

St Luke's CE Halsall Primary School

Foundation Stage





We are a church school!



- Mission Statement:

Inspiring lives, building futures, together with Jesus.

- This means that God is at the centre of all we do.
- Every day there is a Christian act of worship for Reception children. Nursery come in and join us on some occasions.
- Links with St Luke's Church.



Foundation Stage Staff



Mrs Bentley
Reception Teacher



Mrs Catterall
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Jackson
Nursery Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Silcock
Reception Teaching
Assistant



Miss Edge
Nursery Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Evans
Nursery Teaching
Assistant

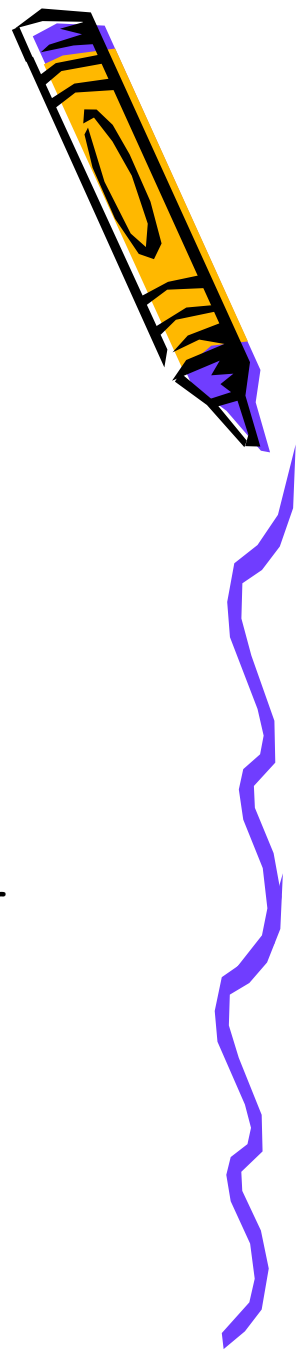


Times of day

- **Nursery** - 8.45 a.m. - 11.45am
& 12:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
- **Reception** - 8.45 a.m. - 3.20pm

Foundation Stage doors will be opened at the start of the day at 8.40 a.m. and at 3.10 p.m. at the end of the school day.

This is to ease congestion at the start and end of the day.



EYFS curriculum

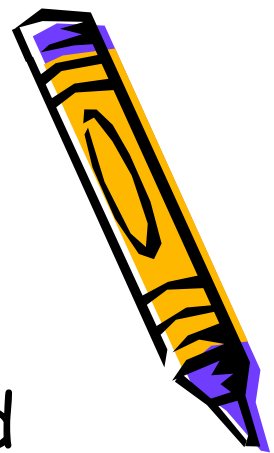


- Focus on 3 prime areas of learning
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
- Physical Development.
- Communication and Language
- 4 Specific areas
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Foundation Stage

- The children learn through a play-based curriculum which is planned and organised to provide a range of learning experiences.
- Reception and Nursery follow the same curriculum and will occasionally plan activities and events together.
- Continuity and progression is very important.
- Records are passed up from Nursery to Reception.

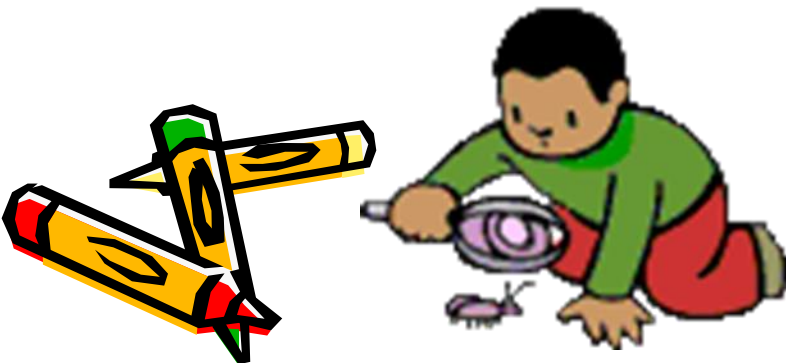


Learning Through Play

Practical Learning



Active Learning



Hands on approach.

Learning in the Foundation Stage

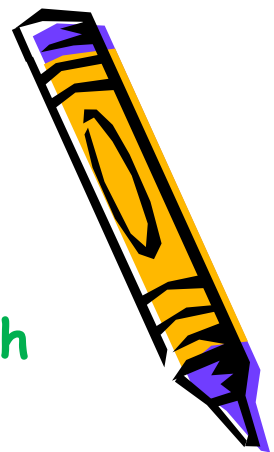


- Adult led learning - we plan specific learning, e.g. phonics, number work. This gives the children skills which they can transfer into their own learning.
- Child initiated learning - the children choose what to engage in, but we as staff scaffold their learning by giving them the resources they need, support their learning and help them to move on in their learning. This way of learning follows more closely the children's interests.

