

Welcome to St John's Primary School



Meet The Team

Reception 'Rabbits' Class Staff



Mrs Zarzycka
Teacher

*Monday –
Wednesday*



Mrs Bennett
Teacher

*Thursday
& Friday*



Ms Latham
Teaching
Assistant

Monday



Mrs Hill
Teaching
Assistant

*Tuesday -
Friday*

Who else makes up the School team?

Other Staff

Governors

The Friends

Vital Information

- Please ensure all permissions are completed and up to date.
- Check that we have current contact numbers for parents and emergency contacts.

Coming into School



- We encourage families to walk, cycle, or scoot to school
- Please be mindful of parking safely and considerately
- We operate a voluntary one way system to improve safety and traffic flow
- School gates open **8.30am – 8.55am**
- Children in Infants must be **supervised before 8.45am**
- Classroom doors open at **8.45am**
- A member of staff will be on the door for quick messages
- For longer messages, please contact the office. This includes requests for early pick-ups or appointments.
- School finishes at **3.05pm**. Children are collected from the **outdoor classroom gate**
- Good attendance is important for children's learning and settling in
- Requests for leave of absence must be made in advance



School Lunch



- All children are entitled to a **Universal Free School Meal** everyday
- If your child has any allergies or medical dietary needs, please complete a **special diet form**
- Children with specific dietary needs will be given a lanyard to support staff in the dining hall
- Children are offered a vegetarian/meat option
- We encourage children to try a variety of foods and develop healthy eating habits



Communication



- Arbor
- School Website:
<http://www.stjohns-redhill.surrey.sch.uk>
- Instagram and Facebook
- Newsletter

Rabbits Class

- Regular end-of-day updates via Arbor
- Home Link Book
- Friends class reps
- Class WhatsApp group
- Curriculum Evening in September

What does your child need?



- ✓ Named school uniform

Details of uniform suppliers can be found in your welcome envelope. Please check our school uniform stock. Second hand uniform is available and encouraged where possible.

- ✓ Named water bottle



- ✓ Named school book bag



- ✓ Named wellies (to stay in school)



- ✓ Named PE kit. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on Thursdays. Lessons will begin in January.

*Children do not need pencil cases. Please do not send snacks from home. Please keep toys at home unless requested for a special event.

Early Years Foundation Stage



The 3 Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

Playing and exploring

Active learning

Creating and thinking critically

7 Areas of Learning

- Communication and language
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Physical development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



A Typical Day in Rabbits Class



➤ Whole class activities

- Stories and storytelling
- Singing and rhymes
- Phonics sessions
- Shared learning and carpet time activities



➤ Independent Learning

- Indoor and outdoor learning opportunities
- Both adult led and child initiated activities
- Construction
- Sand and water
- Role play areas



➤ Focused activities

- Maths
- English
- Creative activities
- PSHE



➤ Assessment

- Ongoing observations of learning
- Children's written work
- Conversations and discussions with children

First School Visit



- **Tuesday 30th June (afternoon)**
- An opportunity for parents to meet each other
- Children will visit their new classroom and meet their teachers
- Children should wear their own clothes
- No special items or equipment needed
- Children say goodbye at the main door
- Parents will have tea and coffee served in the lower hall



Home Visit



- **Week beginning Tuesday 1st September**
 - Date and time has been allocated and is shared in your pack
 - Each home visit will last approximately 20 minutes
 - Visits will be carried out by two members of staff

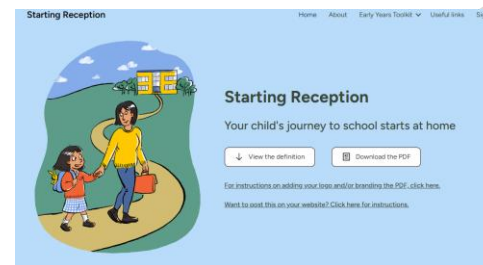
- **Purpose of the Home Visit**
 - A friendly, informal opportunity to meet your child's teachers
 - A chance to ask any questions
 - Helps us begin to build strong home-school relationships

- **Stay and Play Session**
 - The day after your home visit
 - One parent and child to attend
 - Sessions will be in small groups
 - A chance for children to settle into their new classroom environment

What can you do before September?

Encourage Independence

- Practise **dressing skills** (zips, buttons, putting coat/jumper on and off)
- Encourage children to take responsibility for **toileting and hand washing**
- Practise using **cutlery** confidently and encourage drinking from an **open cup**
- Help your child take care of their **own belongings**
- Encourage **short periods of time away from parents/carers**
- <https://startingreception.co.uk/>



What can you do before September?



Play

- Encourage imaginative play and role play
- Explore numbers, colours, shapes and puzzles together
- Spend time outdoors running, jumping and climbing
- Enjoy arts and craft activities: using scissors safely, name writing, pencil control and colouring, stickers and other fine motor activities
- Play games that involve sharing and taking turns

Talk

- Share stories together everyday
- Talk about emotions and introduce new vocabulary
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes to develop language through repetition and patterns
- Encourage listening skills through simple requests, e.g. *Can you get your shoes?*
- Practise following one and two step instructions
- Talk positively about starting school

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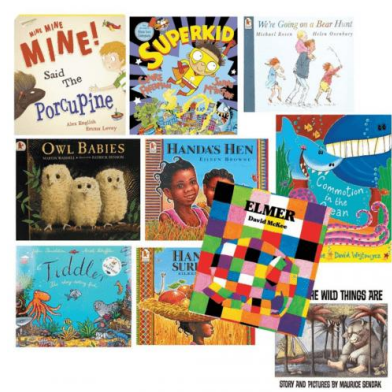
Healthy Routines

- Consider your child's daily routine, including a consistent bedtime, brushing teeth twice a day
- Consider how much screen time your child has each day and when they are used
- Encourage children to try a variety of foods and taste new foods
- Healthy routines help children feel settled, confident and ready to learn when they start school.

Secret Reader



- Become a secret reader!
- Sessions take place on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm
- Please bring two favourite stories from home to share with the class
- Any family member can take part
- There is one slot per family
- Sign up today to reserve your date
- Please keep it a secret from your child – the surprise is part of the fun!



Any Questions?

