

Welcome to Nursery!

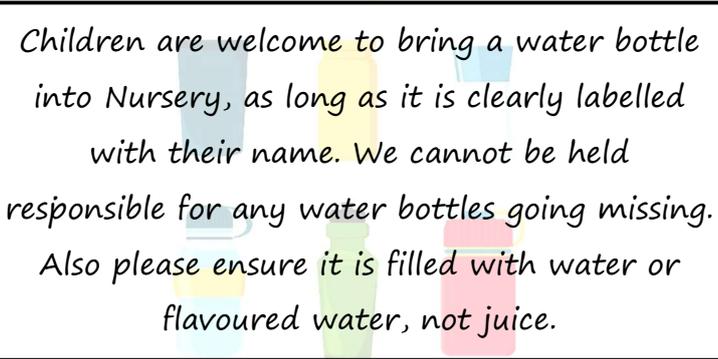
We want to take this opportunity to thank you again, for choosing St Patrick's Nursery. All of the children have been settling into their new environment extremely well, exploring all of the different areas and making lots of new friends. Thank you so much for all of the support you have shown so far in helping children with their new routines and allowing them to be independent in coming straight into Nursery. We look forward to working with you all over the coming year and would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we have an open-door policy, please speak to any of the Nursery staff if you have any queries, or concerns, we are all happy to help!

Within this pack you will find some useful information about Nursery.

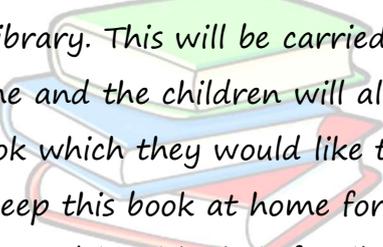
Nursery Staff



All children must have a pair of wellies and a change of clothes in Nursery – please remember to clearly label these with your child's name.



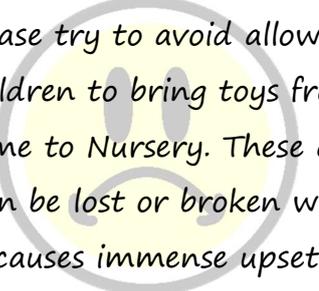
Children are welcome to bring a water bottle into Nursery, as long as it is clearly labelled with their name. We cannot be held responsible for any water bottles going missing. Also please ensure it is filled with water or flavoured water, not juice.



Within the next few weeks we will be setting up a Nursery Library. This will be carried out during group time and the children will all be able to pick one book which they would like to take home. They can keep this book at home for a week and read it with their family.



Please label ALL items of clothing (uniform, coats, hats, shoes, etc.) with your child's name.



Please try to avoid allowing children to bring toys from home to Nursery. These can often be lost or broken which causes immense upset.

If you have a question but are unable to speak to us face to face please feel free to email any questions or concerns:

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Typical Nursery Day

8.35-8.45am	Flexible drop-off
9.00-9.15am	Keyworker groups
9.15-11.00am	Continuous provision
11.00-11.30am	Keyworker groups and Milk Time
11.30-11.40am	Flexible collection
11.30-12.30pm	Full day children lunch time
12.30-12.45pm	Flexible drop-off
12.45-1.00pm	Keyworker groups (afternoon children) Small Group Activity (full day children)
1.00-2.30pm	Continuous provision
2.45pm	Collection time (30 hour children)
2.45-3.15pm	Keyworker groups and milk time (afternoon children and extended hours children)
3.20-3.30pm	Flexible collection (afternoon children and extended hours children)
3.30pm	End of Day

Supporting learning in Nursery

<p>Communication and Language Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Talk to children and encourage them to talk to you as often as possible. ◆ Introduce new vocabulary to children. ◆ Listen to children and encourage them to do the same. 	<p>Physical Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Encourage an active and healthy life-style. ◆ Take children to the park to explore the climbing equipment. ◆ Encourage lots of play malleable materials.
<p>Personal, Social Emotional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Encourage children to share and take turns. ◆ Encourage children to be kind to others. ◆ Encourage children to talk about their feelings. 	<p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read to children and talk about what is happening in pictures. ◆ Encourage lots of mark-making. ◆ Praise children's efforts when they drawn and paint.
<p>Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Count regularly with children. ◆ Look at shapes in the environment. ◆ Encourage pattern play. 	<p>Understanding The World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Talk to children about the environment and what they observe. ◆ Talk about family and friends and special occasions and events that happen.
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Encourage children to be creative. ◆ Play imaginary games with children. 	<p>R.E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray together ◆ Talk about God and how he wants us to be good and kind people.