



*Come as you are and grow with us*

**Welcome to Nursery**



# Welcome to St Michaels

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Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to St Michael's.

We are delighted that you have chosen St Michael's as your child's school. Our aim is to ensure that your child is happy and fulfilled during their time with us. We will encourage, guide, motivate and support them to reach their fullest potential.

This booklet has been prepared to provide you and your child with some useful information and answer some of the common questions parents may have as their child starts in Nursery.

If you have any further questions about your child starting school please feel free to contact me here at school to discuss them further.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs C Chapman*  
Executive Head teacher

*Miss J Consterdine*  
Head of School

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# Checklist

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- Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform. This includes **black shoes not trainers.**
- Please name **all** items of uniform.
- Children should always have a suitable coat with them.

# Parent, Teachers and Friends Association

At St Michaels we are fortunate to have a very hardworking PTFA. They run social events for the children and also undertake fundraising events. Their work is vital to the school and very much appreciated. In order to ensure the continued success of the PTFA we need parents to volunteer to be part of this group and help with the organisation and running of these events. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.

# School Website and Facebook Page

The school website is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in school. It is full of news and useful information about our school. Do take a look!

<http://www.st-michaels.school/>

You can also keep up to date using our Facebook Page. Search St Michaels Catholic Primary School.

# And finally...

We look forward to learning and creating special memories together!

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## Helping us

We acknowledge the importance of parents as a child's first educators and aim to work together with parents. We attach great importance to the relationship between home and school in maximising the learning of your child. Children settle into school more quickly and make more rapid progress with their learning when parents and school work together in partnership.

## Nursery play group

Nursery children take part in a Stay and Play session each week which parents are invited to.



## Nursery Hours

The Nursery week is as follows:

Doors to school open at 8:45.

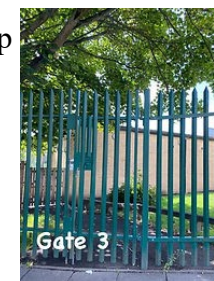
Our 15 hour Nursery children attend Monday and Tuesday full time then until 11:30 on Wednesday. Children who qualify for 30 hours stay all week. If you have any questions about whether your child qualifies for 30 hour provision, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Week Day	Day Starts	Day Ends
Monday	8.50	3.20
Tuesday	8.50	3.20
Wednesday am	8.50	11.30
Wednesday pm	12.45	3.20
Thursday	8.50	3.20
Friday	8.50	3.20

## Settling In

Most children are excited about starting school and settle in to the routine of the school day quickly. However some children may become upset at your leaving—this is natural and our staff are very experienced at dealing with these situations.

The children are collected at the same gate for pick up as when they are dropped off on a morning.



## Meet Our Team

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**Nursery Teacher**  
Miss Cockell

**EYFS teaching assistant**  
Miss Earle



**EYFS Higher Level Teaching Assistant**  
Mrs Monkley



**EYFS Teaching Assistant**  
Mrs Jarek



**EYFS Teaching Assistant**  
Mrs Mohsin

## Helping your child

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You can help your child to settle quickly into school by talking positively about the experience. It would also be useful to encourage your child to carry out tasks for themselves, such as getting dressed, putting their shoes on and zipping up their coat. Independence is a great confidence booster. The children quickly want to manage these tasks alone to show how grown up they are!

### Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital. The Nursery year is fast paced and full of fun learning opportunities. If children are absent from school they are likely to miss out on lots of new learning and this will affect their progress. There are times, due to illness that your child is unable to attend school. If this happens please ensure that you contact the school office, stating the reason for your child's absence.

### Punctuality

The school doors open at 8.45am and the school day begins promptly at 8:50am with registration. This is a very important part of the school day as children are recorded as present or absent at this time. It is also part of our daily routine and offers the children the chance to start the day in the best possible way. Please try and ensure your child arrives in good time.

### Seesaw

Some of your child's learning will be recorded on Seesaw which is an online learning platform. Your child will bring home a code within their first week of school so you can access this platform at home. We urge you to take time to sign up.

### Arbor

You will be asked to download Arbor when your child joins St Michael's. This APP will enable you to make payments to the school, receive messages and other vital information. Please speak to the school office if you need support with this.

## Other Useful Information

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### Uniform

We take pride in our appearance. Uniform is from The School Outfit. Jumpers are £15.99, cardigans are £16.99, tank tops are £14.99, polo tops are £6.99, book bags are £6.99.

### Outdoor Clothing

Our children spend a lot of time learning outdoors, in all weathers. It is therefore essential that children come to school dressed appropriately in protective clothing for accessing their curriculum outdoors. We ask that if possible, children bring in a pair of wellies to keep in school.

