



# **Welcome to St Thomas CE Primary School**

## **EYFS New Parents Meeting**





# Headteacher Introduction



**MRS MEADE**  
HEADTEACHER



**MRS GODDARD**  
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



# Meet the Team



**MRS LITTLEWOOD**  
TEACHER & PHONICS LEAD



**MRS DALBY**  
TEACHER



**MRS WILSON**



**MISS HARRISON**

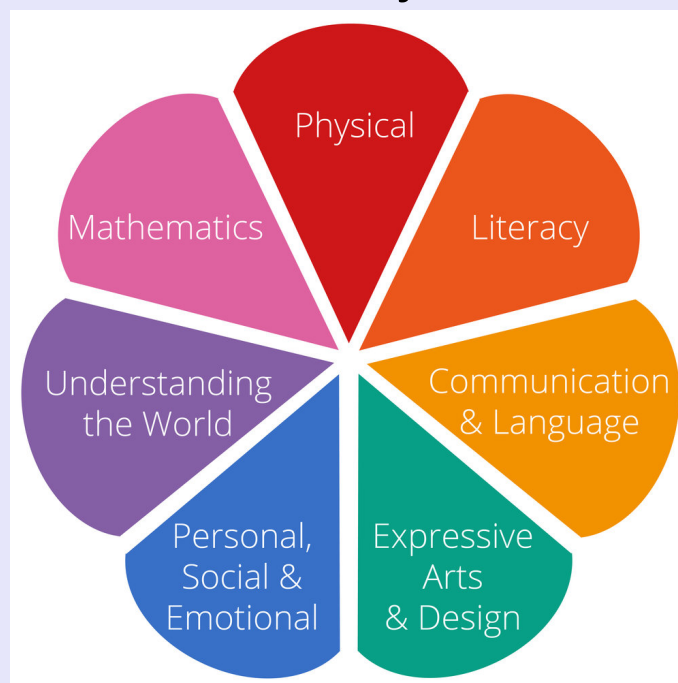


**MRS HAYES**



# EYFS Framework

The EYFS is the statutory framework for all children from birth to five, supporting learning and development through play, exploration and real life experiences. In Reception, the EYFS continues strong foundations for a life long love of learning, focusing on the whole child not just the academics.







# The 7 Areas of Learning

- **Communication and Language**

Speaking, listening and understanding through story telling, songs, role play and conversations.

- **Physical Development**

Developing movement and coordination- running, climbing, drawing, cutting and taking care of their body.

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Learning about feelings, friendships, behaviours, relationships, empathy and building confidence and resilience. Along with personal hygiene



- **Literacy**

Exploring phonics, stories, early reading and mark making, forming letters and writing simple words and sentences.

- **Maths**

Learning through number songs, games, sorting, patterns, shapes, counting and problem solving.

- **Understanding the World**

Discovering people, places, nature, celebrations, technology and how things work.

- **Expressive Arts and Design**

Encouraging creativity thorough music, movement, art, building, imagination and play.



# Behaviour and Rewards

We have three school rules:

- **Ready, Respectful and Safe**



- We use Class Dojo for rewards. The children earn points and each week we have a dojo winner.

