

Welcome to St. Wilfrid's Nursery



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This booklet is designed to welcome you and your child to St. Wilfrid's Nursery. We hope that you will find this booklet useful as it contains lots of information about the sorts of things you can do to support your child at home, whilst also listing some of the practical day-to-day arrangements for Nursery.

Please feel free to contact school with any questions or concerns. It's important that you feel that your child will be able to settle quickly and calmly into school life.

We hope that your child will feel happy at our school and we look forward to the start of a wonderful partnership, supporting your child as they start their first steps at St. Wilfrid's.

With best wishes,

The St. Wilfrid's Early Years Team



Settling in and getting to know us

Coming to school can be an anxious time for both you and your child. Please do not worry, as we settle the children into Nursery in small groups. You will be given a starting date for Nursery, this may be later than the starting dates for the rest of school to support transition of children into Nursery in small groups.

On your child's first day, children attend for a short period only. This is to help the children get to know staff and ensure they are happy in the school environment. After this they may attend their usual sessions, if it is felt that they will be happy to do so. Further details will be sent to you prior to your child starting school.

Each child has a coat peg in the entrance. We will help your child to find their peg so that they know where to hang their coat.

Session Times

Children attend our Nursery on a full-time or part-time basis. You can choose which sessions your child attends.

Session options

am session 8.45am-11.45am

am and midday session- 8.45am- 12.15pm

midday and pm session 11.45am- 3.15 pm

full day session 8.45am- 3.15pm

pm session 12.15pm-3.15pm.

Please bring your child to the main Nursery Entrance, as this is the place that they will also be collected from at the end of the session. Children are signed in and out by the person bringing them. If for any reason the 'regular' person is not collecting your child, it is important that you let us know, otherwise we will not allow your child to leave the nursery for safety reasons. We ask that children remain with parents and carers before and after nursery and do not play on the outdoor equipment during these times.

Keeping Informed

School letters are sent via email in the School Spider app. Please ensure that you look at this regularly.

Termly newsletters are sent home to keep you up to date with nursery events, via the School Spider app, and can be found on the school website.

Medicines

As part of our school policy, we may administer medicines that a doctor has prescribed to be taken 4 times daily. If your child is acutely unwell then you should keep them at home. Where possible, all medicine should be taken at home. No children will be given medication without written parental consent using the school's medical consent form. This can be obtained from the school office in Beech Building.

Inhalers will be kept by the Nursery teachers, but these must also include written parental consent.

Please keep us informed of your child's medical needs, both short-term and long-term. If your child has an ongoing medical need or condition, a Care Plan should be completed with our Learning Mentor. Please let the school office know if this is required.



Assessment

Each child has a special folder called their 'Learning Journal', which builds into a unique record of your child's time at our nursery. It will include:

- Precious moments which are captured through photographs.
- Your child's early creative masterpieces.
- Examples of work and activities in nursery.
- Records of observations and achievements.

Some of these observations will be kept electronically, using our online app 'Evidence Me'. You can share pictures and video clips of your child's achievements at home through the app. Log on details for this will be sent home once the children have started nursery. The children's learning journals are available for you to look at on parent's evenings.

Lunchtime

If your child is staying for lunch, they may bring a packed lunch or purchase a school lunch. School lunches offer a choice of healthy and well-balanced options each day. Prices for these are available from the office.

If you would prefer to send a packed lunch, please ensure that this is healthy. We do not permit sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks.



Reading

Please read with your child as much as possible to help them enjoy stories and develop their imagination. This is a really important part of your child's development. Singing nursery rhymes and following action songs helps too. Further information on supporting your child can be found on the websites below:

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

We introduce children to initial sounds and rhyming words using our validated synthetic phonics programme 'Essential Letters and Sounds' which we continue to use throughout Reception and Key Stage 1.

Clothes and Uniforms

Despite all the precautions we take, spills and splashes do sometimes happen. Please do not send your child to Nursery in their best clothes.

We do have a school uniform that we encourage Nursery children to wear which includes:

Navy Blue Sweatshirt

Light Blue Polo-shirt

Dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings or a navy blue skirt

Velcro or pull on dark coloured trainers

Trainers are recommended to enable children to fully access the outdoor equipment safely.

