

Nursery Newsletter Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to Nursery at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy.

Your child starting 'big school' is a momentous occasion in their and your lives, so we hope to make the transition into school happy and successful. We aim to support the children in their growing confidence and independence from the very beginning.

Everyday is exciting and full of new learning opportunities in Nursery.

Our theme this half-term is 'All About Me'.



Mathematics

To begin with, the children will explore colours.

We will then move on to matching objects which are the same colour, size or shape.

Next, the children will learn to sort objects by size, colour and shape. Children will use gestures and language such as bigger/little/small.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus initially is to establish routines and build relationships. Children will become familiar with the environment this half term.

Children will be learning independence when going to the toilet, washing hands and accessing water bottles.

Physical Development

PE lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays to develop gross motor skills.

Please ensure earrings are removed before school on these days.

PE kits will be used after October half-term.

Communication and Language

We will learn a new nursery rhyme each week. A copy will be sent home with your child, so that you can learn them at home too. We will begin with these this half-term:

1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a Fish Alive

1 potato, 2 potato, 3 potato, 4

5 Little Speckled Frogs

5 Little Ducks went Swimming One Day

5 Currant Buns

5 Fat Sausages

Understanding the World

We will learn the days of the week as part of our morning routine. We will also discuss the weather.

Our autumn walks around our school will enable the children to explore nature.

Literacy

Here's some of the texts we'll explore:

The Colour Monster
 Goldilocks and the Three Bears

A non-fiction book called 'Autumn'

Guess How Much I Love You in the Autumn.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have a weekly music session with Mrs Cliffe on Thursdays where they will be exploring sounds using voices, body percussion and instruments. Mrs Cliffe is our music teacher across the school.

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We will explore that God created the world and every person in it. Children will discover that as God made both them and the world, both are precious.

We will begin to learn our morning prayer.

Items to Remember

Please ensure that your child arrives each day to Nursery with the following items:

- ♦ St. Joseph's blue book bag. A keyring on it is often useful to identify it.
- ♦ Filled water bottle containing just water
- ♦ Waterproof coat
- ♦ Lunch box (if needed)
- ♦ £1 snack money for the week.

The items below should stay in the Nursery:

- ♦ Spare uniform, pants and socks in a labelled carrier bag.
- ♦ PE kit with black, velcro trainers (PE kits will be used after October half-term). No earrings in on PE days please.
- ♦ Wellies

During the winter, please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves.

During the summer, please send your child to school with a sun hat and with sun cream on.

Please send in a family photo showing who your child lives with to support our learning about families. These photos will be displayed in our classroom. If it is easier, you can send the photo via Evidence Me.

Please bring chatter boxes into school as soon as possible so these can be shared.

Homework

Your child's Learning Together Book should be returned each Thursday morning with one of the tasks completed from the grid. The book will be given to you once children are in full-time. Please also use Evidence Me to submit homework if you're able to.

Each week, the children will enjoy sharing their homework with their friends, and one child is then chosen to be our homework hero.



Staff



Mrs Byrne
Teacher



Mrs Grady
Early Years
Teaching
Assistant



Miss Hogan
Early Years
Apprentice



Miss White
Teacher

Dates to Remember

Meet the Teacher

Monday 21st
September
2:00—3:00pm

Individual and Sibling Photos

Tuesday 13th
October

Parents Evening

Monday 19th October
3:30-6pm
&
Tuesday 20th
October 3:30-6pm

Evidence Me

All parents/carers should now be added to 'Evidence Me.' This allows you to see some of your child's learning at school.

You are also able to add photos, videos and comments about things you are doing at home which link to our learning.

The children always enjoy sharing what they've been up to at home!

Questions or Queries?

If you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team. The best time is at the end of the school day, or alternatively you can contact the school office to book an appointment.