

Welcome to St. Patrick's



Meet the staff



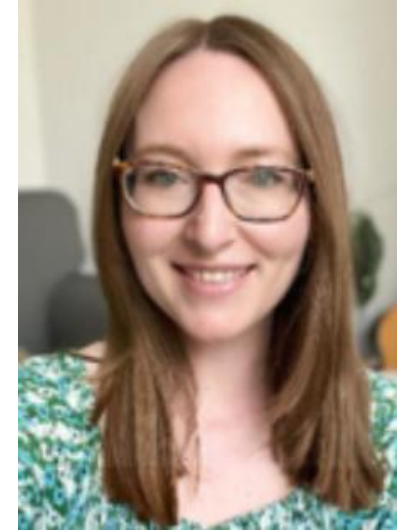
Current Foundation Stage Adults



Miss Archer
(Teacher)



Mr Jordan-Balaam
(EYFS Leader)



Mrs Hull-Currie
(Teacher)

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Mrs Swat
(Teaching Assistant)

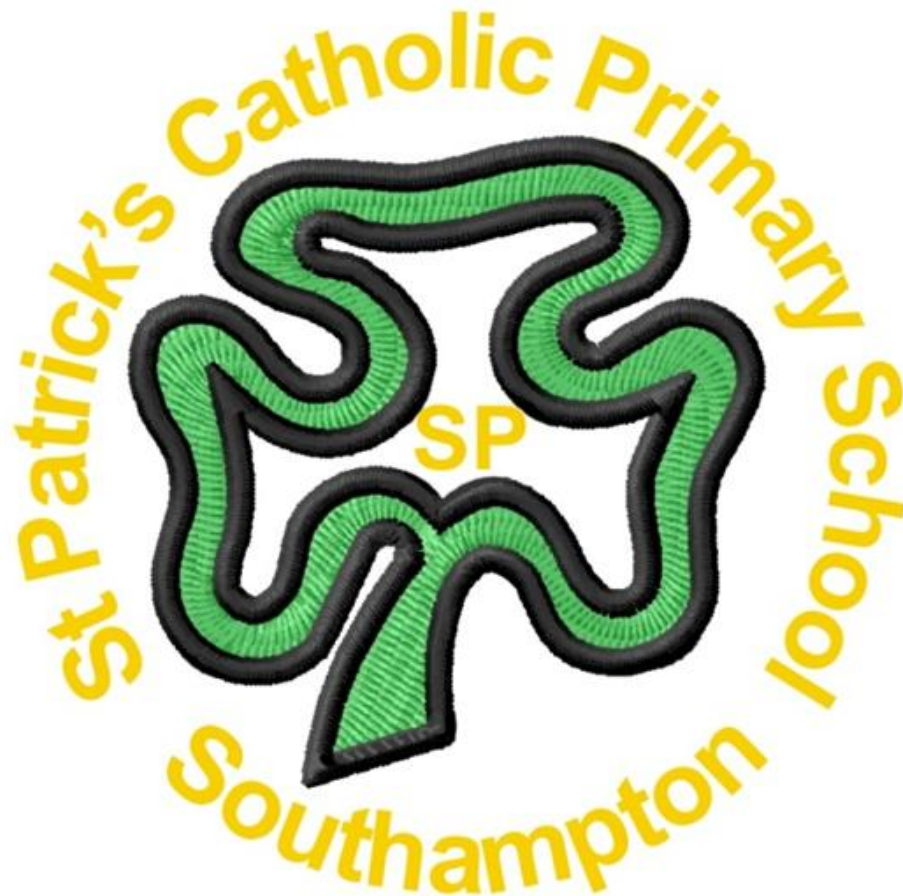


Mrs Robbins
(Teaching Assistant)



Mrs McRoyall
(Teaching Assistant)

Meet the staff



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from **birth** to the **end of the Foundation year**



- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**

Within the EYFS there are 7 areas of Learning and Development:

1. Communication and Language
2. Physical Development
3. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Arts and Design



Morning Activities



- This is a very important time for your child, as it gives them time to settle, greet their teachers and their friends, choose what lunch they will be having and then start an activity that will support and enhance their learning
- If your child is persistently late or has a poor attendance record, **this is likely to have a significant negative effect on their progress**

Times for September

8:45 a.m. - Main playground gates will open

8:55 a.m. - Gate will close and all children in school

Discovery Time

During the school day, the children have 'free-flow' access to both bases and we organise a coloured band system for access to the Canopy and Outside areas. Your child will be allocated a registration base (yellow or blue), by the end of the Summer Term and you will be notified by e-mail. All teachers and teaching assistants work with all the children, at various times throughout the week.