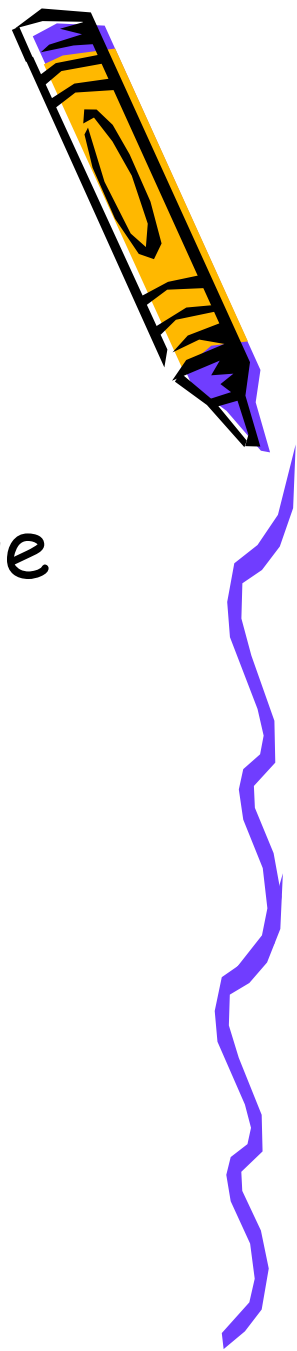


Reading

- Nursery children will choose and bring a book home each week to share.
- Reception children will receive a reading bag which is kindly provided by the PTA. This will initially contain a picture only book. They will also receive a word card with key words on. Please send these in every day.
- It is VERY important to hear your child read daily at home.



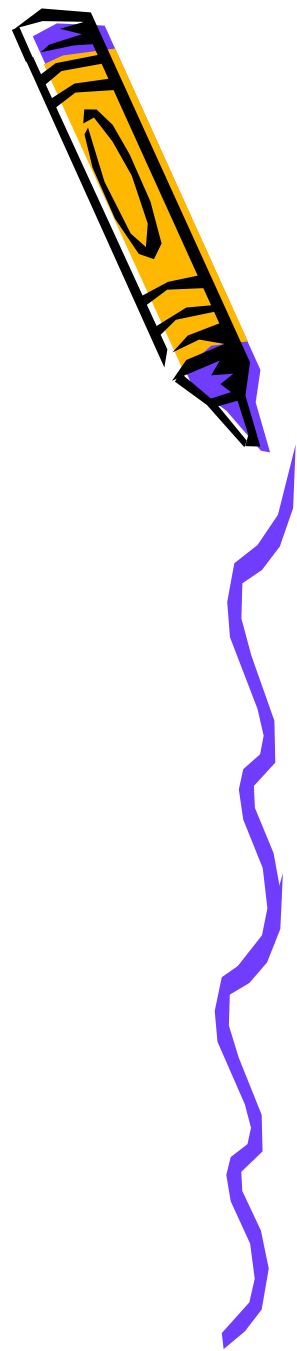
Assessment in the EYFS



- We assess using the new EYFS curriculum guidelines within the age bands -
 - Birth to 3
 - 3 - 4 years
 - Children in Reception



Reception children are assessed as soon as they start school using the statutory government baseline. We then also use a secure online 'Learning Journey' called Sonar to track children's progress and record their achievements.



“Parents are children’s first and most enduring educators. When parents and practitioners work together in early years settings, the results have a positive impact on a child’s development and learning... A successful partnership needs a two-way flow of information, knowledge and expertise.”

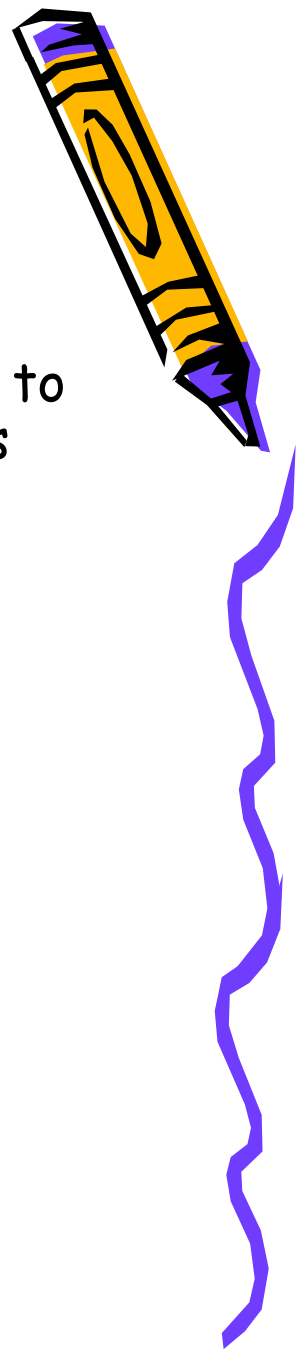
Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage.
(DfES)

We value observations from home about your child.




