

Our Lady of the Assumption



Catholic Primary School



**Early Years Foundation
Stage
Nursery**

Welcome to Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Primary School. We hope that your child has a happy time with us.

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The Early Years Foundation Stage

The children in the nursery and reception classes are in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

The next stage, Key Stage One, starts in Year 1.



Children are born ready, able and eager to learn. They actively reach out to interact with other people and in the world around them. Development is not an automatic process and it depends on each unique child having opportunities to interact in positive relationships and enabling environments.

In the EYFS it is recognised that children learn best when they can play and explore, are able to learn actively and are given opportunities to be creative and think critically.



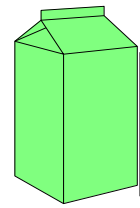
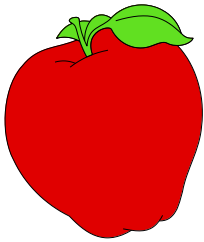
In the EYFS the prime areas are fundamental, to learning and development: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development. Specific areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.



It is important within the early years foundation stage that the children have many opportunities to play both indoors and outdoors. It is recognised by early years foundation stage staff that children learn best through play and having first hand experiences.

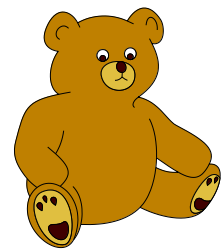
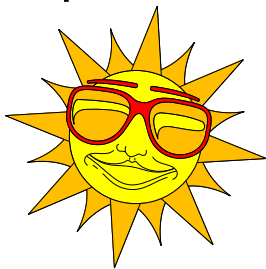
Snack Time

In the nursery and reception classes we provide a snack of fruit and milk. The children receive the fruit and milk free of charge. Please do not send your child with any other snack. Thank you.



Pictures

When the children first attend the Nursery and the reception class they are shown their own coat peg and drawer identified by a picture.



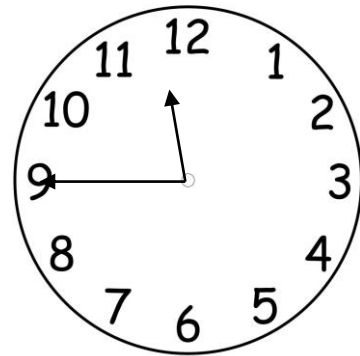
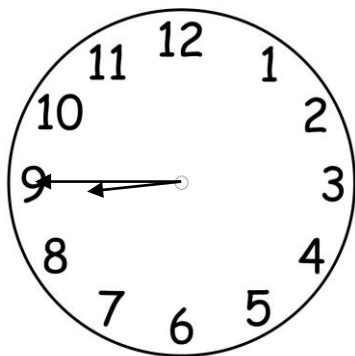
Nursery Times

The Nursery will be open for 3 hours each morning.

The Nursery opening times are as follows:

Morning sessions - Monday to Friday;

8.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.



Links with the rest of the school

During the year the children attend various assemblies. Our reception children will also attend some of the whole school Masses.

The children will take part in other events with the rest of the school e.g. sports day. The



children also take part in the school nativity play and will enjoy other events with them.

During the course of the year nursery children will spend some time in the reception class and play in the Key Stage One playground, this will help the children become used to a larger school environment and prepare them for the next year.

All the reception children have a 'buddy' from Year 6, who will support them and be their special friend in school.

Clothes in the Nursery

Could we please ask that you send your child to school in clothes that will not be spoiled if they get dirty. During the session the children will be involved in many activities and it is important that their clothing does not restrict them. We do have aprons for them to wear for messy activities, but unfortunately they still seem to get paint on their clothes!



We also go outside to play in most weathers so please send your child in clothes appropriate for this too.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Other Information

For the safety of your child only adults are allowed to bring and fetch the children in the nursery and reception classes.



Please tell us if someone different is coming for your child. Please be as prompt as possible collecting your child, as delay

may cause a child unnecessary worry!

Please do not send sweets etc. into the nursery and reception class as all the children will be given some fruit and a drink daily.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Help!

We are always happy to have parent support in all aspects of the Foundation Stage. If you would like to help in either class we would be delighted to have you!

We are always in need of many items. It would be very helpful if you could collect some of these for us:

- bits of fabric and wool
- acorns, conkers, pine cones etc.
- old bobbins, milk bottle tops, wrapping paper and ribbon
- old clothes that would be suitable for dressing up, bags and hats
- old birthday/Christmas cards and used envelopes
- newspaper
- old CDs and their cases

Thank you.