



# St Paul's Church of England Primary School

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## Welcome to Reception



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We cannot wait to get to know you and the children, and to work together over the course of an exciting year.

Please see below for information regarding the start of Reception and the Autumn term.

### **The first week:**

To help our children settle in we stagger the children's entry to school over the first few days of term. Children will be in school for the whole day and will require a packed lunch on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. A hot meal option will be available from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Children with surnames **A-J** will be in school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

Children with surnames **K-Z** will be in school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

Children will be required to wear school uniform.

### **Teaching Staff:**

In Reception we have 2 classes: RT and RBW. Please see the contact details of the Reception teaching staff below. Miss Hunt is getting married in August and will return to school as Mrs Watkins.

Mrs Thurgood- Assistant Head Teacher (Reception and Year 1)

& Class Teacher for RT Tuesday- Friday

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Miss Wall- Class Teacher- RT- Monday

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Mrs Watkins- Class Teacher- RBW – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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### **Where do I go on my first day?**

On the first day of school in September, the children will enter through the main school playground. Please use the Church gate or the main gate adjacent to Croome Close.

The Reception team will greet the children at the gate, take them to their classroom, and help them put their bag and coat away.

We understand that the first few days of school can be daunting for some. We offer support to all children and find they settle quickly into the school day.

Please don't worry if your child becomes upset; we are experienced in supporting children through this transition.

### **What does your child need to bring with them to school?**

#### **Daily:**

- Bookbag
- Filled drinks bottle
- Coat

#### **To be kept at school:**

- Spare clothes: underwear, socks, top and bottoms in a named bag.
- Waterproof clothing for Forest school and outdoor play – clearly labelled.
- Pair of wellies.

### **PE**

From the week commencing **8th September**, the children will have PE lessons on **Tuesdays and Fridays** each week.

Please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit on these days. They will remain in their PE kit for the day.

### **Reading Books and Reading Records.**

We love reading in Reception and aim to start sending reading books home in the first full week of school. Initially, your child will bring home books without words. We encourage you to share these books with your child and discuss what they can see. These books, with their focus on illustrations, help children develop comprehension, speaking and listening skills, and vocabulary.

Once your child has started to learn a range of phonics sounds, they will move on to books with words.

Books are changed on **Tuesdays and Fridays** each week. Please use your child's reading record to note when you have read with them and include any comments about their reading at home.

### **Tapestry – Online Learning Journals**

In Reception, we share your child's learning with you via their online learning journal, using an app called Tapestry.

You will be able to see photographs, videos, and messages from your child's class teacher, updating you on their progress in school.

We also encourage families to upload photos and videos of what their children get up to at home. We then share these during 'Circle Time' with their friends.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Thurgood**

Assistant Head Teacher

***† In your light shall we see light***