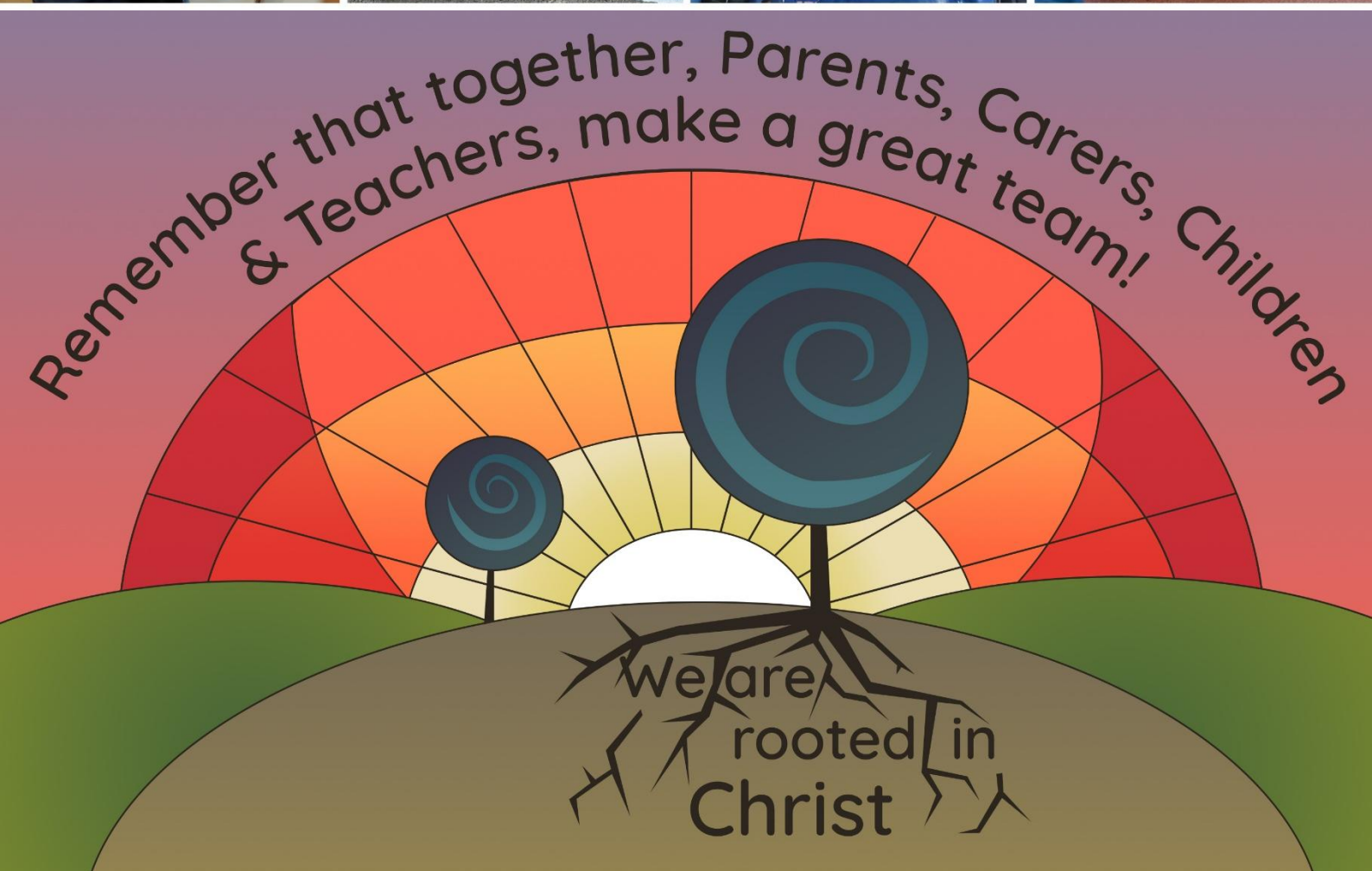
Please write your child's name in all their clothes, including shoes. This will help during our dance, PE and sensory sessions!

Nursery will support children who are not yet fully toilet trained. To help your child become independent in this, please ensure they wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings rather than traditional school trousers, as these are easier to pull up and down. Please do not send children in nappies or pull ups.

Finally, for health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear earrings in school.

School Activities and Snacks

During the day your child will receive a healthy snack. This is usually fruit or vegetables. We also provide water. If you do not wish your child to be offered this snack, or if they have any allergies, then please inform us in writing. The children will also be involved in lots of baking and fun activities.





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