

## Meet the Teacher – Reception – September 2025

**Thank you to those parents who have named uniform, flasks and bags etc. If you haven't done it yet, please do over the weekend. This is very important!**

Please continue to refer to information given out at the New Parent Meeting and on the class webpage which is always being updated.

### Start & End of the Day

- Children can arrive between 8:30am and 8.45am. Thank you for making goodbyes short and sweet.
- Children in after school kids club will be taken straight over by staff.
- The children will be dismissed at 3:15pm. Please try to move off the playground efficiently so the parents from other classes can collect. This helps with smoother transitions.
- Please make sure you keep an eye on your child once they have been handed to you.

### Classroom Routines and Rules

- Autumn term 1 activities focus - smooth transition, friendships, easing children back into full time school and into Reception's raised standards, develop positive learning attitudes, behaviours and encouraging independence.
- Reading packets - Please check and empty these daily. Please add 1 keyring to help children identify theirs out of 30 others.
- Drinks – We drink milk in the morning. Please ensure flasks are named. These flasks should be filled preferably with water or very diluted squash. We refill them through the day with water if needed. Children can also have more milk when we have spare.
- Classroom monitors: all children will be given a job to help keep our class organised, help with independence and give children a sense of responsibility.
- Classroom rules – Please refer to the classroom rules document.
- House points - later in the year or in Year 1 children will be assigned a house group: St Matthew, St Mark, St Luke or St John.
- Class Marbles – Children work together to earn marbles in jar towards a whole class reward.
- Travelling Ted – Travelling Ted has started to go home with 1 child on a rota basis. Please send him back quickly as other children are waiting for him. No book to complete.
- Behaviour Chart – In class we have 5 different faces displayed. Every child has a peg with their photograph on. Children start every day on green and get moved up or down for behaviours. The aim is for children to stay on green and try to achieve silver or gold. If they finish the day on green, silver or gold, they have had a great day! Most children will finish the day on green – that's great! Please don't be disappointed if they don't get to silver or gold every day.  
Red = speak to parents  
Orange = warning  
Green = thumbs up or high five  
Silver = sticker  
Gold = Mrs Turley's treat box
- Children can also choose a treat from the treat box at any other times for making good behaviour choices and showing positive attitudes.

### Classwork

- Practical play based activities inside and outside.
- Moving to more formal through the year.
- Parent Planner Curriculum Overviews are uploaded to the class website at the start of each half term with an overview of topics to be taught that term.

- Curriculum expectations – Please see the class handouts and website for information about St Anne’s expectations and Early Learning Goals. Children will be assessed against these ELG’s in June. This is the expected standard for children at the end of Reception. Children will be assessed to be ‘on track’ or ‘not on track’ throughout the year.
- Groupings are named after the four seasons – Children’s groups will not be academic in Reception and are reviewed and changed often.
- Daily phonics sessions started this week at Level 1 review. Level 2 sounds will begin shortly.

**Please encourage independence & resilience**

**Handwriting**

- Fine-motor control activities to develop strength and control in finger muscles.
- Pencil grip – “duck fingers”
- If writing at home, please use pencil and help your child use “duck fingers”.
- Children will learn correct letter formations from the start.
- School handwriting formations and more information on how to support your child can be seen on the handwriting page of the class website.
- Name writing whiteboard for home (given out today).

**How to Support your child at Home**

- Chat, Play & Read with your child.
- Phonics Play (school log in), White Rose 1 Minute Maths & Mini Mash (individual login) websites and apps.
- Class Newsletter will be uploaded to the class website most Fridays. This will tell you what we have done in school and how you can support at home.
- Phonics – your child will be given a sound book which will be explained at the Literacy Parent Meeting. Please practice these books daily to help your child learn the letter sounds. More information will be shared at the Literacy Parent Workshop (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October) and on the phonics webpage.
- Reading Book – given out shortly- please spend a short time every evening with your child, ensuring discussion of characters, events and practicing phonics skills. Comments in the reading record are very important. Just record school reading books please.
- 1000 Stories Book – as previously advised via ParentMail.
- Prayer bag – this is given out on a rota basis and should be returned swiftly so that other children can take it home.
- P.E. bag - this is also be given out on a rota basis.

**Please remember to name all uniform**

**Uniform**

- Please refer to the new parent meeting pack for information about uniform expectations.
- Girls should wear pinafore dresses and not skirts.
- Consider the type of trousers boys wear - elasticated waist bands are easier for boys to manage toileting independently.
- No hoop earrings – small studs please and they should be removed on Thursday and Friday
- No nail varnish or tattoos
- We have ‘Pre-Loved Uniform’ sales. Please try to pass down or recycle old uniform. There is a recycle bin in school.

### **P.E.** – Thursday

- To help your child, please help your child learn to get dressed independently and learn the tricks of getting dressed, putting shoes on the correct feet and turning clothes in the correct way etc.
- Earrings should not be worn on PE days.
- Reception do not need a tracksuit or shin pads etc.
- PE bags are left in school every day and sent home at half term. Please put something onto it (a piece of ribbon / keyring etc) that children can identify as theirs.
- NO black pumps please! Trainers with Velcro. Only send laces if your child can do them independently.

**Please remember to name all PE kit including the bag  
No track suit, leggings or fleece is needed for Reception**

### **Woodlands School** - Friday

- Please wear old clothes (trousers or leggings, t-shirt, jumper or fleece) to school and provide outer waterproof clothing in a bag (wellington boots, a waterproof outer playsuit, a hat and spare socks) that you don't mind getting wet & dirty.
- Please put this clothing in a named bag. Please also provide a separate carrier bag for dirty boots.
- In winter we sometimes have hot chocolate at the end of the session or squash / ice pop in summer.
- I will inform you if we are not doing Woodlands School via the weekly class newsletter.

### **General**

- Special Friends – introduced this week.
- PTA – please consider joining this small group of hard working people. Meetings take place once a half term. If you cannot attend meetings, but can help in another way (offer of prizes, help at events, company sponsorship, match funding etc) please let me know – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Weekly Headlines from Mrs Johnston via ParentMail.
- Weekly class newsletter from me on Friday's – uploaded to the class website.
- Website – please refer regularly to the website initially for photographs, information and support. I try to keep this as up to date as I can.
- Bluesky - @stannesstreetly
- Emails will be replied to in office hours (8am – 5pm).

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