

WELCOME

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery is part of The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Children of this age predominantly learn new skills and acquire new knowledge through child centred and play based activities, both indoors and outside. We follow the Early Years curriculum which is divided into seven areas of learning. Three are the prime areas: **Communication and Language; Physical Development; Personal Social and Emotional Development.** The prime areas will help them develop skills in four specific areas. These are: **Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; Expressive Arts and Design.** Religious education also plays a big role in the curriculum.

Religious Education

We follow the 'Come and See' scheme of work in RE. Our topics this term include Domestic Church, Baptism and Advent/Christmas. We will also look at Judaism.



Dear Parents/Carers, welcome to Our Lady and Saint Joseph's Nursery!

It is a privilege to be sharing your child's first stepping stone of education and we are looking forward to supporting them through this crucial year. We had a great start to the year and everyone is settling in well.

The focus during these first few weeks of your child's school experience is on ensuring the children feel safe, secure and happy in the environment and begin to become aware of the rules and routines here. Our aim is to nurture their curiosity and confidence and help them building their independence and perseverance.

Ourselves

In the first half term our topic will be 'Ourselves'. This will be a great opportunity to get to know the children better and familiarise with one another. We will explore this topic through stories such as 'Oskar loves', arts and crafts activities, the investigation of our senses and much more! After October half term, our topic will be 'Celebrations'. We

Reminders

All children should be wearing navy blue joggers or leggings as requested in the Nursery pack. Thank you for bringing in a spare change of clothes. If you haven't, please remember to do so in the next few days. Accidents do happen and we want your child to always feel comfortable. Do ensure that your child's name is on all items including their coats, jackets as well as gloves, hats and scarves later on.

Soon your child will receive a book bag, a book chosen from our reading area and yellow diary to fill out each week.

will be looking at how and what people celebrate (wedding, birthday, New Year etc...), leading to the big celebration of Christmas. We will be also starting with Phase 1 of our phonics programme, including environmental and instrumental sounds, alliterations and rhymes. Children will also have lots of opportunities to build up their gross and fine motor skills, vitally important to develop their writing.

You are your child's first and by far most important educator and the one who knows them best. We believe that working in partnership with you will be key to their success. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask myself or any other member of staff working in class. Appointments can be made with myself before or after school.

We will be holding an **Early Years coffee morning on September 27th**. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents, find out more about the Early Years and how to help your child at home.

We will also be having our **EYFS Nursery and Reception Advent and Christmas Celebration on December 11th at 10.00 am**.

The Nursery Team:

Miss Scarpini, Miss Esbrand, Miss Sonia, Miss Asia and Miss Marshall.