

# Starting Reception



# Meet The Team



Mrs Coe  
Headteacher



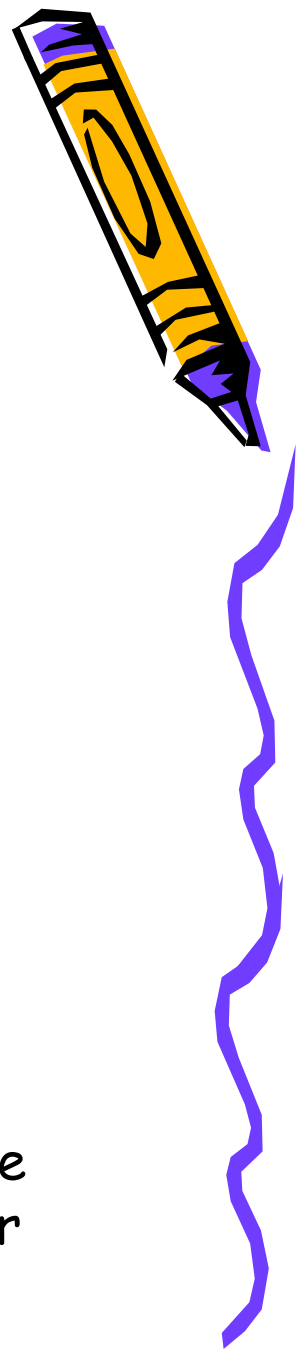
Mrs Dunning  
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Woodhead  
EYFS Lead/Class Teacher  
(Mon-Wed)



Miss Vanacore  
Class Teacher  
(Thurs-Fri)



# Autumn Term 2026



**First day of term - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

Children can arrive to school from **8:30am**. Registration will be at **8:45am** when the gate will be closed.

A member of staff will greet you and your child at the gate and direct you to the Reception classroom door.

Each child will have their own peg where they can hang up their coat and bag.

At the end of the school day, children should be collected from the Reception door at **3.00pm**.

If, for some reason, someone different is collecting your child, please let the school office know or your child will not be able to leave with them.



# Your child will need...



Water only



Named



Small



Thank you! 😊

# School Uniform...

School uniform can be purchased from Lollipops -  
<https://lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk/>

## Girls:

Tartan/grey skirt/pinafore  
White polo shirt  
Knitted bottle green cardigan  
Grey/black/green tights  
White socks  
Black shoes

*Summer uniform - from Easter to  
October half term:  
Girls may wear a green gingham dress  
Boys may wear grey shorts*

## Boys:

Grey trousers  
White polo shirt  
Knitted bottle green jumper  
Black shoes



*Please note: NO  
jewellery is to be worn  
in school - this includes  
stud earrings.*





# PE Kit...

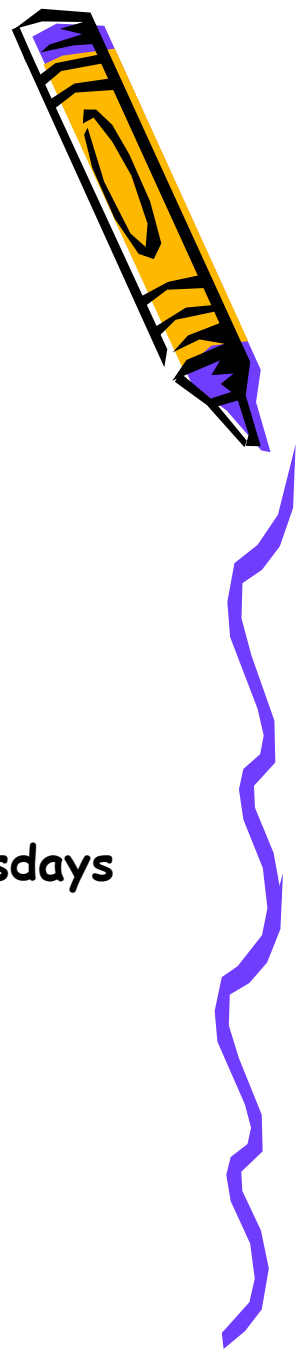
Children are required to wear the following for PE:

