

# Welcome to Forefield Community Infant & Nursery School



# Purpose of this Session

- To welcome you and your family to Forefield, especially families new to our school.
- To introduce some key members of staff.
- To share some initial information to support you in preparing for your child starting Reception in September.
- To share transition dates and activities for you and your child to support a smooth transition.

# The Reception Team

Mrs. Gilroy



Mrs. Evans



Mrs. Wolfarth



Mrs. Buckley

# Other Members of Staff



Mrs. Roberts



Mrs. Boardman



Mrs. Gregory



Miss. Edwards

# Pastoral Support

I am Mrs Boardman and I am based in our Rainbow Room. One of my roles in school is as Pastoral Co-ordinator. Working closely with Parents and Carers I aim to develop and strengthen the links between home and school and ensure that you are a part of our Forefield community. I am a Mum of four myself and know that occasionally in family life things can get tough and I am here to offer a listening ear and help and support, if necessary signposting you to other services.

In our Pastoral Base, the Rainbow Room, a huge part of my role is to ensure that our children are in the best possible position to achieve their full potential whilst they are in school, providing support at tricky times so that they are happy, well equipped and ready to learn.

Another part of my role is co-ordinating a register of any medical or dietary issues. If your child has a medical condition (short or long term) or any allergies or dietary needs then please let myself or class teacher know.

We will be offering 'A Positive Start' virtual workshop to support you in making your child's transition into school a really positive one.

I look forward to meeting you soon.



# Attendance

At Forefield we place great value on excellent attendance and punctuality. We aim to help our children to develop a positive attitude to school and learning because even at this early stage in your child's education, poor attendance has a negative impact not only on their academic progress but also on their friendships and their social skills.

As an infant school, we do appreciate that young children will occasionally be too ill to attend and when this happens we ask that you contact school by telephone or email before the start of the school day. If we have not heard from you, as part of our first response procedures, it may be that Mrs Boardman undertakes a home visit to check that everything is ok. If you are unsure how poorly your child is, if for example if they seem 'under the weather', we ask that you let us know and send them in to school, rest assured that we will contact you should they become unwell during the day.

# School Holiday Dates 2023-2024

	Autumn Term 2022	Spring Term 2023	Summer Term 2023
<b>Term commences</b>	Wednesday 6th September (Mon 4th, Tues 5th Sept INSET)	Thursday 4th January (Wed 3rd Jan INSET)	Monday 15 April
<b>Mid-Term Holiday</b>	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February	Monday 27 May to Monday 3rd June (INSET)
<b>Term ends</b>	Wednesday 20th December (Thurs 21st Dec INSET)	Thursday 28 March	Friday 19 July
<b>Total No of Days 195</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>

Individual Term Dates School will hold staff training days, also known as inset days, on various days throughout the academic year, and will be closed to pupils at these times. INSET DAYS: Mon 4th & Tues 5th Sept; Thurs 21st Dec; Wed 3rd Jan; Mon 3rd June

# The School Day in Reception

- 8.45am – School day begins
- Welcome & registration
- Learning Session
- Continuous Provision – Indoor / Outdoor
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- Lunch
- Learning Session
- Continuous Provision – Indoor / Outdoor
- Learning Session
- 3:25pm- School day ends

During continuous provision children will work with teachers for short periods on focused tasks within the setting.

NB – Sometimes sessions do change based on the topic, PE sessions and follow up learning activities.

# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Reception Uniform

### **Autumn/ Winter**

Grey shorts/ Trousers/ Skirt/ Pinafore

Royal blue or white polo shirt

Sensible shoes

Royal blue cardigan/ sweatshirt



**Spring/ Summer**  
Blue checked summer  
dress

**PE Kit**  
White T-shirt  
Navy Blue shorts  
Navy jogging bottoms  
Black Pumps

# Reading Bag

Book bags are available to purchase from the school office to protect reading books and reading diary, homework going between home and school.