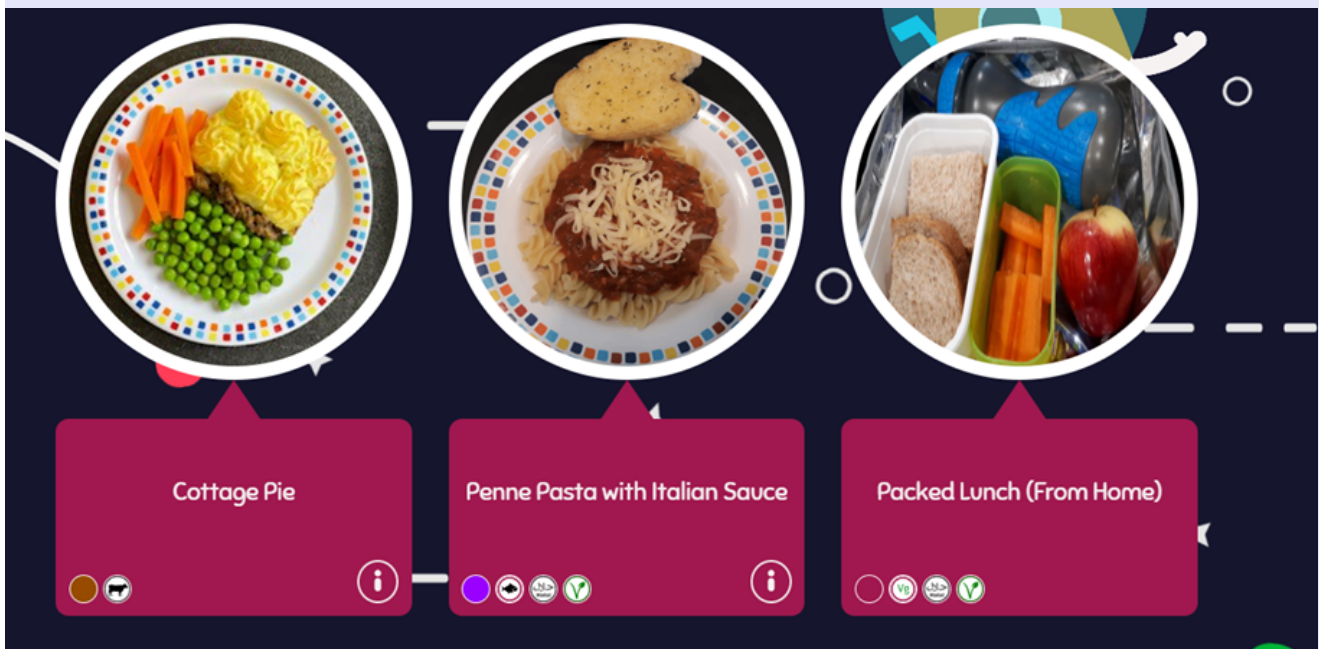




# School Dinners



- Your child will choose their meal every morning on arrival.
- The meal selector is programmed with your child's dietary needs.
- Please inform us if your child has any additional food allergies so that this can be discussed with the school cook.
- Children then wear a band for lunch.





# Absences



- If your child is unwell please contact the school office each day of your child's absence no later than 9:30am.
- The office will contact you by telephone by 10:00am if the school has not been informed.
- Please inform the school office if your child has to attend any appointments. We also ask that they order their lunch before 9:30am if they are returning to school.
- Holidays should not be booked during term time.
- Home visits are part of our school policy if school cannot get hold of you.





# School Uniform



This is our school uniform.



ST THOMAS  
CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL



For PE, we all have a school house. They are named after magical kingdoms.

Valhalla. Atlantis. Camelot. Olumbus

## PE KIT





# Parents as Partners

- Seesaw- logging on to see photos/videos and commenting. Completing homework and any extra special moments you want to share.
- Class Dojo- calendar of events, weekly updates and learning newsletters.
  - Please check book bags daily.
  - We visit the Library on a Friday.
- Reading at home 4x a week. Reading books are taken in on Thursdays and returned home on Fridays.
- Stay and play sessions/other events though the year.
  - Contact us via email or phone.





# First Week at School

You will receive a start date for your child (Children from Sunnydays will come on Wednesday 3rd September and then other settings on Thursday 4th September.)

All children will then be together on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Please make sure all uniform is labelled.

Children will be provided with a book bag.







# What does my child need?

- Book bag every day with reading book and reading record.
- Wear PE kit to school on P.E days ( House colour T-shirt, black joggers, leggings, school jumper/cardigan, trainers)
  - Warm, waterproof coat- named
- Appropriate clothing for the weather (hats, gloves, scarf or sun hat).
- Snack Money (voluntary contribution £1.00 on a Monday)