This is the school hall – where we have Celebration of the Word, eat lunch and have P.E. lessons



What to wear at school?



School Uniform

All clothing must be labelled with your child's name.

White polo shirt

- Green school jumper / cardigan
- Dark grey tracksuit bottoms / leggings
- Black plimsolls or smart black trainers
(No laces)

Summer term only

- Green T-shirt
- Black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms / leggings
- Black trainers / plimsolls (No laces)

The nearest school uniform shop is “Wearabouts”, Victoria Road, Woolston or Tesco provides an ordering service.



What can you do to prepare your child for school?





Southampton's Steps to Starting School



Here are some skills to practise that would support your child ahead of starting school

To join in and sing some nursery rhymes and songs

To recognise and talk about feelings (happy, sad, worried and calm)

To wipe own nose using a tissue

To follow simple instructions

To tell an adult if they are upset.

To walk to and from school

To read their own name

Talk to your child about how they are feeling. What are they looking forward to? What are they unsure of?

Remember, every child is different and every child's steps to school will be different too!

To use the toilet and wipe independently



To put on own school jumper, coat and shoes

To eat using a knife and fork

I can wash my hands independently

To eat independently (open own lunchbox, packets and feed self)

To have a good bedtime routine

To sit and listen to a story

Getting your child ready for school over the Summer holidays

'School Readiness'

- It would be beneficial if your child could have practised writing their name before starting school.
- When your child is writing their name, use lower case letters (except for the capital letter at the beginning)

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Lunches



- Every child in Foundation Stage is entitled to a free school meal, until the end of Year 2
- They can choose a school meal or bring a packed lunch from home (**No nuts or nut based products**). You do not need to order in advance.
- No chocolate bars/sweets
- Currently, there is a choice of a meat, a vegetarian, a jacket potato, a sandwich or a tomato pasta option
- You will be given a school lunch menu so that you can help your child to choose an option and details are on our school website; <https://www.spcps.co.uk/school-lunches>

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is extra government funding given to schools to support children with their learning.

For the school to qualify for PPG, you need to be in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child tax credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if the household earns less than £7400 per year



Pupil Premium

The funding can be used for:

- Extra support and 1:1 tuition
- Challenge and support interventions
- Financial support with uniform costs, music lessons, clubs and visits



If you think you qualify, please register on-line by clicking;

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/southampton>

If you would like help or more information,
please contact the school office.

Summer Transition Dates

- 'Parent and Child Tour of the School' – there will be an opportunity for you to have a tour of the school with your child on Wednesday 10th June between 3:30-4pm or 4:15-4:45pm (booking system)
- 'Pre-school Playdate' - Monday 22nd June from 10:15-11:15am or Thursday 25th June from 1:30-2:30pm. Information about this will be sent directly to your child's pre-school and we will arrange the playdate directly with them.

Summer Transition Dates

- Parent – Teacher Meetings – this is only for children who have additional needs or if you have urgent concerns
- You can choose whether to have a meeting in school or, alternatively, we can come and visit you in your home (booking system)
- Meetings in school - Monday 29th June and Thursday 2nd July. Home visits - Monday 6th and Thursday 9th July.
- ‘Playdate’ – your child will have an opportunity to come to school with you for a playdate on Tuesday 14th July from 10:30-11:30am or Thursday 16th July from 1:30-2:30pm (booking system)

During the Summer Break

- During the summer break, we will send your child a series of 'story time' videos for them to watch.
- There will be activities that you can encourage your child to complete as part of the 'Steps to Starting School' checklist that will be sent with the email link for the story time videos

The first few weeks...



Our transition timetable is designed to slowly integrate your child into their new school and make the experience as positive and exciting as possible.

The first few weeks:

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September

1 hour playdate with your child (booking system)

These are not optional as this is part of your child's entry into school. Your child must wear their uniform to these sessions.

Part-time

Monday 7th - Friday 11th September – morning (8:45-11:30am) or afternoon (1:15-3:15pm)

Monday 15th – Friday 19th September – morning (8:45am - 12pm) - includes lunch - or afternoon (1:15-3:15pm)

If your child was born between September – February, they will be in school in the mornings

If your child was born between March – August, they will be in school in the afternoons

From Monday 21st September

All children in full-time, 8:45 – 3:15 p.m.

The Foundation teachers will be waiting at the Foundation gate to welcome your child as they start school.

This is an important time for your child, and it is important that their start at school is a positive experience.

By Friday you will receive ...

- **A copy of this PowerPoint**
- **A 'Welcome booklet' to share with your child**
- **A separate email will be sent with links for booking transition dates.**



Question Time