



St Andrew's
C of E Primary and Nursery School

Foundation Stage 1

Nursery

2026-2027

Staff

- ▶ Mr I Snelling: Head teacher
- ▶ Mrs K. Dubowski: Teacher (5 days)
- ▶ Mrs J-L Gelsthorpe: Teaching Assistant (3 days)
- ▶ Mrs K. Bingham: Teaching Assistant (3 days)
- ▶ Miss L Allatt: Teaching Assistant (5 days)

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

Children should develop in the **3 prime areas** first. These will be our focus in Nursery:

1. Communication and language
2. Physical development
3. Personal, social and emotional development.

Moving through Nursery into F2, as children become more skilled in the prime areas, they will begin to develop skills in **4 specific areas**. These are:

1. Literacy;
2. Mathematics;
3. Understanding the world; and
4. Expressive arts and design.

Routine

- ▶ Self-register/Carpet activity/Group project task
- ▶ Child led activities- indoor and outdoor
- ▶ Phonics/Maths/ Milk and Story
- ▶ Child led activities- indoor and outdoor (room setup)
- ▶ Adults will be involved in child's play throughout the day in order to develop their ideas further.
- ▶ Tidy up time
- ▶ Singing/ Prayer

Monitoring Progress

- Each of the 7 areas of learning has its own set of Early Learning Goals which determine what most children are expected to achieve by the *end* of Foundation 2 class.

We use Development Matters to identify the developing knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes that children will need if they are to achieve the early learning goals by the end of the EYFS.

How can you find out how your child is getting on?

It is important that parents and the staff caring for your child work together. We want you to feel comfortable about exchanging information and discussing things that will benefit your child.

These conversations will be with your child's "key person".

This is the person who is your main point of contact within the nursery.
This will help your child to become settled, happy and safe

Dojo

As a school, we use Dojo (an app) to communicate to parents.

This app allows you to private message your class teacher and the office to inform us of any problems, questions or positive wow moments.

In September you will receive instructions on how to download and set up Dojo for your child.

The first few weeks

We will find out what the children
already know and can do.

*We would value any contributions
you would like to make in helping us
get to know your child's needs.*

Wow moments

You will be invited to discuss your child's progress within the first term at
parents evening.

Useful Information

School Website:

- 30 hours link
- School uniform link
- Admission to school via Notts CC website
- Date of birth: 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023
- Apply online from: November 2026. Local Authority will contact you
- Closing date: January 2027

School Website



Clothing

- ▶ Please ensure that your **child's name** is in all items of clothing, including shoes!
- ▶ Your child will be taking part in lots of interesting and sometimes messy experiences, so may come home dirty! It is all part of the fun!

Medical Matters

- ▶ Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 4-8 hrs absence.
- ▶ Any absence requires a note or telephone call explaining why.
- ▶ Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- ▶ No medicines can be administered by staff. Children with asthma will be helped to take their inhaler.

Healthy School

-Please ensure your child has a named bottle in school, for regular drinks of **water**.

-Children will have milk and fruit time every day, so no food is required from home unless they are having sandwiches for lunch.

-If your child is sandwiches, please provide a healthy balanced lunch box and no drink is needed as school will provide your child with water.

-We have a NO NUTS policy in school. So please do not bring in any nuts or products that may contain nuts into school.

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If you have any concerns or questions, we will be happy to help you.