### School Lunches

We consider lunch time to be a significant and enjoyable part of our learning day. Nursery lunches will cost £2.70 a day which can be paid on a weekly or termly basis.

### Drinks and Snacks

Children are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable free of charge as part of the Fruit in Schools initiative. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school to drink throughout the day.

### Medication

It is your responsibility to ensure school is aware of any medical condition your child may have. Children with asthma must have an inhaler in school at all times. Prescribed medicine should be administered at home wherever possible. If medication is required during the school day it will be administered by a first aider upon completion of the appropriate forms by parents. All medicines must carry a dispensing label with the child's name and the correct dosage clearly shown. A dosage spoon should also be provided.

## Meet Our Team

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**Executive Headteacher**  
Mrs Chapman



**Head of School**  
Miss Consterdine



**EYFS lead & SENCo**  
Miss Fowler



**Reception Teacher**  
Miss Wadsley

### EYFS Lunchtime Supervisors

Miss Ridley

Mrs Khan

## Take a look around



Nursery Classroom



Outdoor Classroom

## Assessment

Assessments will be completed through observations of your child to help create an accurate picture of their starting point. Throughout the Early Years we will continue to constantly observe, assess and record children's progress. This enables us to plan and provide activities relevant to each child so as to maximise learning.



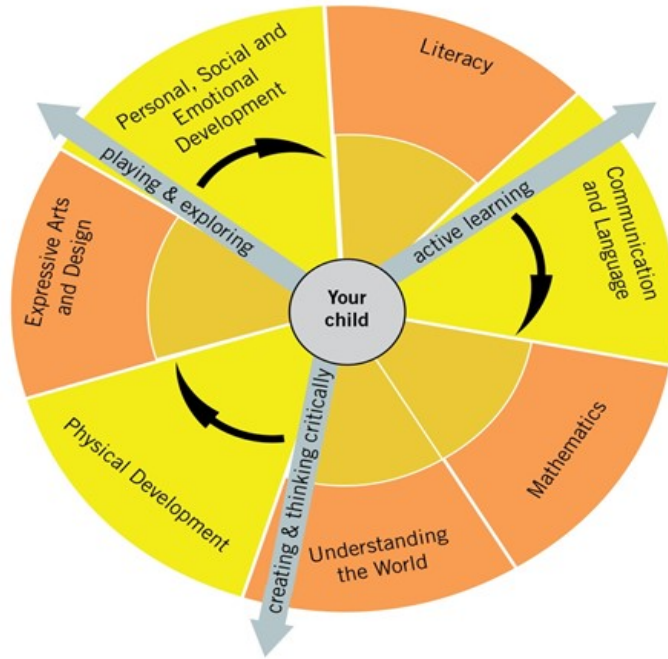
Photographs of your child's actions or achievements, quotations from discussions with your child or evidence of tracings and mark making activities, all inform the observations made.

## Special Educational Needs

Through our observations children with a special educational need are identified at an early stage and strategies are developed between the teacher and the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) to address the concerns. Partnerships with outside agencies such as Speech Therapists and Educational Psychologists will be developed if required. The earlier such concerns are addressed the better. Please do inform the school of any specialists currently involved with your child or if you would like a referral to be made .

St Michael's SENCO is Miss Fowler.

# The Early Years Curriculum



Children learn new skills, acquire new knowledge and demonstrate their understanding in 7 areas of learning and development.

## Prime areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development  
Communication and Language  
Physical Development

## Specific areas:

Literacy  
Mathematics  
Understanding of the World  
Expressive Arts and Design

Children mostly develop in 3 prime areas first, which then supports development in the 4 specific areas.

These 7 areas support and guide the teaching and learning of the EYFS

# Take a look around



Secret Garden



Hall

## Learning in Nursery

Safe, secure and happy learning environment



Meet the needs of  
each individual child



Caring, attractive and  
stimulating environment

Development in all areas—  
educational and social



## High expectations

From starting Nursery, children are supported to follow the rules and routines of our school intended to promote a happy and effective learning environment. We aim to support your children to behave in a way in which will lead to self-discipline and encourage children to perform at their best in all aspects of school life.

Care and Share: Everyone should behave in a considerate manner, treating each person with respect at all times.

Work Well: Work hard. Always be proud of your efforts.

Play Safely: Be sensible. Care for each other in your play so you do not hurt yourself or your friends.

Tidy as you go: Keep the school and the classroom clean and tidy – it's your building, be proud of it!