



# Welcome to St Thomas of Canterbury EYFS



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## Staffing Structure 2020-21

Nursery P- Miss Partington  
Nursery C – Miss Cotton

1 TA3 & 2 TA's  
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Reception M Mrs McGuire 1 TA3 & 1 TA  
Reception W – Miss Ward 1 TA3 & 1 TA

HLTA – Mrs Taylor (Speech & Language)

Miss Annie – EYFS cook  
Miss Chris & Miss Showa – Lunchtime classroom assistants  
Lunchtime welfare staff (outdoors)

Mrs Quigley– School Administrator  
Miss Savage – Family Support/Attendance Officer





# What your child will need for Nursery

- Yellow polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan (available with school logo)
- Navy or grey jogging bottoms or grey school trousers/shorts in summer
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Warm, waterproof coat for travelling to and from school
- Comfortable closed toe shoes – preferably with velcro!



***All uniform can be purchased from Buy & Save schoolwear***

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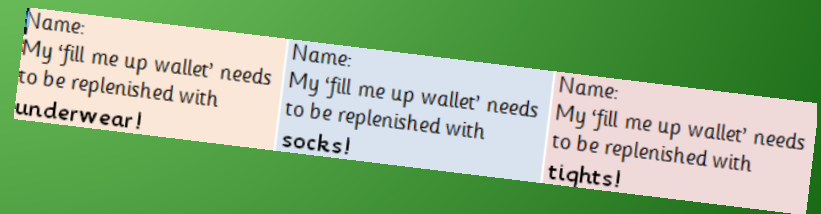
Wellington Boots – Please ensure your child's name is written inside each boot with a permanent marker!

**Children will not need a book bag/backpack whilst they are in Nursery, all letters will be handed to parents at the door.**

Instead, parents will receive a 'Fill Me Up Wallet' to return to school with spare clothes inside. The wallets will easily fit into their school trays & will be sent home to be replenished when needed. These will be given out at our consultation meeting.

The 'Fill Me Up Wallet' should contain;

- Underwear – several pairs!
- Socks – several pairs
- Trousers
- Top



**NAMES IN EVERYTHING - with permanent marker or labels!**

# School Meals

School meals for Nursery Children is £10.50 per week payable via our online payment method Parentpay.

All children eat in their classroom and are offered a choice of hot meal, vegetarian option or sandwich.



Meals are displayed daily on the classroom door.

Universal free school meals are provided for all children in reception, Y1 & Y2, regardless of income. **If you think you may be eligible for free school meals for nursery children please follow the link attached to the admission forms.**

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

**If unsure, Mrs Quigley would be happy to assist with any applications**

Registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.



# Essential Paperwork before your child starts school

Please ensure that you fill out our admission forms which you will receive during your consultation meeting, so we can log all your information onto our system (*please don't forget to include birth and baptism certificates*). Forms can be returned when you attend our parent workshop.

## Out of school care

We offer in-house wrap around care to support working parents with childcare.

Breakfast club 8.00-8.55am - £2.00 per day

After school club 3.15-5.55pm £7.00 per day

If you would like a place for your child, places can be booked in September once your child has completed the phased transition



# Parent Pay



ParentPay is the school online payment system that lets you make secure online payments by credit and debit card.

Hundreds of thousands of parents use ParentPay to pay school online. It's used to make cashless payments in schools for dinner money and activities like trips, clubs, music lessons, morning & after care.

**In September the school office will issue you with your activation details.**

You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique activation username and password.

You will be prompted to change these and to keep them safe and secure as your Username and Password for future logins.

If you have two or more children at a ParentPay school, you only need to activate one account to create your 'main account' and then add your other children via the **Add a child tab** on your home page

Please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and activate your account via the **Account login** area on the home page of the site.

**Any problems, please speak with Mrs Quigley!**





# Snack

The children also have milk and snack each morning, which consists of a range of food for the children to try. Snack is £1 per week, and is collected by the Nursery staff on Monday mornings.

An example of weekly snack:

- Pitta & houmous
- Waffles
- Bagels with cream cheese
- Yogurt & fruit
- Toast with jam & lemon curd

# Cooking

The children cook and taste different foods regularly as part of their learning. We cook at least once a week to enhance class topics, develop motor skills and provide the children with real life experiences. We therefore ask for a contribution of £3 each half term to cover the cost of ingredients.



# School Website

Our school website is a valuable tool for parents, pupils and teachers.

It gives up to date information about all that us happening in school and has the Parent Pay link.