Links with parents

- We operate a whole school 'open door policy'.
- Any concerns contact school straight away
- If you have any concerns and would like an appointment to see Mr Miller or staff, please speak to Mrs Lloyd / Mrs Watts in the office.
- Parent helpers always welcome in school.
- DBS from the office
- Home learning - home learning folder in Reception
- Silver home boxes
- Newsletters and knowledge organisers
- Arbor App
- Stay and Play for Reception every half term.
- Wow moments in Reception



Information on Arbor





We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

[Google Play](#) [App Store](#)

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0, IOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Surrville School of Magic
1011 10th Avenue, CA18

Forgot password?

Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



School Dinners

- All Reception children are entitled to a free school dinner, but you can still choose for your child to bring a packed lunch. The office / kitchen need a weeks notice if you want to change from either one.



Extra funding

- Previously parents in receipt of benefits would have been entitled to free school meals, this automatically meant that your child was entitled to extra support in school. Now we have no way of knowing which children are entitled to extra support unless parents fill in a form from the office. This form is kept in strictest confidence.



Each day the children will be offered milk, water, fruit and /or another snack.

The children do not need water bottles.



£1.00 per week

To be paid at the beginning of each half term.

Occasionally money from the snack fund will be used to enhance an area/topic.

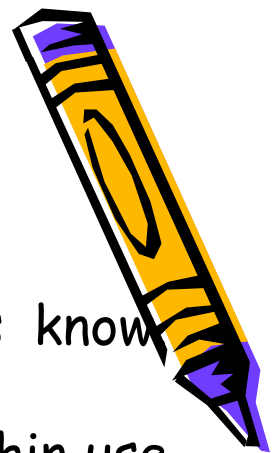


If your child is allergic to anything, please ensure you inform your child's class teacher.





Medicines / Sickness



If your children need inhalers, please can you let us know
Inhalers should be kept in school at all times.

It is a parent's responsibility to check they are still within use
by date and not empty.

If your child is allergic to anything, please ensure you inform
your child's class teacher/the office.

Medicine forms - see the office

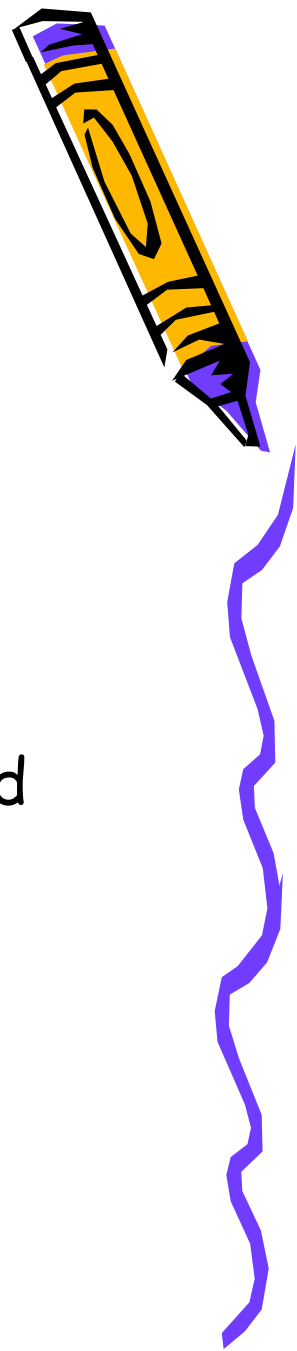
If your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea, they must not
return to school until they have been clear for 48hrs.



Toilet accidents

We are more than happy to support your child in cleaning themselves up if they have had a toilet accident. However some children are reluctant to tell an adult when they have wet or soiled themselves.

Please encourage your child to tell an adult and reassure them that we will be discreet.



Uniform



- Reception children wear a jade green sweatshirt/cardigan to match the rest of the school.

PE days, Reception need a green t-shirt, and black shorts and pumps in a bag on their peg.

Nursery children can wear a red jumper or cardigan, white polo t-shirt with jogging pants, a skirt or pinafore.

Please see the school website and your information sheet.

Hair to be tied back.