Please personalise your child's book bag with a keyring.

School office open for purchases between 1:30-3pm Monday to Friday.

Bags cost £6.00



# Learning in Reception

Learning takes place both indoors and outdoors.

Independence is crucial to children making the most of Reception.

Outdoor provision is available in almost all weather conditions.

Children will also be able to access learning through our forest school.



# The Curriculum in Reception

## 3 Prime Areas

- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication & Language

## 4 Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts & Design

More information about the EYFS Curriculum is available in the EYFS Handbook. We will also share more details about the curriculum in the Ready for Reception Workshop coming soon.

# Forest School

Reception children will be able to attend Forest School sessions with our forest school lead Mrs Wolfarth during their Reception school year.

Children will take part in lots of exciting learning opportunities on one of our new forest school sites which are both based on our school field.

More information will be shared about this next year.



# Additional Opportunities



Trips and visitors



Forest School

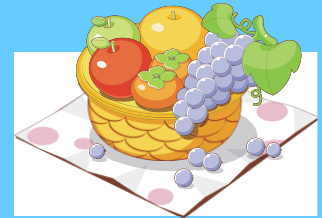
School clubs

# Assessment in Early Years

- Baseline observations & assessment to establish starting points for your child.
- Observations/focused tasks to inform planning for next steps.
- Seesaw- online snapshot of children's learning.
- Assessment against checkpoints and Early Learning Goals.

# Early Years Foundation Stage

- Reception Snack - £10 per term
- Snack time at least once a day.
- Snack donations provide for additional activities completed in Reception such as baking, growing, Traditional Tales Feast, butterflies etc.
- Named water bottles.
- Fresh Fruit Smoothies - Available each Thursday for a small additional charge.



# Lunchtime



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## Primary Menu September 2022

## Sefton Catering Services

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Pizza & Wedges Choose from a selection of favourite toppings, salad sticks & sweetcorn  (V) Pasta Served with Salad Sticks or Sweetcorn Plus, ½ Jacket Potato	Sausage, Baked Beans & Mashed Potato  (V) Sweet Chilli Veg & Quorn strips with Rice or Noodles	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes with Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy  (V) Quorn and Vegetable Tray Bake With Couscous	Spaghetti Bolognese With Crusty Bread  (V) Quorn Korma With 50/50 Rice	Jumbo Fish Fingers Peas (Garden or Mushy) Chipped Potatoes  (V) Selection of Wraps With Salad Sticks & Baked Wedges
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	Homemade Cookie with Fruit Slices	Apple Turnover with Cream	Carrot, Courgette and Orange Slice	Jam or Syrup Sponge with Custard	Frozen Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 2	Sausage Roll. Hash Brown & Beans  (V) Cheese Quiche Mixed Salad & ½ Baked Potato	Cottage Pie with Carrots & Broccoli  (V) Curry and Rice & Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Honey Glazed Gammon Cauliflower, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy with Paprika Roasted Potatoes  Filled Potato Skins Cheese & Ham or Cheese (V) With Beans	Home Made Chicken & Veg Pie Peas, Carrots & Gravy Mashed Potato  (V) Sausage and Tomato Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread	(V) Fish Fingers With Chipped Potatoes Salad Sticks or Coleslaw  Salmon and Vegetable Egg Fried 50/50 Rice
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	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Mini Cookie with Fruit slices	Mandarin Cheesecake	Rice pudding with Peaches or Sultanas	Jam & Cream Scones
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 3	(V) Home Made Cheese & Potato Puff Pastry Parcels with Baked Beans  Burger & Chips with Corn on the Cob	Pasta LACA Award Winning Dish Mixed Salad  (V) Quorn Korma With 50/50 Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Turkey or Roast Pork Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy  (V) Quorn Fillet Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatballs in Gravy with Carrots & Cabbage Mashed Potato  (V) Vegetable Lasagne with Mixed Salad and Crusty bread	Battered Fish Peas & Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes  (V) Sausage Roll Baked Beans & Hash Browns
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	Fruit Muffin	Fruit Jelly & Cream	Shortbread Finger & Fruit Slices	Oat & Apple Slice with Custard or Cream	Peach & Pineapple Flapjack

# Wrap Around Care

All Saints Ventures can provide Breakfast Club & Afterschool Club for children attending school.

