

St James the Great Catholic School  
Welcome to Nursery Class!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer and are now ready for your children to start Nursery Class.

Our first topic will be 'Me, Myself and I' which will enable us to get to know your child and in the first few weeks, we will be focusing on settling the children into school routines.

As part of this topic we ask the children to bring in some photos of themselves with their family and also a photo of themselves as a baby. Please could you bring these in next week and we will use them for our class display. All photos should be in an envelope clearly labelled with their name.

**Clothing**



The children spend a lot of their time in the outside learning areas. Please make sure that your child is always dressed appropriately for **all weather** situations. A spare set of clothes could be provided in a separate bag to hang on their pegs should your child have a little accident!

**Reading**



Each child will be given 'My Reading Diary'. Your child can select a sharing book on Tuesday to take home. This is for your child to enjoy and share with you. They are not expected to read this book but you can ask them questions about the pictures as well as the story.

**Phonics**



Before reading develops the children need to be able to distinguish sounds (environmental, body, musical) and develop awareness of rhyming so we have a daily phonics session to develop these skills. You can help your child with this by singing rhyming songs including nursery rhymes on a regular basis as well as listen to different sounds and discuss these.

**Cooking**



We regularly take part in cooking activities so please ensure that we are aware of **any allergies** that your child has.

**HOME TIME!!!!**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING HOME WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOURSELF, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU INFORM US WHO WILL BE COLLECTING THEM. IF IT IS AN EMERGRNCY SITUATION THEN A TELEPHONE CALL WILL BE SUFFICIENT. WE ARE UNABLE TO LET CHILDREN GO HOME WITH ANYONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN NAMED TO US IN ADVANCE.**

It is really important to us that all the children in the class are happy! If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and ask us at the beginning of the day.

Thank you for your help and support and we look forward to a fun and exciting time!

The Foundation Stage Team