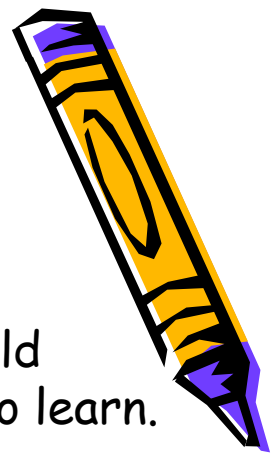
No earrings for PE.

Please name everything!



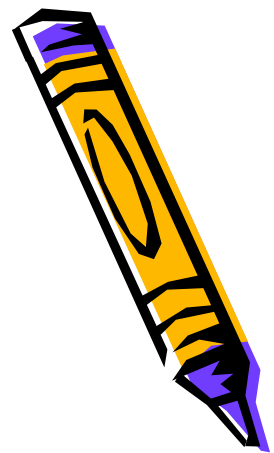
Absence / Lateness

- Impact on your child's education.
- No entitlement to two weeks holiday.
- Sign in late at the office
- It is VERY important your child arrives on time and is ready to learn.
- The school will NOT authorise holidays during school time. If you do need to take your child out of school for any reason, please contact the school office BEFORE your child's absence.
- If your child is sick please phone school on the morning of your child's absence. On your child's return to school, please send in a letter explaining your child's absence.



Happy Club

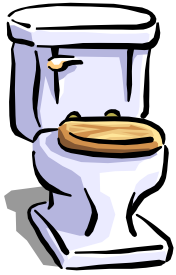
- Breakfast Club 7.45 - 8.45a.m.
- After School Club 3.20 - 6.00p.m
- Wrap around for Nursery children.

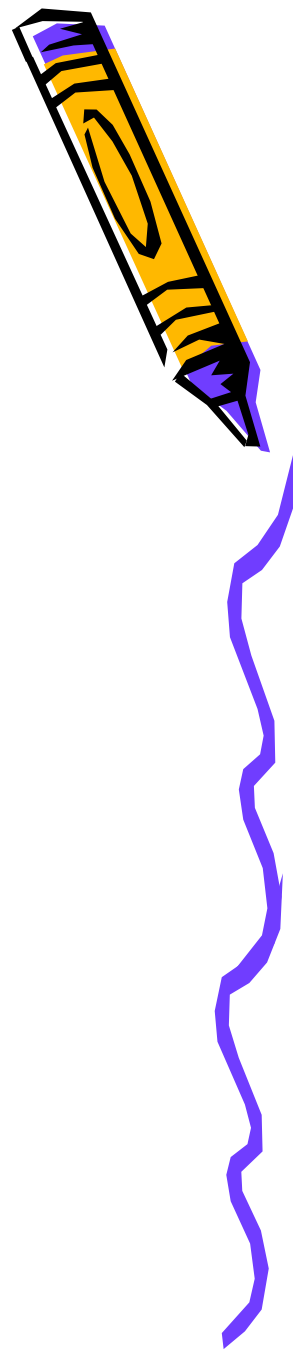


Other information



- Wet weather clothes
- Name all clothing and footwear
- Accidents
- Behaviour
- Change of contact numbers
- PTA / Parent Govs
- School website
- All about me and All about St. Luke's Halsall
- No toys from home





Please prepare your child by -

Supporting their listening skills. These are important to your child's learning

Independence - toilet trained; self help skills - shoes socks / hanging coats up. zips / tidying up; how to use a knife and fork.

Talk to your child and discuss any concerns. Please contact school if you or your child has any questions.

Care of resources.

Please support us in areas of discipline



Future dates for Reception:



-Visiting Reception - Thursday 29th June.

St Luke's Halsall Nursery children 9.00am - 11.45pm;

Children new to St Luke's Halsall 1.00-3.00pm

- Foundation Stage Picnic is Friday 7th July

•Wednesday 6th September 8.45 a.m. - 11.45 p.m. - **just children who are new to St. Luke's Halsall**

•Thursday 7th September from 8.45 a.m. - 11.45 p.m. - **children who previously attended St. Luke's Halsall Nursery**

•Friday 8th September from 8.45 a.m. until 11.45 p.m. - **all children**

•Monday 11th - Friday 15th September 8:45a.m. until 1 p.m. (children to eat their lunch in school)

•From Monday 18th September the children will be in full-time until 3.10 p.m. (doors will open at 3.00 p.m)



Future Dates for Nursery



- Foundation Stage Picnic is Friday 7th July
- Tuesday 5th - Wednesday 6th September - home visits in the mornings
- Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September - small group visits to the Nursery with a parent/carer
- Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th September - group induction mornings
- Wednesday 14th September - all children in full mornings



Questions?

Please email -

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Mr Miller - head@stlukeshalsall.sefton.org.uk