We use it as an opportunity to share with you the exciting things we've being doing in Nursery. We will also use it as a tool to help you to support your child at home e.g. Activities & online games



<http://www.stthomasofcanterburyprimaryschool.co.uk>

# The curriculum



Specific Areas			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers</li> <li>• Shape, Space and Measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People and Communities</li> <li>• The World</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring and Using Materials and Media</li> <li>• Being Imaginative</li> </ul>

Prime Areas		
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making Relationships</li> <li>• Self-confidence and Self-awareness</li> <li>• Managing Feelings and Behaviour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving and Handling</li> <li>• Health and Self-care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening and Attention</li> <li>• Understanding</li> <li>• Speaking</li> </ul>



# Indoor & outdoor play

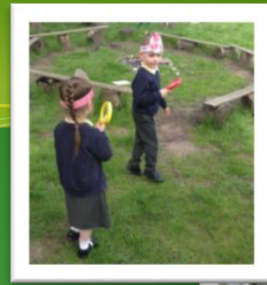
We have an open door policy & encourage free flow play in the indoor & outdoor environment

We enjoy experiencing seasonal weather

Waterproof trousers and coats provided by school

It is important to dress your child appropriate for the weather (tights, summer dress, coat)

We store your child's wellies in school





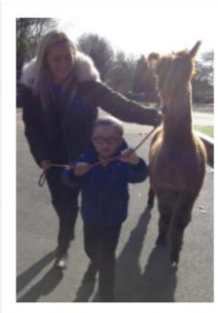
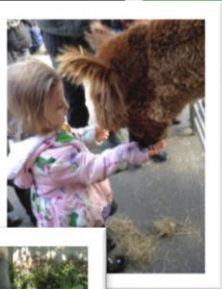
# Forest School

Children will also attend a weekly forest school session to enrich class topics & support personal, social & emotional development



Our forest school venue is located in the secret garden behind the Year 6 annex.

# Topics and experiences



People who help us

My family

The seasons

Superheroes

Nursery rhymes

homes

Weather

Celebrations

Transport

The farm

Houses & Homes

Pets

Life Cycles

Different Cultures

Clothes

Food

Traditional Tales



## Child Centred Learning



# Speaking & listening

*The main focus of EYFS is speaking, listening & understanding*

## Supporting speaking and listening in school

We encourage participation through songs, encouraging them to join in with familiar songs & actions

The children participate in whole class and group discussions

Daily language sessions to secure early language concepts e.g. Food, transport, people, places

Speech and Language interventions to develop language functions e.g. pronouns, prepositions, verbs

Daily Can Do Music sessions

Phonics

Role play & small world areas

Book talk




## Supporting speaking & listening at home

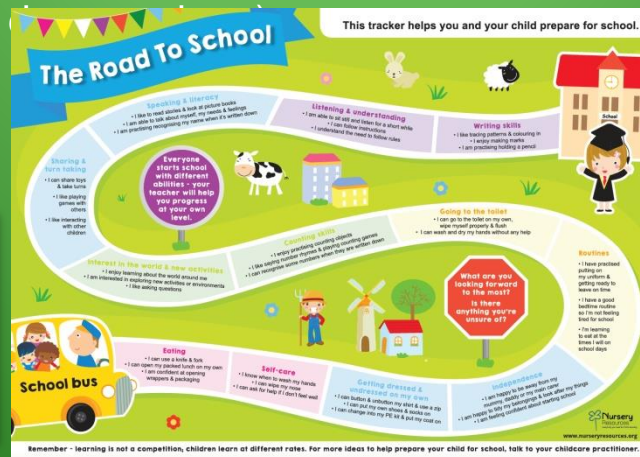
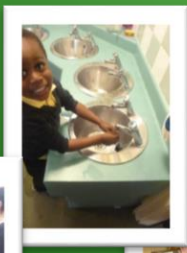
- Play simple games like guess who, eye spy
- Sharing stories together
- Singing nursery rhymes, counting songs, action songs etc
- Role play – making tea, playing shop, looking after teddies
- Commenting on what you are doing
- Bath time



# What else can you do to help?

## Support your child to;

- dress themselves with increasing independence
  - Feed themselves with a fork and spoon, if confident begin to introduce cutting skills with knife
  - Look after themselves on the toilet and recognise their toileting need
  - Respond and give eye contact when their name is used
- Develop gross motor skills through outdoor play e.g. climbing, running, jumping and balancing
- Read books together and talk about the illustrations
- Develop the children's awareness of number through practical activities e.g. Counting as you go upstairs or recognising numerals in the environment (ASDA,  school)
- This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.



Dummy bin  
on the first  
day of  
school!

# How can Early Help support you to get your child school ready?

- Groups and activities e.g. stay and plays (timetable)
- Support your understanding of your child's development (Five to Thrive/Real/Parenting Support)
- Give you Tips and Hints (Road to School Readiness)

Contact or come and visit us:

Broughton Hub: 0161 778 0080

Langworthy Cornerstone: 0161 212 4480