- Plain black shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms/leggings
- Green St. Augustine's logo top
- Black St. Augustine's  $\frac{1}{4}$  zip track top
- Black or white trainers only

**No logos/graphics are permitted for PE clothes**

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The children should come to school in PE kit on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**

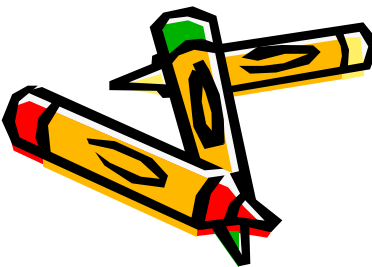


# Curriculum...



The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) continues until the end of the reception year focusing on the three prime areas of learning: **Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development.**

Along with four specific areas of learning: **Literacy; Mathematics; Expressive Arts and Design; and Understanding of the World.**



# Phonics and Reading

We follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme (revised Letters and Sounds).



Phonics focuses on the sounds of letters rather than letter names (a, b, c rather than A,B,C).

The children are introduced to phoneme-grapheme (sound-letter) correspondence during daily lessons in Reception.

Reading is the key to all learning. At St. Augustine's, we promote a love of reading from an early age.





# Reading at home...

- Little Wandle reading book
- Reading for pleasure book



Little Wandle books don't have words in to begin with - this is to develop pre-reading skills.

Books will be sent home on a Thursday and must be returned no later than the following Tuesday.

Please share these with your child, retelling the stories, reading to them and encouraging them to read to you as they gain confidence.



The children will also bring home a Little Wandle homework sheet to help them consolidate their learning from the week.



# Writing

The children will have many opportunities to develop their writing in Reception, both indoors and outdoors.

Early stages of writing involve mark making with paint brushes, chalk, sand, gloop and more.

Once the children have developed the strength in their hands to hold a pen or pencil, we work on creating the connection between phonics and writing.



# Drawing Club

In Reception we follow the 'Drawing Club' approach to writing.

This starts with an engaging and exciting book.

We then explore the vocabulary in depth, adding a bit more each day.

**Character** - from the story, a new invented character, themselves

**Setting** - imaginary place, familiar place

**Adventure Time** - something happens - this could be funny, silly, surprising, exciting...

'Codes' to writing - letters, numbers, simple words and phrases, sentences, punctuation.



# Maths

Early Maths is all about the numbers, shapes and patterns the children can see around them (house numbers, road signs, price tags, clocks, calendars)

In Reception we will continue the learning the children did in Nursery, focusing on counting, sorting, measuring, recognising numbers, recognising shapes and noticing patterns.

Early Maths is more about embedding practical strategies rather than written.





# Outdoor Learning

We spend lots of time learning in our outdoor area. Please make sure your child brings a coat with a hood every day as we do go out in all weathers.



# Lunch & Snacks...

All pupils in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2, are entitled to a free school meal under the '**Universal Free School Meals**' scheme.

Lunch will be served daily by our wonderful catering team, which will comprise of several hot and cold options.

If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch, please let the school office know.

All pupils in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2, are entitled to a free piece of fruit or veg under the Government's Fruit and Veg scheme too.

Snack will be offered at around **10:15am**.



# Practical Details...

- Please ensure all **belongings are labelled** with your child's name. This includes uniform, PE kit, bags, water bottles.



- Children need to have a **coat** in school.  
We use our outdoor area daily, whatever the weather!



- Please ensure you apply **sun cream** on a morning if the forecast it to be hot. We are unable to apply it for them.

- Children can have "accidents". If these are regular, please provide a set of **spare clothes**. If there are any concerns around toilet training, please speak to a member of the team so we can devise a plan of action.

