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Welcome

St John's Church of England Nursery

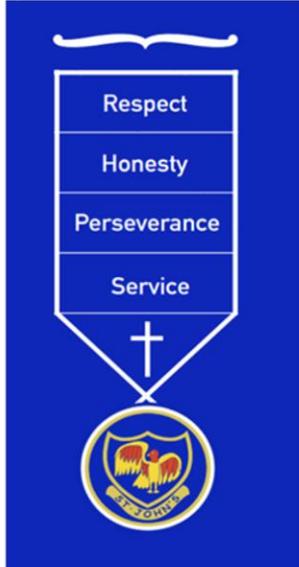


This is a small school with a big heart.

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"The school's curriculum is designed with care and ambition, and the necessary building blocks to learning well in a subject are carefully identified."

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What makes St John's Distinctly Christian

Daily Collective Worship. We learn about our Christian Values from each other, our teachers, clergy, Insight, Kindness Ambassadors and other guests

Church Services and Songs of Praise. We come together to praise God

Prayer. We can reflect, suggest prayers and talk to God

Spacemakers. We follow Jesus' example to help us regulate and reflect

Reflection Books. We discuss what we have learned & what it means to us

Head Teachers Christian Values Certificate We learn to be advocates and leaders

Outreach to our Local and Global Communities. We learn about the world around us and take action to support others

Reflection Tables. We have a place in our classrooms to reflect on what we believe

RE Lessons. We learn about Christianity and other religions

Faith Group. We meet regularly to plan improvements and to pray

Advocacy. We are stewards looking after our planet, each other and we are part of the Bishops Lent Call

Life in all its Fullness (John 10:10)

Welcome to St John's Church of England Primary & Nursery - a small school with a big heart. As part of the Southwark Diocese, we are led by the love of Jesus, helping our children 'live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). We aspire to be the heart of your child's learning journey within our community.

We feel that it is vital for parents to have as much information as possible before deciding on their child's early education. We hope that the following information will be of both interest and value in helping you to make that all important decision.

We are very proud of our Nursery school, our pupils and their achievements. Through high-quality play and an inclusive ethos where every child matters, we recognise each child's uniqueness; meeting the individual needs of both children and parents, enabling children to reach their full potential. Our goal is to equip pupils to be resilient and confident for the future.

Our indoor and outdoor areas provide learning and social opportunities for children in a happy, safe and secure environment.

What children experience in Nursery can create strong and lasting foundations on which to build in later life, so we believe it is essential that the first experiences at St John's C of E Primary School Nursery are both enjoyable and of the highest quality.

St John's is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All staff undergo rigorous DBS checks, and we follow the statutory 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) guidance.



Our purpose built Nursery is attached to the main school and shares its outside play area with the Reception class. It has been designed with soft and comfortable furnishings to create a calm and welcoming environment, helping to make the transition from home to Nursery as smooth as possible. We have a variety of carefully planned and resourced areas that offer a rich, exciting and interactive learning environment in which your child can explore, discover and learn through play.

Nursery sessions can be 5 morning sessions or 5 afternoon sessions with some 30 hour places available for those entitled to this provision

We take the safety and security of the children very seriously, and the building has been modelled with the needs and the safety of the children in mind. Access to the Nursery and outdoor areas are strictly controlled with external gates and doors locked at all times.

We have access to our outside wilderness learning area (OWL) during the week.



Curriculum – Learning Through Play

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is a framework which supports your child's learning and development from birth to five years. The framework is based on three important Characteristics of Learning.

Characteristics of Effective Learning
Playing and Exploring-Engagement Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'
Active Learning- Motivation Being involved and concentrating Keeping trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do
Creating and Thinking Critically-Thinking Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things

Play is vital for children. It is through play that young children learn, grow, gain confidence and have fun. The EYFS helps us to provide appropriate play experiences to enable children to develop in all areas. It enables us to recognise children's strengths and areas they may need more support to develop new skills. The activities we provide for children will prepare them to progress with confidence and underpin the skills they need to work towards the Early Learning Goals. Each individual child will learn through high

quality play that is tailored to their individual needs.

Children identified with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) are given targeted support. Details of our SEND Information Report and the Local Offer can be found on our school website.

Learning and development are split into two areas, three prime and four specific.

