



Reception
2025 - 26

Welcome to Holy Cross Primary School

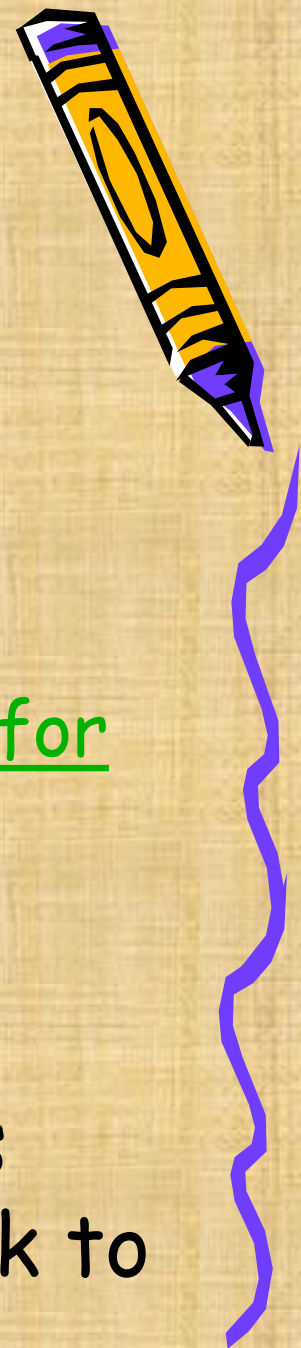


Learn, Grow, Love, Live





How can YOU help your child
be 'school ready'?



School readiness: How to prepare your child for school - BBC Tiny Happy People

<https://startingreception.co.uk/>

If you feel your child has additional needs, please speak to our SENDCos 😊





Hello

Welcome to your new school. We are really looking forward to meeting you!



Here is Mrs Dowdeswell, she will be your headteacher. She is very kind and helpful.

Hello s a m



Here are some of the things that I can do:

Respond to and recognise my name ☐

Put my coat on by myself ☐

Write some of the letters in my name ☐

Draw a simple picture ☐

Recognise when I need the toilet ☐

Use the toilet without help ☐

Wash and dry my hands without help ☐

Tidy away a few toys ☐

Follow simple instructions ☐

Open a lunchbox ☐

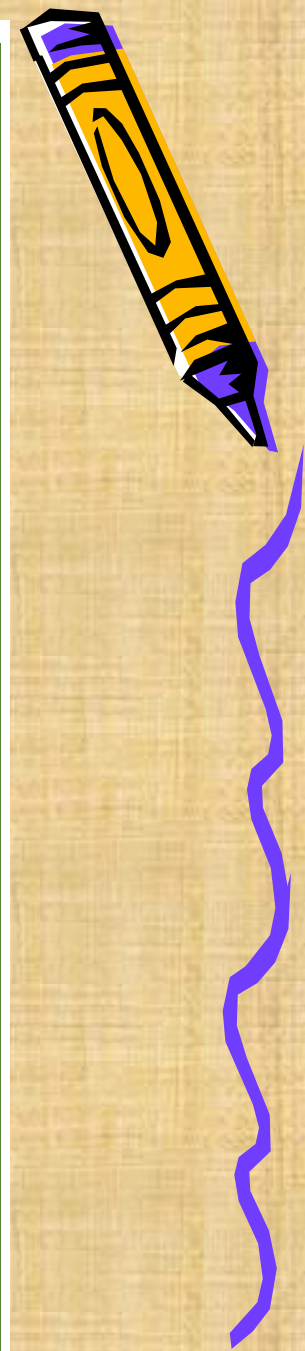
Use a knife and fork ☐

Wait my turn when playing ☐

Get dressed on my own ☐

Listen and follow a story ☐

Sing along to nursery rhymes ☐



So, there are lots of ways YOU can help your child be ready for school.



What support will WE provide?

