

# Welcome to St John's School



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# The Reception class Team

Miss Swanson class teacher & EYFS Leader

Mrs. Emma Tyler- nursery nurse

**nb. staffing is always subject to change**

2024-2025



# OUR DAY Morning



- The children carry out self initiated and adult led activities in our indoor and outdoor classrooms
- They sit and have fruit when they choose
- There is a short carpet based Maths session
- The children have lunch in the lunch hall
- They have a playtime in the main playground.



# OUR DAY Afternoon



- There is a short carpet based Phonics session.
- The children carry out self initiated and adult led activities in our indoor and outdoor classrooms.
- At the end of the day there is a short story session.
- The children get ready for home time.



# A TYPICAL WEEK



MONDAY  
P.E session

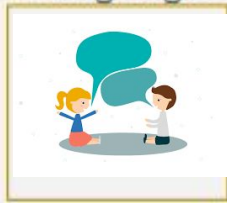
THURSDAY  
PM Swimming and art session in the afternoon (This day could change)

FRIDAY  
The reading scheme books and library books are changed. Children read to adults one at a time.

# The Early Years Foundation Stage

## The Prime Areas

Communication and Language



Physical Development



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



## The Specific Areas

Literacy



Mathematics



Understanding the World

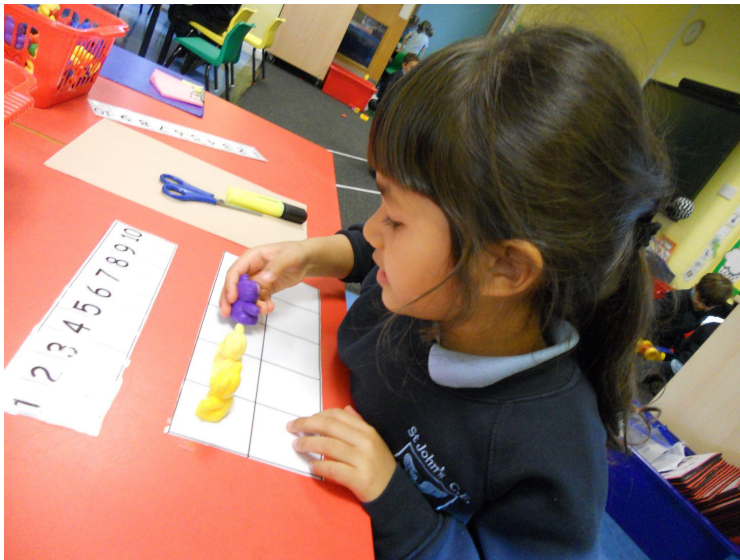


Expressive Art and Design



# Our day in Reception

## Number work



## Comparing quantity



Numicon  
patterns



Using the chrome  
books

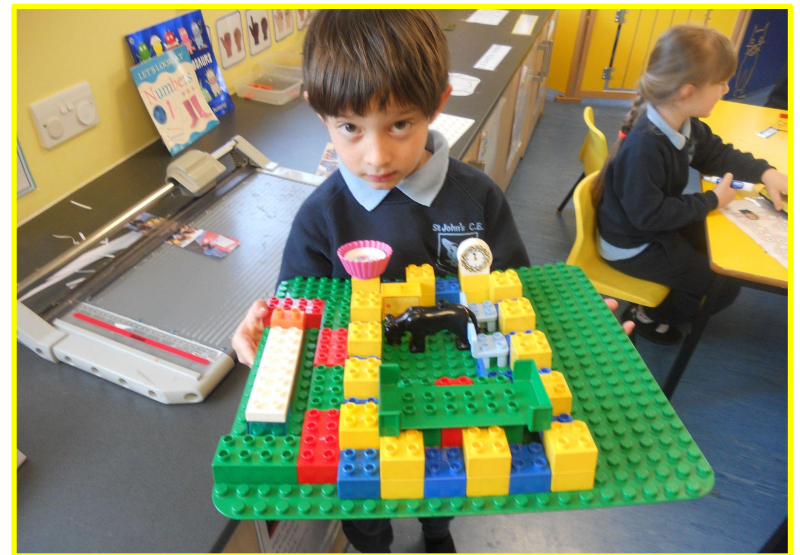


# Fine motor skills



Mark making





Building with small and large equipment



Cooking!





Small world play



Playing in our home corner



Playing games  
and sharing  
with one  
another



Enjoying our music  
lessons

# Planting herbs



Playing in the  
water tray





# UNIFORM



**We have one supplier  
Braggs Schoolwear**

341 Ballards Lane  
North Finchley  
020 8445 3945

- Please ensure you have the correct colour logo
- Please remember girls wear jumpers, not cardigans



# SWIMMING



Reception age children swim every week.

Every child swims in a group of 10.

The teacher will be with your child in the pool.

A member of staff supports children changing for their swimming lessons.

