



Welcome to  
St Cuthbert's  
Nursery  
*September 2024*

My name is Miss  
Graham and I am  
the Nursery  
Teacher.



Mrs Slater is the  
Teaching Assistant  
who works in  
Nursery.

**We can't wait to meet our new Nursery friends.**

# How the Nursery Operates

There is a flexible drop off between 8:30am and 8:45am.

- Full time children attend Nursery Monday to Friday 8:30-3:15
- Part time children attend Nursery for 15 hours on either:
  - 2 ½ Session spread over the five days
    - am session 8:45-11:45pm = ½ session
    - pm session 12:15-3:15 = ½ session
  - Or
  - Full day 8:30-3:15pm= 1 full session

**Have a few extra paid sessions available for £ 15 per session on the days your child does not attend Nursery.** Please contact the office (£30 per day)

# Transition Arrangements

- Children who do not attend St Cuthbert's Playgroup will receive an invitation to a 'Stay and Play' session. The child will attend this session with their parents/carers.
- Children attending Playgroup will have transition sessions with Playgroup staff and staff will visit them in Playgroup.
- Build up of the Nursery groups for part time children and full time children who request it.
- Please complete the parent survey to give us more information about your child.

# Starting Timetable.

- School/Nursery opens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- There is a flexible drop off between 8:30am and 8:45am.
- Your child will start on Nursery on the session you have chosen from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- We are not staggering the start this year
- However, If we can help support you or your child with any issues you can see around the starting dates. Please speak to Miss Graham or ring the office



## The Nursery uniform consists of:

Pale blue polo top

Royal blue jumper or cardigan

Grey joggers / trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore dress

Black, flat, Velcro fastening shoes (so that they are easy to take on and off when we need to put our wellington boots on)

**Summer option:** Blue gingham dress or grey shorts.

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 and have some pre-loved uniform.



# Safeguarding and parent tips

- Inform Nursery 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 Nursery, 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.

## 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.org](http://www.stcuthbertsk.org)**

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 Nursery 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'.

# How you can help your child

- Talk positively to them about starting Nursery.
- Encourage them to take their shoes and coats off by themselves.
- Ensure they can go to the toilet independently & wash their hands.
- Get them used to being with other children.
- Provide Nursery staff with essential information that will help your child settle well into Nursery

# What your child needs

- Wellingtons to be kept at Nursery
- Spare clothes
- Bag
- Water bottle



## Nursery Routine

- Put their coat and bag on their peg.
- Put their water bottle in the tray
- Take their self registration photo from their draw
- Put their photo on the 'Who is in today' display.
- Help your child settle to an activity, then tell them you are leaving

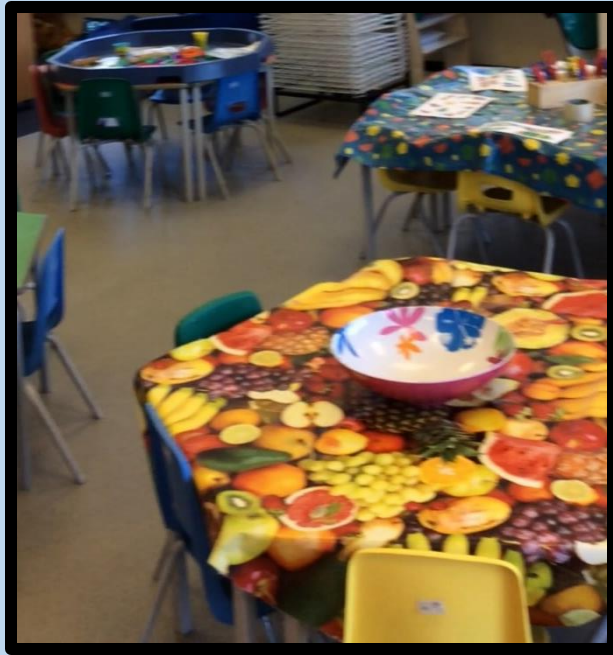


# Nursery Environment

We have our own pegs where we hang our coats and bags.

Wellington boots are kept on a trolley in the cloakroom.



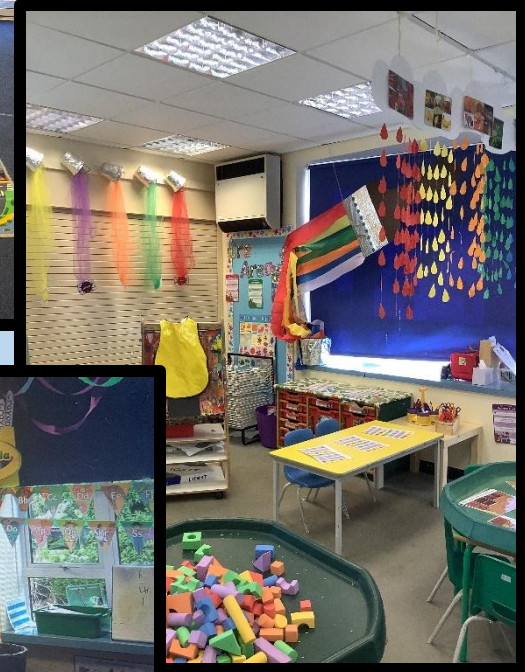


We know how important it is to drink water and eat fruit. We have a Snack Time where we can have a drink of water or milk and eat some delicious fruit. We take our water bottles home everyday so they can be cleaned and filled with fresh water.





The children will love to explore the classroom and play with all the new toys.







When we need the toilet, we can use it anytime as the toilets are in the classroom. When we have finished, we always wash our hands really well using the squirty soap.



We love to spend lots of time in the Rainbow Garden, whatever the weather. There is so much to do!





We keep active outside playing with the footballs, bats and balls and crawling through tunnels but also like some quiet time in the covered outdoor reading & mark making area.





# Lunchtimes

- We eat lunch in Nursery at 11:30.
- We have lunch in the KS1 Hall where we sit with our friends with the dinner lady.
- Children can pay for a school meal (£2.10 per day) or bring a packed lunch.
- School meals often encourage children to try new food.
- Choice of 3 school meals which you select from in advance.
- However children can bring in their own Healthy packed lunch if they would prefer.



## RE.

We have RE lessons each week based on a theme. Often, we visit the school chapel for our class celebration of the word. We share prayer time when we start school, before we have our lunch and at the end the day.





# Library books.

- Your child will bring a book home every week for you and them to share at home.
- Please bring this book back every Monday so your child can choose another one.
- We visit the school Library on a Monday ( Wednesday if your child will not attend on a Monday)



# Jerry's Diary.

- Jerry is a soft toy giraffe who stays at school during the week, but he gets lonely at the weekends.
- Each child will get the opportunity to bring Jerry home for the weekend and will share his adventures with all the children during News Time.