- A small water bottle



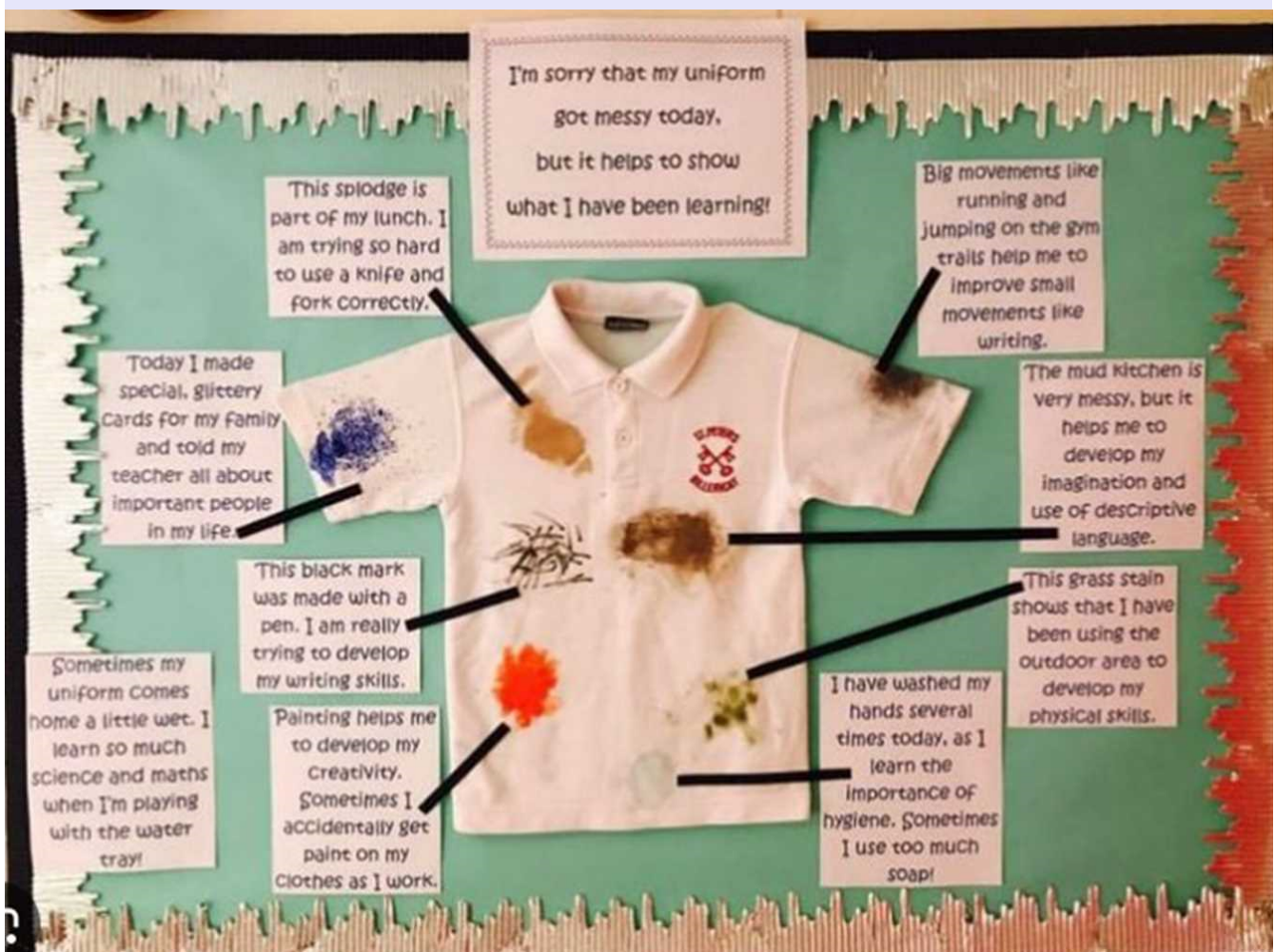


# How can you help at home?

- **Talk lots;** chat, ask questions and let your child respond in their own way.
- **Read together every day.** Make it a calm enjoyable moment- repetition is good!
- **Encourage independence.** Let them zip coats, help tidy, get dressed, use a knife and fork or even butter their toast.
- **Play together;** follow their lead in play. Join in their world- pretend ,build, explore.
- **Follow their interests;** if they love bugs, dinosaurs, cooking etc- lean in and do it together.
  - **Fine motor activities;** Lego, pegging the washing, playdoh
  - **Praise the effort, celebrate persistence and curiosity.**
- **Greet you child with a smile at the end of the day and not a mobile phone!**



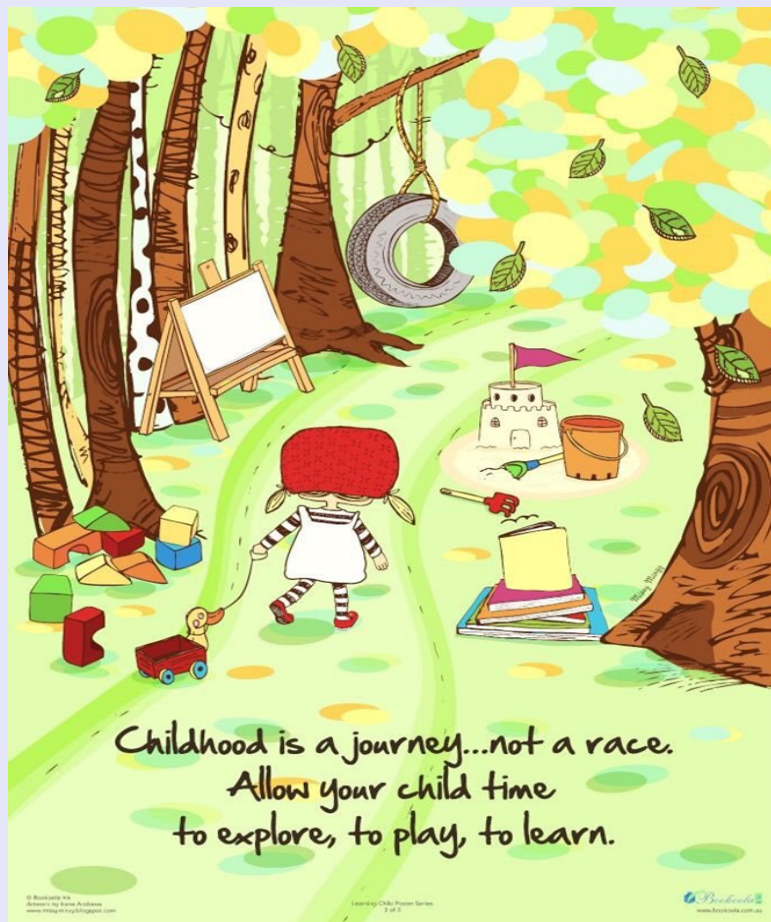
# Learning can be Messy!



# Remember...



Reception isn't about rushing to read and write. It is about helping your child feel secure, confident and ready to learn at their own pace. With a supportive home and school partnership, your child is in a brilliant place to thrive.





# Diary Dates



Tuesday 1st July 2025

3:30pm-4:30pm

Stay and Play for children and parents from Sunnydays.

Wednesday 9th July 2025

3:30pm-4:30pm

Stay and Play for children and parents from other settings.