**All lessons paid are for from your contribution to the governors' Maintenance Fund**





£168 per annum  
£14 per month



# St. John's C. of E. Primary School Maintenance Fund

Because St. John's is a voluntary aided Church of England school, the Borough of Barnet is not responsible for the school buildings. To fund repairs and improvements to the buildings we have to make a contribution for each pupil to the London Diocesan Board for Schools. This levy provides a fund from which major repairs and improvements to the school building can be met.

Major Projects: Once the board approves a building project, they generally meet 90% of the costs, leaving only 10% for St. John's to pay from its own budget.

**This is a voluntary contribution but one which we desperately need to continue to maintain and improve facilities and provide a rich curriculum experience for your children.**



Gift aid forms are available in your new starter pack. Please complete the standing order and gift aid forms if you are able to support the maintenance fund. Thank you.



## St. John's C. of E. Primary School Maintenance Fund

- ★ The Governors meet payments to the LDBS by asking parents and carers to make a voluntary contribution for each child attending our school.
- ★ We are grateful for and reliant upon your generous contributions. Although support for this scheme has historically always been very good, there remains however, an annual shortfall in payments. When this occurs, the balance may have to be found from school funds; this would have a negative impact upon the scope of activities we can provide for the children. This can be avoided with your support. Thank you.

- We are one of just a handful of schools in Barnet to have our own pool!
- No child leaves our school unable to swim!



The largest proportion of your contribution to the maintenance fund is put towards the very considerable cost of running our pool and providing swimming lessons for your child with a specialist teacher. Given the cost of swimming lessons outside of school we believe that your donation represents excellent value for money!

**We hope you think so too and you will therefore be able to support this fund.**

## Your funding supports:

**New or Improved Facilities:  
Great Learning  
Experiences & Opportunities  
for every child**





# SNACK TIME



- Your child is entitled to free milk up until the age of 5.
- We have a free fruit scheme for children in YR, Y1 & Y2.



# STAY AND PLAY DAYS



All children will have the opportunity to visit the classroom and meet their teachers.

The dates are

2nd July 10-11am

9th July 10-11am



# HOME VISITS



- ★ Tuesday 3rd September and Wednesday 4th September
- ★ In preparation for your child starting at St John's, the Reception staff will come and visit you and your child at home. To do this we will allocate you a time slot. You will find your allocated time in the information pack. This is just so we can introduce ourselves so we are familiar faces when your child arrives for their first Reception session.
- ★ This will also provide a chance for you to discuss any concerns and ease any worries you or your child may have about starting in Reception. This visit will last for around twenty minutes.
- ★ These visits are just for children new to St John's as children currently in our Nursery will meet their teachers and see their classroom during their end of year Transition.



# SETTLING IN



- We have a staggered start date over 2 days (Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September).
- We have a settling in period of half days and build up to attending full time by the third week.
- Dates for the settling in procedure are in the New Starters information pack.





# HEALTH MATTERS



- We need to know about any medical conditions or food allergies - please email the office or call to let me know about any allergies asap.
- We have paediatric 1<sup>st</sup> Aid trained staff
- We will administer medication if necessary
- Text to inform us of illness before 9.30 a.m.
- Don't attend for at least 48 hours if your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea



# KEEPING INFORMED



- Weekly 'How to Help' letters/activities
- School website
- Noticeboard
- Texting system & Emailing system
- Termly knowledge organiser
- 'Open door' policy
- Parent & Teacher meetings
- Workshop events
- End of year report

# The Governing Body

## Who are the Governors and what do they do?

Governors are a group of volunteers who include parents, staff and members of our local community and church. Our main role is to promote ongoing improvements in standards throughout the school. We are involved, along with Ms Dobie and the staff, in planning the school's long-term direction and we evaluate progress. We help set the school's aims and values and many of our responsibilities carry a statutory requirement. This means we are obliged by law to do certain things such as agree the annual budget.

As well as attending full Governing Body meetings twice a term, governors are also involved in sub-committees. There are four main ones which meet termly – Resources, Standards, Wellbeing and Spiritual Life as well as others such as Admissions, which meet annually and otherwise when necessary.



**Tony Vourou, Chair**



**Anthony Kuti, Vice Chair**

# St. John's School PTFA

## (Parent Teacher Friend's Association)

- Everyone is a member
- The committee consists of parent volunteers with staff representation
- The PTFA run events for children, adults & families
- Some events are social but most events aim to make a profit
- All financial proceeds from the PTFA are invested in the children's education
- The PTFA work in close partnership with the head teacher to ensure that funds are used for the maximum benefit of all children.

- ★ In a normal year the PTFA will contribute £3500 towards outings and workshops for every class, £2000 towards our sport enrichment programme and £2000 for the school library service
- ★ They are fundraising to support the purchase of two new minibuses
- ★ They purchase essential resources such as interactive whiteboards and chromebooks

**Please offer your help to the PTFA by supporting and attending events, volunteering to help and perhaps even joining our committee; we are always looking for new faces and new ideas.**

We look forward to your child joining our Reception class in September.