Foundation Stage Years Team

2025 - 2026



Mrs
D'Costa



Mrs Nichols



Mrs Cox



Mrs Fernandes



Mrs Vaz



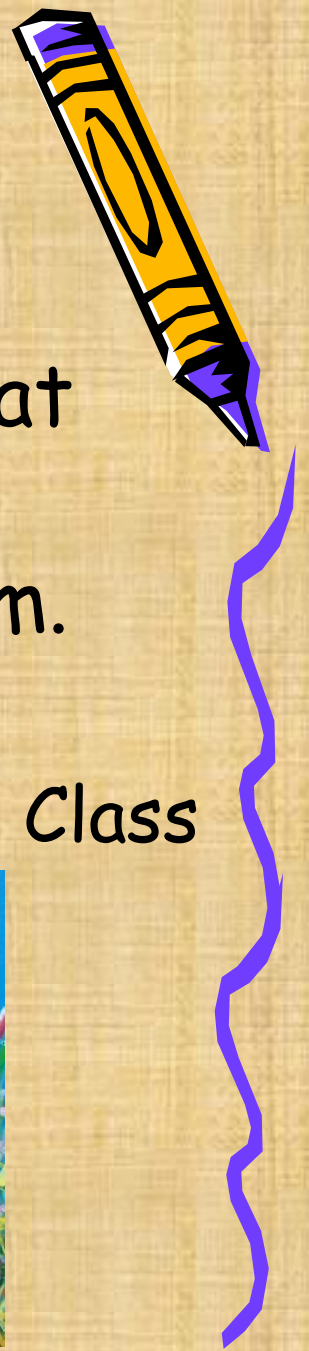
Mrs Kucinska



Mrs Gordon



Transition to school



- Teachers have visited the children at their nurseries and met with their key person to learn more about them.

Mrs Cox - Oak Class



Mrs Nichols - Ash Class



Preparing to start School

As part of the transition to school we are starting with 2 '**taster**' sessions to meet the teacher.

Tuesday 8th July 2025

Thursday 10th July 2025

These sessions will run from
9.30am - 11.00am

All children should attend these sessions.



Starting School in September



All the children will start school on a part-time basis for weeks 1 and 2.

A gentle introduction helps the children develop relationships with staff and other children.

Home Visits – 2 members of staff visit you and your child at home to help us build a relationship with you and your child.



The First Day!

Morning routine:

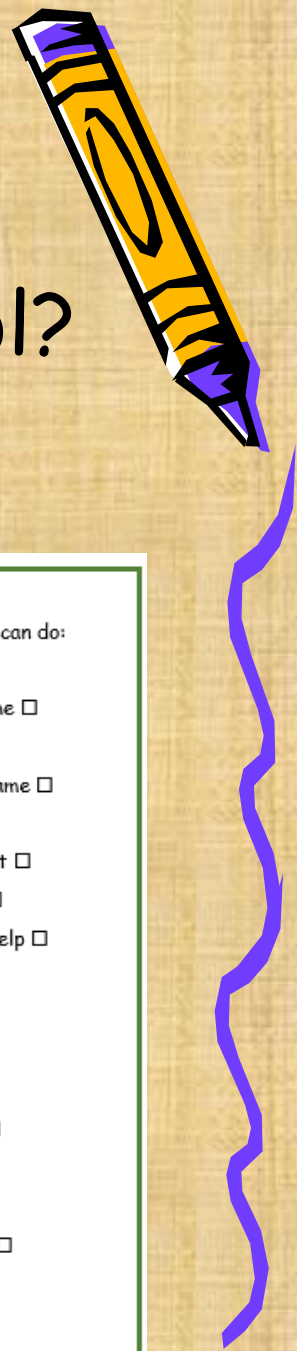
- book bag into their own tray.
- Placing water bottles in the classroom.
- coat into locker.
- find their name card to self register.
- settle to an activity of their choice.

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We need all parents to
support children with
the new routines.



Things to do over the Summer



Please talk to your child about school.
How do they feel about coming to school?
What things are they excited about?
What things worry them?

**Starting school is
an exciting time!**



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- Wash and dry my hands without help ☐
- Tidy away a few toys ☐
- Follow simple instructions ☐
- Open a lunchbox ☐
- Use a knife and fork ☐
- Wait my turn when playing ☐
- Get dressed on my own ☐
- Listen and follow a story ☐
- Sing along to nursery rhymes ☐

Parents supporting learning

- Stay and play sessions each term.
- Outdoor activities
- Class Assembly
- Craft activities
- Bedtime Reading
- Invite to watch phonic sessions



Attendance and Punctuality

Set good habits straight away and start as you mean to go on...



19 August 2024 the DfE introduced new guidance for schools and local councils for managing school attendance. They also introduced a new national framework for penalty notices (fines) and amended the law. All schools and councils across the country are expected to follow the new statutory guidance.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/1275/school_attendance



Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

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DAYS ABSENCE
(190 school days)

100%

EXCELLENT
ATTENDANCE

Best chance of SUCCESS

6

DAYS ABSENCE
OR MORE

96_{.99}%

SATISFACTORY
ATTENDANCE

*Harder to make good
progress*

15

DAYS ABSENCE
OR MORE

92_{.99}%

REQUIRES
IMPROVEMENT

Less chance of success

19

DAYS ABSENCE
OR MORE

**Below
90%**

Persistent Absentee

CAUSE FOR
CONCERN

*Serious concern
Possible Court Action!*



BETTER TOGETHER



HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP





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Before you leave..

- Sign up for a home visit.
- Check spelling of your child's name.
- Inform us of any changes to information
- Please do visit the classroom and outside area.



Welcome to our school
community.

We are so looking forward to
working with you!