All Saints are based in school dining room and can be dropped off and collected from the gate on Trevor Drive.

Breakfast Club - 8.00 - 8.50am

Afterschool Club 3.25-6.00pm

For more information please contact Janine  
(Manager) on 0151 924 5137 or via email on  
[manager.ventures@gmail.com](mailto:manager.ventures@gmail.com)

Website address - [www.venturesnurserycrosby.com](http://www.venturesnurserycrosby.com)

# Reception Transition Arrangements

## Visit

EYFS lead to visit your child in their current setting/ childminder etc.

Will gather information to help inform classes

## Ready for Reception Workshops

(Virtual - only sign up for one)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 5:30-6:00pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9:30am- 10:00am

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2:15-2:45pm

Sign up information will be sent out via the app nearer the time.  
Please sign up to the most convenient date.

# Reception Transition Arrangements

## A Positive Start Workshop (Virtual- only sign up for one)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30pm-6:00pm

Top tips to support you and your child starting school and how to ensure their first weeks of school are happy and settled.

Sign up will be via the school app.

## Transition Visits (In school- only sign up for one)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2:30-3:15pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2:30-3:15pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2:30-3:15pm

This is an opportunity for your child to meet their class teacher and explore their new classroom.

Sign up will be via the school app. Places allocated on first come first served basis.

# Reception Transition Arrangements

Information about signing up for our transition events will be communicated via our school app. Please check the app regularly for updates.

If you are concerned about your child starting school, please speak to your child's class teacher and we can discuss an enhanced and personalised transition plan.

## Phased Start Dates (September 2023)

Children attended Forefield Nursery only

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (8.45-12 noon)

Children will have a taster lunch session on this day

Children attended external Nursery Provision only

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (8.45-12 noon)

Children will have a taster lunch session on this day

All Children attend for a morning session only

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September (8.45-12 noon)

All children will have a taster lunch session

## Phased Start Dates (September 2023)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Attend full time**

Please note that if your child requires a longer transition we will write a personalised transition plan with yourself to ensure that your child has a positive start to their Reception year. In this case their full time date may be different.

# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Appointments to meet the teacher

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 7th September

Friday 8th September

(1 - 3pm)

# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Summer Memory Box Challenge

Over the summer holidays we would like to you complete a series of challenges. These will all be fun and age appropriate activities. Each of these activities will be linked to our Reception curriculum and provide an invaluable prior learning experience for your child. At some point during the forthcoming year we will be drawing upon this experience.

We would like children to capture these experiences in a summer memory box. This should just be a decorated shoe box in which your child can gather evidence of activities completed from the Summer Memory Box Challenge list. This may be an entry ticket, a photograph, a postcard or a leaflet from a place visited. These items not only provide a aide- memoir for your child, but act as a prompt for staff to talk to children about the items they have brought in. Children will all be given an opportunity to share their memory box in a small group over the first few weeks of term.



There is no set format for the memory box so you can be as creative as you would like.



# Activity Passport

At Forefield Infant and Nursery school we have developed a passport for learning. This is a portrait of how we want children to achieve in terms of academic, spiritual, moral, social and emotional development and supports children's mental health and wellbeing.

Children who have attended our Nursery will already have a copy of our Activity Passport and be on their way to completing the Nursery Section. Children who are new to our school will receive their passport in September.

By completing the Summer Memory Box Challenge and the Sefton Reading Challenge you will be completing your first two activities from the Reception section of the passport.

Through the Reception Newsletter, we will let you know what activities are best to complete to support your children in accessing the curriculum at different points in the year.

