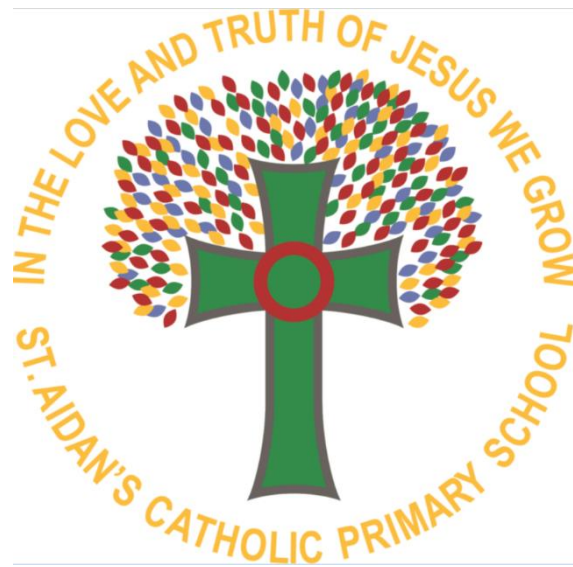


St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Moorhouse Lane, Ashington, NE63 9LR



EYFS Information Booklet

Welcome

Thank you for choosing St Aidan's Catholic Primary School for your child and welcome to our school community. We hope this booklet provides you with as much information as possible to prepare you and your child for their learning journey with us, however if you do have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact one of our EYFS team via the school office on 01670 813308.

Please note: attending St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Nursery does not guarantee Reception places. Reception places are applied for and allocated via the Local Authority.

EYFS Staff

Miss Wright – Acting EYFS Lead, Reception Teacher

Miss Armstrong – Nursery Teacher

Mrs Dodds – EYFS TA

Mrs Parker – EYFS TA

Miss Halliwell – EYFS TA

Mrs Robertson – EYFS Higher Level Teaching Assistant – PPA Cover

Transition

Whilst we have a transition programme, it is important to note that it can be altered and tweaked to meet the specific needs of individual children, if this is identified and agreed by parents and class teachers.

Parents of new starters will be invited to a 'New to EYFS' meeting where they can meet some staff, find out about EYFS and have an opportunity to ask any questions. Additionally, a stay and play session will be arranged where parents can bring their child along to visit their new classroom and meet their teachers.

Please complete any paperwork handed out and return to school as soon as possible to ensure that staff can identify and arrange any additional support and staffing for the setting in period.

School Day

	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Nursery	8:30am – 11:30am	12:15pm – 3.15pm
Reception	8:45am – 11:30am	12:30pm – 3:15pm

Nursery have their own entrance at the front of the school where the pupils will be greeted by the Nursery staff in the morning and dismissed from here at the end of the school day. **Please note, once this door is closed, staff are unable to open it again due to safety reasons. If you arrive and this is the case, you should take your child to the main office to be signed in.** The carpark next to Nursery is not to be used for drop off/collection or to be cut across on foot. Parents should walk back up the school path to leave as the carpark is always accessible for vehicles.

Reception are collected by their class teacher from the yard and are taken there at the end of the school day where they are dismissed to their parent/carer. The yard is open from 8.30am and is locked at 8.50am prompt. It will be reopened at 3pm to allow parents/carers to access the yard and wait for the children to be dismissed.

Please be punctual at all times, if you are running late and the door or gate is closed then you must report to the main office and a member of staff will take your child to their class.

Lunchtimes

Lunches are eaten in our hall/dining hall and are cooked and prepared by the catering team. School lunches can be ordered online via SchoolGrid. These are charged at £2.40 per day for Nursery pupils, Reception school lunches are currently funded through the government Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. Should your child not want a school lunch they should be provided with a healthy packed lunch.

please note, due to allergies, we are strictly a nut free school

School Milk

School milk is free of charge up until the start of the term in which your child turns 5, afterwards milk is chargeable from the dairy. This needs to be ordered direct from the dairy. Links to be sent out via Parent Mail.

School Communication

Please ensure that the school office has your current email address/telephone number. Much of our school communication is sent out via Parent Mail. If you feel you are not receiving information, letters and messages from school then check that the office hold the correct information for you.

Curriculum

In Nursery and Reception we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework. Staff use their knowledge of child development to carefully plan the provision and adult-led activities to best support your child. The EYFS supports a play-based curriculum which encourages playing, exploring, experimenting, making friend, making mistakes, trying things out and asking lots of questions! Each child enters Nursery at different levels of learning and development. Each child's knowledge, experience and interests are taken into consideration when carefully planning activities and experiences, encouraging a love of learning and enabling each and every child to reach their full potential.

The EYFS curriculum is split into 7 areas:

<u>Prime Area</u>	<u>Specific Areas</u>
Communication and Language	Literacy
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Maths
Physical Development	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design

Assessment

Early Years staff use ongoing assessment cycles to determine a child's next steps. This is based on what they can currently do and how the staff can support them to move their learning forward. Assessment is used to inform planning.

At the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage children are assessed against the 17 statutory Early Learning Goals (ELG). This is a teacher best fit assessment where staff who work closely with your child will decide whether he/she has met the criteria.

Tapestry

Tapestry is an online learning journal where parents and staff can document a child's experiences and learning. It is a private closed forum where only school staff can see photos and comments you upload. Please see additional Tapestry leaflet for more information.

Uniform

At St Aidan's Catholic Primary School our uniform is as follows:

Blue polo shirt

Royal Blue Sweatshirt (Polo shirts/sweatshirts bearing the school logo may be ordered through the school website)

Grey trousers or skirts (A pale blue gingham dress may be worn in the summer).

Flat black school shoes

If your child is learning to use the toilet, they can wear comfortable trousers which are easy to pull up and down (e.g. sweatpants/jogging bottom style).

PE Kit (for Reception – Nursery Children do not need a PE kit)

PE kits are brought into school in a bag and are left on children's pegs until the end of half term when it is returned home. PE kit is as follows:

Blue school T Shirt

Blue Shorts

Black tracksuit bottoms for outdoors

Trainers/Sandshoes

Outdoor Clothing

Both of our EYFS classrooms have their own outdoor area. As part of learning and development we use the outdoor classroom space in all weathers. Therefore, it is important to ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and accessories:

Waterproof coat

Hat, gloves, scarf

Sun hat

Suncream

In the warmer weather **all children must come to school with their suncream applied**. Children who attend school all day will have the opportunity to reapply suncream at lunchtime ready for the afternoon. Staff are unable to apply the suncream directly to your child but they are closely supervised when rubbing in their own suncream.

If your child does not have a sun hat or suncream they may not be able to access the outdoors.

Independence

A huge part of the early years experience at St Aidan's is developing independence in preparation for Year One and above. You can help us to support your child with this by:

- Using Velcro shoes
- Mittens rather than gloves
- Easy trousers for toileting – no belts
- Encouraging independence at home

If you have any questions or require any additional support, please contact the school office on 01670 813308.