

Welcome to Mrs Barclay's Reception class!



My name is Mrs Barclay and I am going to be your Reception teacher in September!

I will also be the Early Years leader and Phonics leader throughout the school. I have been teaching for 13 years and have worked in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as well in EYFS. I have been at St Giles' and St George's since my NQT year in September 2006.

Outside of school, I spend my spare time with my daughter Polly. We enjoy going to the park, reading stories and visiting the animals at our local farm. She is also starting school this year, just like you!

Next year, school begins at 8.50am on Wednesday 2nd September. Please bring your child onto the Reception playground. We are at the very end of the school in the newest part of the building, on the side of the main playground. We'll be there to greet you all in your smart uniforms with your shiny shoes, coats, book bags and water bottles on your first day. Please remember to put your child's name on everything. We can't wait to see your smiley faces!

Here is what a day in Reception will look like:

8.50: Registration

9.05: PenPals handwriting practise

9.20: Teacher input for reading, writing or maths

9.35: Adult led groups for reading, writing or maths and continuous provision activities

10.20: Communication and language session

10.30: Snack and social time

10.40: Adult led groups for reading, writing or maths and continuous provision activities

11.40: Guided reading sessions and physical phonics

12.00: Lunch

1.00: Phonics

1.20: Topic session/PE (this could have a PSHCE, RE, expressive arts or understanding of the world focus)

2.40: Tidy up time

2.50: Whole Class Reading

3.10: Prayers and organisation ready for home

3.20: Home time

As well as using the children's interests to drive our learning, some of the topics that we will be exploring this year include Pirates, What can we find on the farm?, Marvellous me and Once upon a time.

Next year we will be asking you to read daily with your child and complete some half termly homework tasks. Homework will be in the form of a 'menu' where you can choose an activity to do each week. It will be given out at the start of each half term and collected in on the last Monday before a school holiday. Throughout the year, there will be lots of opportunities for you to join us in the classroom so we can share how we learn and the wonderful work we have been doing. We will keep you posted!

Full, named PE kit will be needed in the first week please. This includes a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and trainers. You will be informed of our PE day as soon as this has been confirmed.

Have a fabulous summer holiday, I am really looking forward to being your class teacher in September. I can't wait to meet you!