

# Welcome to St. Patrick's



# 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



# Meet the staff



# Foundation Stage Adults



Miss Archer  
(Teacher)



Mr Balaam  
(F.S. Leader)



Miss Chambers  
(Teacher)

# Foundation Stage Adults



Mrs Swat  
(Teaching Assistant)



Mrs Cherry  
(Teaching Assistant)



Mrs O'Toole  
(NELI Practitioner)



Mrs Robbins  
(Teaching Assistant)

# 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

**8:50 a.m. - Main playground gates will open**

**9.00 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. All teachers and teaching assistants work with all the children, at various times throughout the week.





**This is the school hall – where we  
have liturgies, eat lunch and have  
P.E.**



# 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)**
- There is a choice of a meat, a vegetarian, a jacket potato or a sandwich 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>

# 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?



# Getting your child ready for school over the Summer holidays

## 'School Readiness'



- Independent toilet routine
- Put on their coat / jumper and take it off
- Try on their uniform
- Recognise and talk about numbers, letters and shapes in the environment, e.g. bus numbers, road signs, windows on houses
- Practise counting to 10 in English
- To recognise their own name
- To write their own name
- Use a knife and fork and attempt to cut their own food



# Getting your child ready for school over the Summer holidays

## 'School readiness'

- Read lots of stories to your child
- When your child is writing their name, use lower case letters (except for the capital letter at the beginning)

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- All children's items must be labelled, including hats, scarves and gloves



# 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 between 3:30-4pm or 4:15-4:45pm on Wednesday 7th June (booking system)
- 'Playdate' – your child will have an opportunity to come to school with you for a playdate on Tuesday 13th June from 10:30-11:30am **or** Thursday 15th June from 1:30-2:30pm (booking system)

# Summer Transition Dates

- 'Pre-school Playdate' - Monday 26th or Tuesday 27th June from 10:30-11:30am, Thursday 29th June or Friday 30th 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.
- 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 3rd July and Tuesday 4th July.  
Home visits - Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July.

# During the Summer Break

- Towards the end of July, we will send your child a welcome video, which will include a tour of the school and an introduction to the adults that will be teaching them.
- During each week of the summer break, we will send your child a 'story time' video for them to watch.
- 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...



**The first few weeks:**

**Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September**

**1 hour playdate with your child (booking system)**

**Part-time**

**Monday 11th - Friday 15th September – morning (9:00-11:30am)  
or afternoon (1:00-3:00pm)**

**Monday 18th – Friday 22nd September – morning (9:00am -  
12pm) - includes lunch - or afternoon (1:00-3:00pm)**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**All children in full-time, 8:50 – 3:10 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.**

## Tomorrow you will receive ...

- **An 'Induction pack' – please complete the forms and return to school as soon as possible**
- **A copy of this PowerPoint**
- **A 'Welcome booklet' to share with your child**
- **The email will also include all the links for the booking times for the transition dates**





**Question Time**