Prime Areas	Aspect
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	* Making Relationships * Self - confidence and Self - awareness * Managing Feelings and Behaviour
Physical Development	* Moving and Handling * Health and Self-care
Communication and Language	* Listening and Attention * Understanding Speaking
Specific Areas	
Literacy	* Reading * Writing
Mathematics	* Numbers * Shape * Space and Measure
Understanding the World	* People and Communities * The World * Technology
Expressive Arts and Design	* Exploring and Using Media and Materials * Being Imaginative

Session Times

Your child will attend nursery either each morning or each afternoon from Monday to Friday and for both sessions with lunch if entitled to the 30 hour provision (first come first served). We ensure all digital learning journeys are managed in compliance with GDPR; parental consent is obtained before photos are uploaded.

Session times are currently:

Mornings 8:45 - 11:45am

Afternoons 12:30 - 3:30pm

Meals and Snacks

There are snacks available throughout the session which include government funded fruit and vegetables as well as other interesting foods which provide a range of tastes, flavours and textures. Milk and water are available during the session and throughout the day.

St John's is a **Nut-Free School** to protect children with severe allergies.

A good routine contributes to a child's security. Our day is organised so that children enjoy a calm atmosphere, know what to expect and what is expected of them.

A typical session in the nursery will include:

- Self registration
- Child initiated/focus activities (indoor and outdoor)
- Tidy up time
- Story/rhymes/songs

St John's follows the 'In the Moment Planning' (ITMP) model. This is a very simple idea - we observe and interact with children as they pursue their own interests while assessing and moving the learning on in that moment. The written account of some of these interactions becomes a learning journey. We use Tapestry as an online learning journey when we can share photos of your children with you during the year.

Twice a week we have access to our Outside Wilderness Learning (OWL) and spend a session in our 'Forest'. We believe that learning and playing outside is vital for a child's mental health and wellbeing as well as being good fun!



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for a Nursery place?

You can add your child's name to our waiting list by filling in the application form available at the school office or on our website. Your child will be offered a place in accordance with St John's Admission Arrangements. Our usual intake is in September but we may be able to offer a place in the term after your child is three.

We offer 30 hours provision in our Nursery. We have 8 spaces available per year. These spaces will be offered on a first come first served basis. Please use the link below to see if you qualify for this provision.

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

St John's C of E Primary School's Admission Criteria

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Children who have an exceptional, social or medical need that makes the school the most suitable.
3. Sibling in the school at the time of admission
4. Children whose parent(s) are worshipping members at the parish churches of St John's or All Saints in Kingston or at the Fairfield Methodist Church in Kingston
5. Children whose parent(s) are worshipping members at another Christian church and who live within the area designated by the governors
6. Other children who live nearest the school as measured using a straight line. For categories **4 and 5**, worshipping members must be confirmed by the relevant minister by filling out the school's supplementary form for confirming church membership. If oversubscribed in any category, order of proximity to the school will be used.

How can I prepare my child for starting Nursery?

Be positive and confident about your child coming to Nursery. Talk about the exciting play activities they will enjoy, and the other children they will see. This is an important time of change for both you and your child, and the staff will help you to feel relaxed and informed. A 'Nursery visit' is arranged for you and your child prior to admission. This will also help you to feel prepared and enable your child to settle in happily.

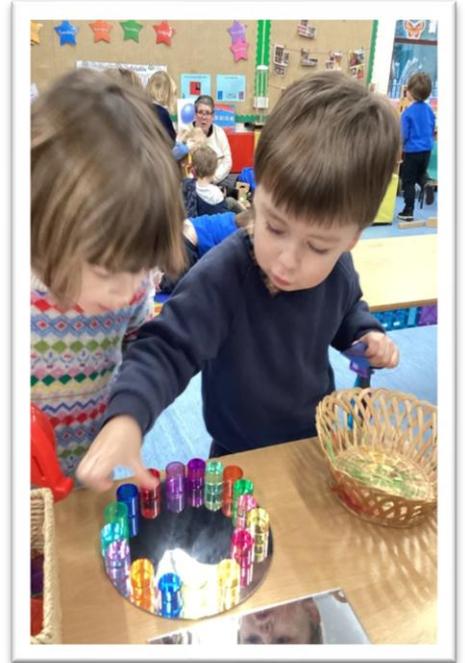
Does my child need to be potty trained?

We do recommend that your child is potty trained before starting Nursery. However, if this is an issue please do not hesitate to talk to one of the Nursery team.

What is appropriate dress?

Please dress your child appropriately for playing and learning by "getting messy." All coats, hats and gloves should be labelled with your child's name. Velcro shoes are great for kids (and teachers) during school! Please don't send your child in sandals or "flip flops". We will ask for wellies to be bought in on our OWL days. As outdoor play is an important part of learning please ensure your child has a waterproof coat, hat and sun cream when appropriate. School uniform is available to purchase if required from the school office but is not compulsory.

Take a tour here: [St John's Virtual Tour](#)



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