



Welcome to St Cuthbert's Reception Class



My name is Mrs
Marley and I am
the Reception
Class Teacher.



My name is Mrs
Gregson and I am
the Reception
Teaching Assistant.

We can't wait to meet our new Reception friends.



The school uniform consists of:

Pale blue polo top

Royal blue jumper or cardigan

Grey trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore dress

Grey or black tights/socks

Black, flat, velcro fastening shoes

Summer option: Blue gingham dress or grey shorts

On a Friday, children wear PE kits for school.

The PE kits are:

Navy or black PE shorts or jogging bottoms

Plain white t-shirt or white polo shirt

Trainers and royal blue school jumper or cardigan

School uniform can be bought at the 'Tots To Teams' uniform shop in Kingston Park (NE3 2EF) We do stock a small amount of uniform at school.



First Day in Reception Class

Reception children start school in smaller groups. There is a flexible drop off between 8:30am and 8:45am.

Bring your child into the classroom. Help them hang up their coat, get out their water bottle before settling them to an activity.

They need to bring a pair of wellington boots to keep at school.

Everyday they need to bring their Reading Folder and water bottle.

Reading Folders can be bought from the school office or the 'Tots to Teams' uniform shop.

Pupils are picked up from the KS1 yard at 3:15pm.

Transition

The children will visit the Reception class in July.

Children who attend St Cuthbert's Nursery will visit the Reception classroom whilst they are at school.

Children who do not attend St Cuthbert's Nursery will receive an invitation to a 'Stay and Play' session. The child will attend this session with one of their parents/carers.

These visits will provide school with information that will help us get your child settled & happy in our Reception class in September.

Please complete the parent survey to give us more information about your child.

We have our own pegs where we hang our coats.

Wellington boots are kept underneath our pegs.

We bring our Reading Folders everyday which we keep in the classroom. We keep our reading books in our folders and put any pictures and letters in them to take home.



Safeguarding and Parent Tips

Inform Reception staff if anyone else is picking up your child. Make sure they know the password.

Medicines to be administered at school must be prescribed to your child and forms signed.

Attendance-If your child can't attend school, parents must phone the school office.

No jewellery, earrings must be removed or taped over.

No mobile phones to be used in school.

Haircuts to be smart and appropriate for school. No elaborate hairbands or 'extreme haircuts' where the head is shaved to less than a grade 2.

Long hair to be tied back.

No nail varnish.

After School Club

Our After School Club is based in the KS1 Hall for children from Reception to Year 6. Staff will take Reception children from the classroom into the hall. The club is available for children to attend from 3:15pm until 6pm Monday to Thursday and 3:15pm until 5pm on a Friday. Parents need to book sessions in advance with the school office.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club also takes place in the KS1 Hall from 8:00am for children from Reception to Year 6. Sessions don't need to be booked in advance and cost £2.00 per child.

Learning Journeys

Learning Journeys are emailed to parents on a half termly basis through Evidence Me. They show parents the activities their child has been participating in and the next steps in their learning. Parents are encouraged to email activities their child has been doing at home.

School Website

www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk

The school website gives lots of information. The Early Years Section shows photographs split into terms & topics covered. It also has topic overviews that explain the activities & Early Years Outcomes statements Reception Class plan to achieve. Newsletters, phonic guidance, policies and the EYFS Curriculum are all displayed for parents to read.

School Facebook Group

Parents are invited to join the St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Facebook group where photographs and descriptions of the children's activities are posted. It is a closed Facebook group so only families that are connected to the school can view the posts.

School also have a Twitter page that parents can access. Parents need to give permission for their child's photographs to be used online by completing the 'St Cuthbert's Photograph Consent Form'.

Reception Timetable

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| 8:30am | Gates open. Reception children enter the KS1 yard. Classroom doors open. |
| 8:45am | Classroom doors and gates are closed and locked |
| 8:45-9:15am | Registration and Child Initiated Play |
| 9:30 -10:00 am | Whole Class Phonics |
| 10:00-10:30am | Child initiated learning & group work inside & outside |
| 10:30-10:40 | Snack Time and Story |
| 10:40-11:10am | Child initiated learning & group work inside & outside |
| 11:10-11:30am | Whole Class Literacy Teaching |
| 11:30-12:30pm | Lunch Time |
| 12:30-12:50pm | Registration, Whole Class Maths |
| 12:50-1:00pm | Whole Class Handwriting |
| 1:00-2:45pm | Child-initiated learning & group work inside & outside |
| 2:45-3:15pm | Celebration Time, Collective Worship & Prayer Time |
| 3:15pm | Home Time |

PE lessons are on a Friday.
RE and computer lessons in the ICT suite are at various points throughout the week.

Prepare them for Reception

Encourage them to:

Wash and dry their hands.

Wipe their nose.

Put on/fasten their coat and shoes.

Use the toilet independently.

Dress/undress.

Be happy to be away from my parents or carers knowing they will be back soon.

Get them to join in games and activities with other people.

Share and take turns.

Talk about my ideas, needs and feelings.

Ask a grown-up for help.

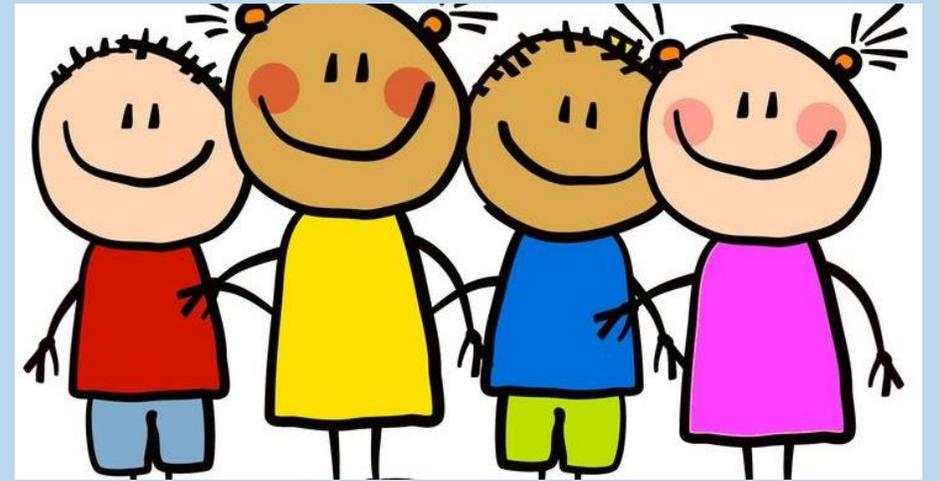
Follow simple instructions.

Use a spoon, knife and fork.

Open my lunch box as well as wrappers and packaging.

Drink from a water bottle, carton or open cup.

Put their wellies and shoes on the right feet.





The class have Snack Time where we can have a drink from our water bottle and eat some delicious fruit. The children will take their water bottles home every day so they can be cleaned and filled with fresh water.



The children all have our own drawer where they can keep models & pictures they have made. They will also have their own pot of playdough in their drawer.

The class will love to spend lots of time in the Butterfly Garden, whatever the weather. There is so much to do!





Once a week, we will have our PE lessons. If the weather is dry, we like to do our PE lessons outside. We talk about what happens to our bodies when we exercise and love to dance, practise gymnastics, go on the large apparatus, complete circuits & develop our ball skills.



Pupils will have lunch in the KS1 hall with our Year 1 and 2 friends. Reception children qualify for universal infant free school meals so no lunch payment is required. However children can bring in their own healthy packed lunch if they would prefer.





Our class have RE lessons each week based on a theme. We end the day with collective worship and prayer time.

