

Early Years Welcome Evening

The start of your child's
educational journey at
St. Michael's

Meet the Team

Mrs Wass - Head teacher

Miss Whitney - Deputy Head teacher

Mrs Farrell- Early Years Phase Leader
& teacher

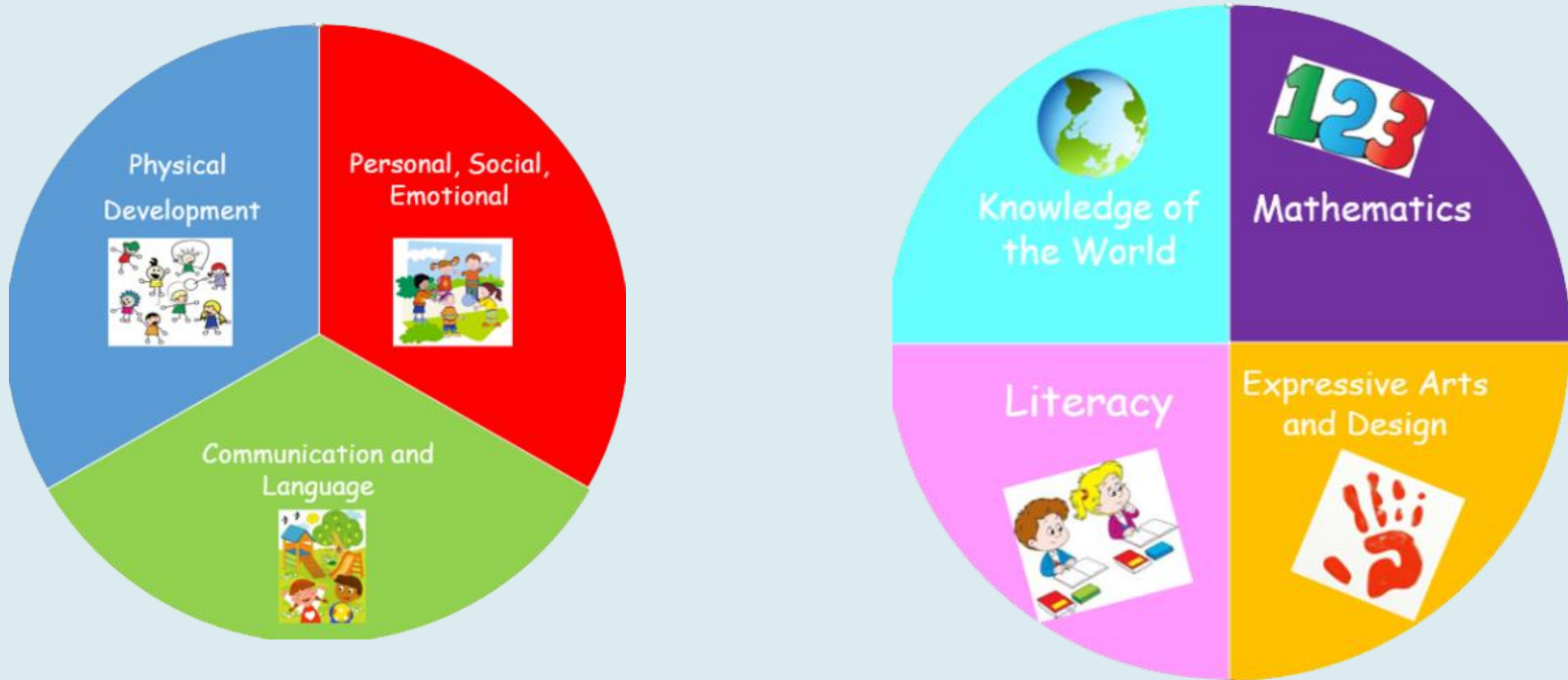
Mrs James - Early Years teacher

Our School

As a school we strive to develop our children as life-long learners and instil in them a passion for learning. This is achieved through giving all children access to an exciting and motivating curriculum, a wide range of extra-curricular activities and a caring and experienced team of staff to support them on their educational journey. We are very fortunate to have extensive school grounds which include a large playing field, woodland nature area and outdoor classroom all of which help enhance our children's learning.

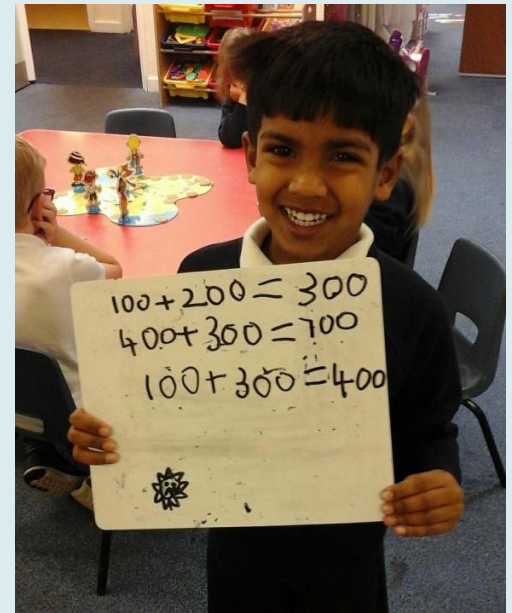

It is our desire for children to leave St. Michael's with a love of learning, the confidence to express their own opinions whilst valuing and respecting the views of others and the personal goal and determination to achieve their very best.

