do have to treat them.

FAFSM

Welcome to Family and Friends of St Monica's, we are a group of volunteers who come together to raise funds for our school.

We are always looking for new member and would like to invite you to our monthly meetings, which are held at The Fox on a Tuesday evening at 7pm.

This is a great opportunity to have an input into how money is raised and how it is used directly to benefit your child.

You can join our Facebook page @Family and Friends of St Monica's to find out more information about up and coming events and to contact the committee directly.

We look forward to meeting you at our future events .

Kind Regards

Amanda Hill (Chairwoman)

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How to help...



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Helping your child in Reception

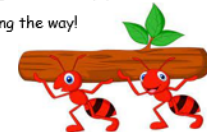


Welcome to Reception!

Reception is such a big year for the children! Not only are they experiencing school life for the first time but also learning new rules and routines, establishing new friendships, developing far more independence and building foundations for all of their future learning. It can be a daunting prospect for some children (and parents!) but please be rest assured! Your children are amazing little people who are far more resilient than we often realise, and will find their feet in no time at all!

We are fully expecting there to be some tears in the mornings! Leaving Mummies and Daddies can be very daunting when starting somewhere new and this is completely normal. We also know we'll have some children who will skip through the door like they've been coming forever! The most important thing is that we put your child's emotional well-being at the front of all we do. It is just as important to us as it is for you that your child feels happy, safe and comfortable in our reception environment and we will keep you informed at every step along the way as to how their transition is going.

This leaflet is designed to give you ideas of how you can help your child to progress in Reception. It aims to give information about the sorts of things your child will be learning to do, as well as highlighting the important role that you can play in your child's education. We have tried to make the information as easy to follow as possible but if you would like to know more, then please come in and ask a member of staff. Your support is greatly appreciated, and building a relationship between parents and our school is invaluable. We look forward to working together to help your children be the best that they can be, whilst having lots of fun along the way!



What will they do all day?



PLAY!

Indoor and Outdoor

This is true

Every aspect of play is highly purposeful. We aim to build on the experiences your children have had at Nursery and at home.

