

A Warm Welcome to the Reception Class at St Mabyn School



ST. MABYN C of E SCHOOL

EYFS staff

Classroom teacher - Mrs Jones

Teaching assistant - Miss Harris

Teaching assistant - Mrs Jenkins

Teaching assistant - Miss Beagle

Teaching assistant - Mrs Irons

HLTA/TIS practitioner - Mrs Thomas

Head of school - Mrs Howells

When will your child start in Reception Class?

- All children will start in the Reception class after the summer holidays (7th September 2020).
- We have a mixed aged Reception Class.



Why is the Reception class so important?

- First impressions matter!
- Research shows that pupils have the biggest rate of learning from 3 - 6 years.
- Children who do well in Reception go on to achieve well throughout school.
- High expectations.

Areas of Learning

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal Social & Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding The World
- Expressive Arts & Design

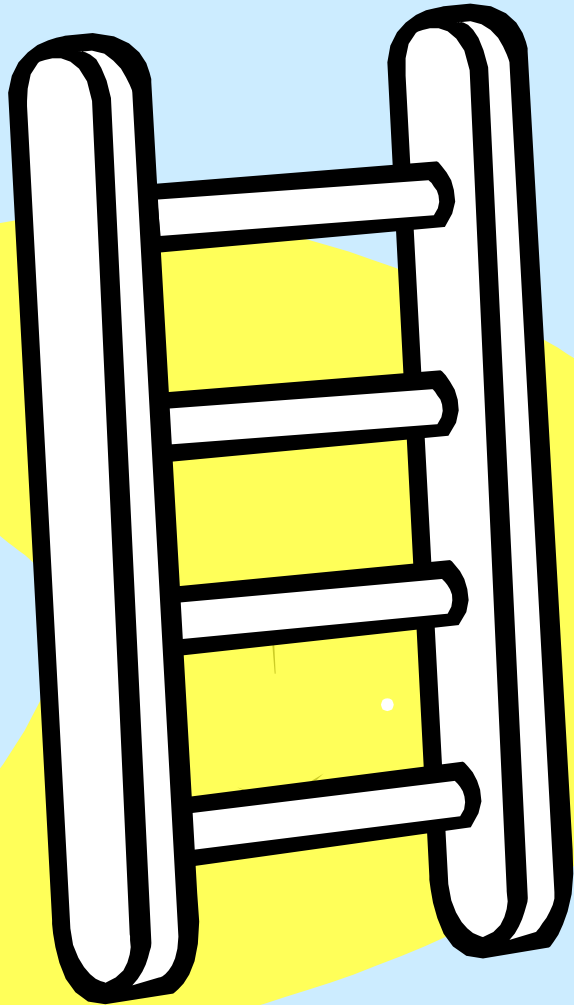


What happens in the Reception class each day?

- Short whole group sessions (Maths, Literacy, Topic, PE etc.)
- Short activities
- Lots of free play inside & outside!
- Assembly
- Playtime
- Forest school
- Milk and snack
- Lunchtime
- Stories and rhymes at the end of the day



Praise & Rewards



- Weekly achievements
- Class Dojo
- Stickers
- Certificates

Phonics

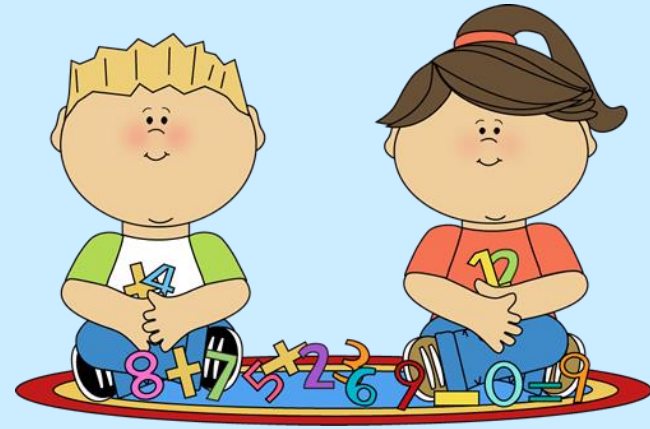
- EYFS and KS1 daily phonics sessions
- Focussed on letter sounds, blending and segmenting for first term
- We are a letters and sounds school.

How can you help?

- Ensure you teach your child 'pure sounds' (Youtube is great!)
- Practise correct letter formation regularly



Maths



- Whole class maths input
- Daily activities
- Hands on, practical approach to maths

How can you help?

- Regularly practise recognising numbers, counting objects, counting forwards and backwards and talking about maths at home e.g. How many more to make...? Let's put these into groups of... Which is heavier/lighter? Etc.

How Can I Prepare My Child For Starting School?

- Promote independence - getting changed independently, cutting up food etc.
- Toilet training
- Name writing and recognition - remember correct letter formation!
- Playing games like 'I Spy' or rhyming games
- Orally blending the sounds in simple words e.g. c-a-t
- Sharing books & singing rhymes

Parents as Partners

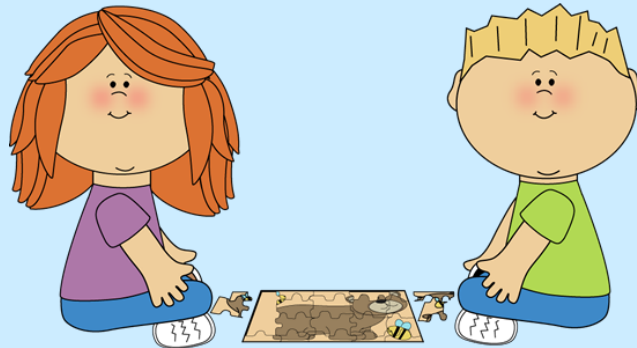


- Normally we operate an "Open door" policy
(regrettably under COVID-19 restrictions this is currently not possible, but we can answer any queries by email or telephone)
- Reading every night with your child (little and often)
- Volunteers - helping in the classroom, trips, special events (regrettably under COVID-19 restrictions this is also currently not possible).
- Sharing achievements at home with us.
- Newsletter - what are we learning?

Where to arrive

COVID-19 arrangements - September 2020:

- Children should arrive at 9.00am.
- Please enter from our school field, where our staff will greet you at the small gate into the Class 1 decking area.
- Please collect your child from the same entrance at the end of the day.



Transition in September

Start back on Monday 7th September

- **Week 1 - 9:00 - 1:00pm**

Children attend school for the morning and stay for lunch

- **Week 2 - 9:00am - 2:00pm**

- **Week 3 - 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Children to attend school for the full day

Although these are what the school has offered, your child can start full time straight away if you wish.

What Should My Child Bring to School?

- Named PE kit in a named bag
- Named book bag (each child will be given a St Mabyn School book bag on the first day)
- Named uniform
- Named coat
- Named wellington boots (forest school)

Additional Information

September 2020

We would normally hand out various information sheets and forms at a welcome meeting for new parents, but unfortunately we have not been able to hold the meeting this year due to COVID-19. Please visit our school website: www.stmabyn-cornwall.uk , About Us>>Day to Day info section where you will find lots of useful information including the following forms normally given in the welcome pack:

- Term Dates 2020-21
- St Mabyn School Uniform details
- School Meals Menu ***
- Allergy/Intolerance Form
- Free School Meal application form (can also be done online)

*** Please note that due to COVID-19 for the first half term our kitchen will only be providing a packed lunch option, so please view the published menu only as an example of the usual service provided when everything goes back to normal.