The EYFS Profile



Through nursery your child will have begun their journey in our curriculum. In reception we will look at where your child is at and begin progressing their learning even more. These 7 areas all compliment each other and intertwine. The most important area is communication & language; speaking is present in ALL areas of learning, sometimes more so than physical written work. So we place a great emphasis on creative ideas, talking, understanding and explaining through our hands on curriculum.

Learning in action

Finish up bread
 track or you will miss the
 bus. Next week we go to see
 the mat. I don't like
 vegetables. I like
 chocolate ^{cake}

On Monday I found
 a big cat. On Tuesday
 I found a bird in a tree.
 On Wednesday I bought
 a present. That's day I found
 a crunched apple.
 On Friday I found
 a 100 50 200 100 50 200 100 50 200
 + ^{cucumber}



Our School Day

Classroom doors open at 8.50am – 9am



Learning and continuous provision



Chatter time – FREE morning snack and milk

Daily phonics

Lunchtime / FSM / Packed lunches



Learning and continuous provision



Home time – 3.30pm

Our School Day

On your child's first day of school all they need to bring is themselves looking smart in their uniform and ready to enjoy learning.

- Your child will receive a free school bag on their first day which fits in their school tray and will come home everyday with letters in, their reading diaries and work they are proud to show off. We advise that the children use this bag instead of a rucksack as the cloakrooms are small and we like to keep their bag in their tray for easy access.
- Reading diary and Reading book - Your child will have their book changed 3 times a week but please bring it in everyday so we can read and comment in their diary. This diary is also for you to write reading comments to us and any other notes. This will come home with your child in the first couple of weeks back to school once they're all settled.
- PE Kit - Please bring a small bag with your child's PE kit in, named, for their peg to keep in school.
- Wellington boots - Please bring on the first day to keep in school.

Snack and Lunch time

- Every day your child will receive free fruit or vegetable snack from school and a cup of milk. If you would like to provide your own healthy snack that is ok but we only request fruit or vegetables.
- Every child from Reception class to year 2 is entitled to a free hot school meal. In your packs you have a menu example to look over and see the delicious meals we offer, cooked fresh on site daily. There are 2 options each day including vegetarian.
- If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch from home that is ok but we request they are healthy. Each day your child will tell the teacher if they are hot school dinner or packed lunch.
- Allergies - If your child has an allergy please let the office or their teacher know and the kitchen staff can adapt meals for this. We require a letter from the doctor stating the allergy and a form will come home for you to fill in for our medical file. This is all kept confidential.

Come rain or shine...



We love exploring in the outdoors and place a great emphasis on this. We have our own reception play ground for the children to learn and play all day long. Weather does not stop us so please provide wellington boots, named, with your child on their first day and they will remain in school until the end of the year.



Forest School



The children will take part in weekly forest sessions so those wellington boots will again come in handy! Mrs Farrell is also a forest school leader and plans wonderful sessions for the children to explore freely, learn about nature and help conserve our environments. We have a beautiful woodland on site, a large pond area and many outdoor classrooms.



First hand experiences



Our children enjoy trips throughout the year to apply their skills and learn new knowledge as well as have some fun with their friends.

Tapestry



We collect your child's learning on Tapestry daily for you to see and comment on. This is also a great tool for you to share your experiences at home with us such as:

- Days out
- Baking
- Riding their bike
- Reading/Writing
- Swimming etc

Information leaflet in your packs and consent form.
Please do not share photo's from Tapestry on social media.



Family Café

Family harvest café



For more information see our EYFS page on the website.

- Learn with your child
- Network with other parents
- See all their amazing learning
- Talk to the teachers
- Every half term, morning or afternoon.
- All family members welcome
- Refreshments provided

Transition

Usually we would put in place plenty of transition opportunities such as; teachers visiting your child's nursery and 2 play and stay sessions at St Michael's for an hour each. However due to Covid-19 this is not currently possible. If the Government ease the current situation so that this can be done we will let you know ASAP!

Please be assured that although play and stays cannot happen, the teachers have spoken to the nurseries to get some information on your child ensuring they are in a class with their friends and any needs met in advance.

Uniform and PE Kits

- Blue jumper or cardigan with the St Michaels logo
- White shirt and tie or white polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers/shorts
- Grey dress/pinafore or skirt
- Blue and white summer dress or playsuit
- White socks or grey tights
- Black shoes, Velcro or buckles. No laces or trainers.

Indoor PE:

- White t - shirt
- Black shorts (no pumps needed)

Outdoor PE:

- Black or blue tracksuit
- White t-shirt
- Black/white trainers



Hear about our great learning!



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Termly topic letter, school
newsletter.

Key Information

- * Changes to home time pickup - please inform the office via a call, in person or email.
- * Medicines/ medical needs/allergies - to be filled out on the induction forms.
- * Absences and illnesses - please call the school in the morning so we can authorise an absence.
- * No parking down Weavers Lane for the safety of the children walking to and from school.
- * Wrap around club - please see the page on our website.

Your information packs explained.

Hopes and wishes leaf - Please write on here your hopes and wishes for you child for their year in reception. We like to make a display of them for you to see.

Tapestry form - Please read, complete and sign for your class teacher if you would like access to your child's online journal.

Free School Meals leaflet - All children in Reception, 1 and 2 are entitled to FSM however we advise all parents to follow the online link with your details because if you are entitled to FSM for other reasons, the school receives funding for your child to support with resources and their trips.

Activity packs - Your child can enjoy some fun number, phonics and name activities over the Summer holidays to ready them for September. Please also complete the All about me poster ready for your child to share in school and make a family display for our first topic.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our school.
Let their learning journey