- **Independence** - putting on shoes and coat, going to the toilet, tidying up, jobs around the house, listening to and following instructions.



# Medical Matters...

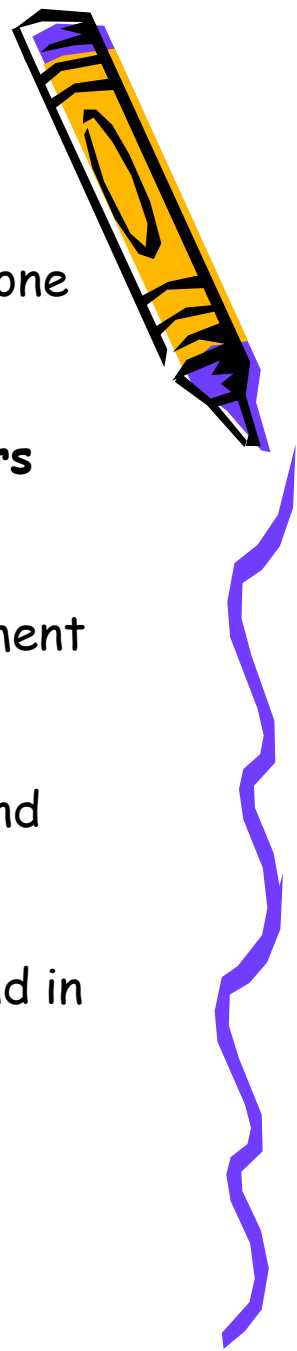
If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone the school office on 01642 599001 to let us know.

Absence due to sickness and diarrhoea must be followed by **48hrs** absence from the last time your child was ill.

Prescribed medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement with the school office.

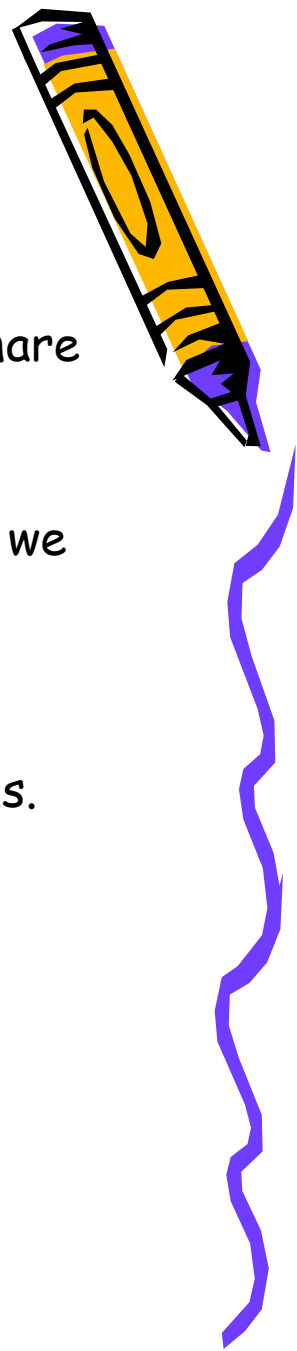
Head lice are common! Please check your child's head regularly and treat as recommended. Please also inform the school.

Asthma - if your child has asthma, please ensure a prescribed and in date inhaler is in school at all times.





# Home/School Communication



- Social Media-we have a very active Facebook page where we share our learning and news, please make sure you follow us.
- Website-we also have a school website with a class page which we update regularly with photographs and useful links.
- Consent-to help us share information with you via social media/website please ensure you have completed consent forms.

**If you do not wish your child to appear on our social media forums please ensure staff are aware.**



# Please don't worry!

It is normal to worry about your child starting school - it is a big deal!

There will be some tears..



There will be very tired children..

But they will be absolutely fine!



Our transition from Nursery to Reception is seamless - the children already know the environment and the staff well.

Any questions - please ask 😊  
[enquiries@staugustines.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@staugustines.npcat.org.uk)

