



St Francis of Assisi
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to St Joseph's School. We hope that you and your child will find the time spent with us happy and rewarding. Your child will be starting their school life in the Foundation stage which consists of Nursery and Reception.

Staff

Miss Vivian
Mrs Edwards

Teacher
Teaching Assistant



All about me

I am Miss Vivian and I will be your Reception teacher this year. I am very excited about getting to know you and your family and seeing you grow and learn throughout the year. I have been teaching Reception for many years and I love the foundation stage. I enjoy being outside, especially at forest school; I also love music and reading stories. Mrs Edwards will also be working with you this year and she can't wait to meet you!

Taster morning

We would like to invite you and your child to a taster morning on Thursday 9th July. Your child will have the chance to explore the learning environment and meet some of their new classmates. During this time, there will be an information session for parents where you will have a chance to meet the team and ask any question you might have. We would then like to invite you and your child to have a school lunch together in our dining hall. There will be more information on this to follow closer to the time.

New to St Joseph's school

9.30am	Come to the school office with your child and we will introduce them to the Reception classroom, where they will stay and play for the morning.
9.45am	Tea and coffee for parents in the hall
10.00am	Welcome from the Headteacher and Reception Teacher
10.30am	Meet the office staff and complete any outstanding forms Uniform Questions for the team
11.15am	Picnic lunch for children and parents
11.45am	End of taster morning

If your child currently attends St Joseph's Nursery, they can come to school as usual and will be collected by the Reception team for the taster morning, parents are invited to the hall from 9.45am.



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Staggered start

Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September

All children attend from 8.45 – 12.00

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September

All children attend from 8.45 – 1.15pm to include lunch

Wednesday 9th September

All children attend from 8.45 – 3.15pm

Routines

Please bring your child to the Key Stage 1 playground where I will meet you at the first green gate. This is also where you will collect your child at the end of the day.

Things your child will need:

- School bag containing a water bottle with your child's name on, a piece of fruit for an afternoon snack and a spare set of underwear to be kept in the bag.
- A pair of named wellington boots to be kept at school.

Uniform

Please see our school website for information on our school uniform and details of how to order directly from Kids Connection, our uniform company.

You will be informed of the days that the children will do PE and Forest school, on these days the children should come to school dressed in PE/forest school kit. Please see the website for details: <https://www.stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk/uniform>

Snack Time

The children have a drink of milk and a piece of fruit in the morning, which is provided - it is very important that you let us know of any allergies. Please then provide a piece of fruit for a snack in the afternoon.

How you can help over the summer

- Please encourage your child to dress and undress themselves independently.
- Please teach them how to zip their coat up.
- Encourage them to put their shoes and socks on independently. Shoes with velcro fastenings will help your child to be independent.
- Help your child to use the toilet independently
- It is very important that you label all of your child's belongings. Items do get misplaced at school but will be returned if they are named.



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Outdoor Play

In the Foundation Stage, there is a strong emphasis on children learning through play. We use the outside area at all times. Please make sure that your child has suitable clothing, i.e., coats, hats, gloves and wellington boots in winter, sun hats and suntan lotion in summer (suntan lotion must be applied at home).

I look forward to teaching your child from September and to working with you so that they have a very successful year in Reception.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Vivian
Reception Teacher



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