

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



New Parents 2023-2024

Welcome from
Mr A Turner - Headteacher

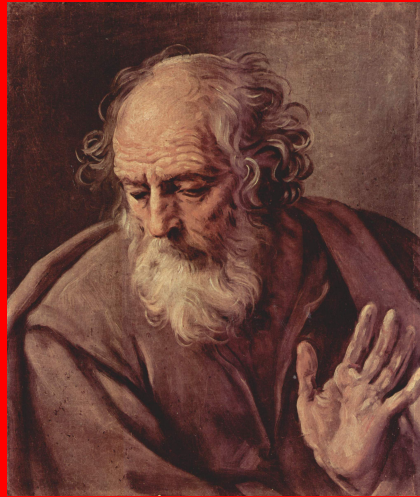
2018 Key Stage 2 Performance figures

	% achieving EXS	National %
Reading	83%	75%
Writing	75%	78%
Maths	81%	76%
GPS	79%	78%
Combined	68%	64%

Year 6 Leavers 2022 - 2023

SJP	73%
Wirral Grammar	4%
St Anselm's	4%
Upton Hall	2%
Other	17%

Just as St Joseph the Worker did....
Stepping up to achieve excellence



W - Worship
O - Opportunity
R - Resilience
K - Knowledge
E - Enjoyment
R - Respect



Welcome to EYFS



Meet the team

F2 Teacher- Mrs Page



F1 Teacher- Miss Diamond



Teaching assistants

Miss Mcneil



Mrs Hanlon



The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year. The years are split into either F1 or F2.

Whilst in F1 and F2 Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

- **Communication and language**
- **Physical development**
- **PSE (Personal, Social, Emotional)**
- **Literacy**
- **Maths**
- **Understanding the world**
- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)**

These areas are taught through a mix of short carpet adult led sessions and continuous provision.

Welcome packs

- 1) Dates - EYFS and term
- 2) New starter checklist
- 3) EYFS Welcome Booklet
- 4) All about me
- 5) Contact form

1) Dates - F2

Tuesday 5th September	Children with surname A- H Start 8.50am Collect 11.45am Children with surname I-Z Start 12.45pm Collect 3.20pm
Wednesday 6th September	As above
Thursday 7th September onwards	All children Start 8.50am Collect 3.20pm

1) Dates - F1

WC 4th September	We are running morning session only - start 8.50am Collect 11.45pm
WC 11th September	Adding afternoon sessions for 30 hours users

We are asking parents to commit to a half term for dates - code or payment

- 2) New Starter checklist
&
- 3) Welcome Booklet

Please complete and return the checklist (and other documents) for September

Visit www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk
then 'School Information - Joining Us - EYFS' to find
links to the various policies and information needed



Tapestry Journal

<https://tapestryjournal.com>



[Tapestry - Log In](#)

Log into **Tapestry**. **Tapestry** is an online journal to help record all the learning and fun of children's early years education.

We use Tapestry as our observation tool, taking photographs and videos of the children as they are learning and exploring throughout the school day.

We love to share these moments with you so that you are able to see your child's journey and progress whilst in EYFS.

Tapestry has a website and an app that you can download. You must provide your name and email and we can set your account up.

The school day

EYFS children will line up here in two separate lines ready to come into school in the morning. They need to be lined up at 8.50am.

The children will then be dismissed from the same entrance at the end of the day at 3.20pm. Parents need to stand on the correct side that their child lines up on, in order to make it easier and safer to dismiss the children. If you are ever late picking up your child they will be taken to the main office.

Also please ensure that you let staff know if anybody else is picking up your child. This must be an adult, children will not be dismissed to an older sibling.

Please ensure your child comes to school everyday with their book bag (when they receive one) and a labelled water bottle with water only.

School lunch- Please pick your child's lunch each morning before school on the parent pay app or website. F1 children will need to pay for lunch. F2 children receive a free school meal.



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Our EYFS Classrooms are set up using specific resources to target the needs of the children in the class and to support their learning.



Our constructions areas offer children opportunities to develop physical skills and develop their imagination.



Role play areas are set up in the classrooms to promote communication and language between the children, develop social skills and sometimes the opportunity to develop mathematical and writing skills. These are often changed to fit around our core texts in literacy and children's interests.



We have writing and painting areas to promote independent mark making.

As the year progresses our expectations of children's mark making and writing skills develop as they begin to learn phonics and reading and writing skills.

For F1 children the main focus is that they are able to make marks and say what it is.



Our creative areas in our classroom promote independence and communication opportunities. This area is great for children developing their physical skills, e.g. using pencils and scissors. It also helps to develop their imagination through lots of junk modelling.



We have maths areas in our classroom to promote mathematical skills. We want the children to develop their basic number skills including number recognition to 10 and basic counting. This is all done through the opportunity to explore maths independently whilst in continuous provision.

We spend lots of time outside in our garden area (currently under construction!) and the children will very often get messy playing in the sand, mud and mark making outside. The children also use whiteboard pens in class and can sometimes get this on their uniform.

Please be aware that this is all a part of their journey in EYFS and we will not discourage children from messy play.

Being ready for EYFS

- Recognise their name
- Write their name or some letters
- Hold a pencil
- Teach sounds alongside letter names e.g. a- b - c and ABC
- Being able to take off and put on coats/jumpers/shoes
- Basic number recognition and counting skills
- To talk confidently to their peers and adults

- Please ensure that your child's name is in all items of clothing, including shoes! Please send in a spare bag of clothes, underwear and shoes to school to be kept on your child's peg. The children will also need a pair of wellies to be kept in school.
- Your child will do P.E once a week. They will come to school on that day dressed in their P.E. kit.
- Your child will be taking part in lots of interesting and sometimes messy experiences, so may come home dirty. We have a free uniform swap shop, please ask at the school office for more details.

Uniform-

- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Red jumper (Does not need the school badge)
- White shirt
- Black shoes (not with laces)

PE Kit-

- Black jogging bottoms/shorts
- Red tshirt
- Red hoodie (for colder months)
- Black pumps/trainers

Drop in visit

Monday 4th September 2023 - 3.00pm - 4.00pm