

Welcome to Reception

A very warm welcome from our Early Years team.

Mrs Bancroft is the Early Years teacher, and Mrs Pennington is the Teaching Assistant.

At St Joseph's Primary School we aim to provide the highest quality care and education for all of our children. We create positive relationships with children and parents to enable us to work together during a very important part of your child's school life.

We are proud to be named 'The jewel in the school's crown' by Ofsted during our latest inspection in 2020.

The EYFS is made up of seven areas of learning:

Prime areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication & Language

Specific areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

When planning, we do follow the children's interests but we also cover a mixture of topics throughout the year. All areas are delivered through a balance of adult led and child initiated activities.

The EYFS is based upon four principles:

- every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured;
- children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**;
- children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and/or carers;
- children **develop and learn** in different ways and at different rates.

Please have a look at some of our photographs and videos.