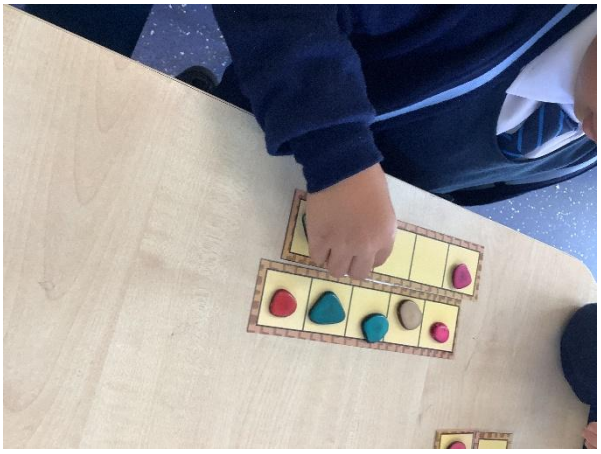
Foundation Stage

- Nursery & Reception -









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Holy Name Catholic Primary School

"Shine Like the STARS!"

Mission Statement

Holy Name is a Catholic Community working in partnership with parents/carers to nurture and educate the whole person, in the way of Christ, enabling all to know their worth and reach their potential.

Success Takes Application, Resilience & Stickability

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The 'Early Years Foundation Stage' (EYFS) is the name given to the curriculum taught in Nursery and Reception.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is divided into different areas of learning, including three prime areas and four specific areas.

Prime Areas of Learning

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



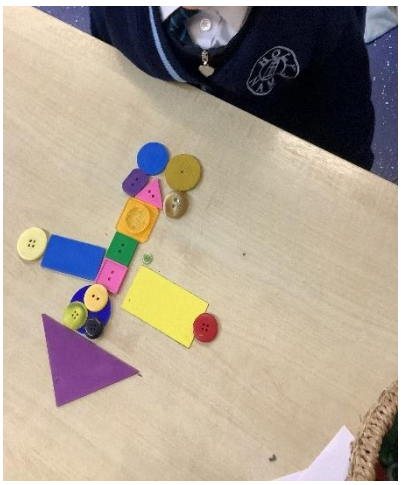
Specific Areas of Learning

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

Assessment

At the end of the Reception you will be given a school report of your child's progress. As outlined in the Government guidance you will be informed if your child is **Emerging or Expected** in each of the areas of learning as outlined above.





Parents/Carers

Parents/carers receive regular updates about events, activities via our Electronic Dojo app. Parents/carers will receive log in details at the starter meetings in September. Please make sure you download the app and register or you might miss important information about your child.

Parents' Evenings take place during the Autumn and Spring terms. Parents/carers receive a written report about their child's progress and achievements at the end of both Nursery and Reception Years.

Parents/carers are a fundamental part of their child's education. Therefore support with homework and home-school links are vital in ensuring progress and development.

We welcome any information/news you can provide from home about your child which will contribute to individual learning journeys. Home observation sheets are available to obtain from both the Nursery and Reception teachers.

As a Catholic School, we acknowledge the importance of home, school and parish links and encourage families to participate fully in our local parish events.





Ways to help your child

- Encourage your child to be independent in dressing/undressing and when using the toilet.
- Encourage your child to mark make and explore marks on paper using a variety of mark making tools, e.g. pencils, paints, felt tip pens.
- Ask questions as to what they have been doing in Nursery and Reception.
- Sing rhymes, play counting games, look for colours, numbers, words, shapes and sizes in everyday things.
- Encourage your child to read, discuss pictures and books.
- Visit the library with your child.







Session Times

Nursery Sessions

Morning: 8:45 am - 11:45 am
Afternoon: 12:00pm - 3:00 pm

Reception Class

8.55 am – 3.15 pm
Doors open at 8.45am

- If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure that you inform the school before the start of the school day.
- Following an absence Parents/Carers are asked to inform school as to the reason for absence.
- Parents/Carers who are going on holiday are requested to fill out a holiday request form available from the school office.
- If for any reason you wish to take your child home early from Nursery or Reception you will be required to *'sign out'* your child in the in the school office. This is for Health and Safety reasons. If you have a medical appointment proof must be provided.

Arrangements for Starting Nursery in September 2026

On allocation of a nursey place, arrangements will be made for an Open Day. To help create a smooth transition to nursery, individual start dates will be given



Arrangements for Starting Reception in September 2026

Your child will be invited to a short meeting to meet his/her Reception teacher and visit their new classroom setting. Parents/carers are also invited to come along to the meeting with the opportunity for questions or queries to be answered. A date will be forwarded to you with your appointment date.

Monday September 7th 2026
Children will begin Reception class
Morning session only.
9.00am – 11.45am
Doors open from 8.45am

Tuesday September 8th 2026
Morning session only.
9.00am – 11.45am
Doors open from 8.45am

Wednesday September 9th 2026
9.00am – 1.15pm
Doors open from 8.45am

(Please note children **will** be staying for packed lunch/hot dinner on this day).

Thursday September 10th 2026
9.00am – 2.00pm
Doors open from 8.45am

(Please note children **will** be staying for packed lunch/hot dinner on this day).

Friday September 11th 2026
9.00am – 3.15pm
Doors open from 8.45am

Children will attend in the morning and stay for lunch.
9.00am-3.15pm

(Please note children **will** be staying for packed lunch/hot dinner on this day).

Week Beginning Monday 14th September 2026
Normal full time hours
8.55am -3.15pm
Doors open from 8.45am
Parents/carers are asked to inform staff in advance of any changes in collection arrangements. Children will not be allowed to go with anyone unfamiliar to Staff. This is to safeguard your child.

School Dinners for Reception Children

Please check with the One Stop Shop if your child is entitled to Free School Meals and inform school if they are. All children in Infants receive a free school meal under a Government Initiative. Children may have a school dinner provided by our school cook. However, if you are entitled to free school meals we ask you complete the application as the school will receive extra funding for each child.

Packed Lunch

We have achieved the National Healthy School Award and therefore we ask you to support us by noting that chocolate, sweets, biscuits are not advised and fizzy drinks are not allowed. This helps to promote healthy eating habits.

Archdiocesan Building Fund

Parents/Carers are asked to contribute to the annual Levy Fund. The cost is £10 per family. Nursery children pay £5.00. The Archdiocese uses this money for the upkeep of the school building.

Breakfast Club/Afterschool Club

Breakfast Club and after school club are available for EYFS children.
Breakfast Club is from 7.45am each morning and After School Club is from 3.15pm until 6.00pm.

These clubs must be pre booked and paid for via the school App ARBOR.
Further details and prices of these clubs are available from the school office

All payments for school are to be made on the school app ARBOR. Details are attached in the enclosed pack.







How we work

Holy Name is a Catholic School and both Nursery and Reception [namely Early Years Foundation Stage] are an integral part of it.

We aim to offer a warm caring environment in which all children are valued and encouraged to care for each other.

We offer a rich learning environment and provide experiences that are stimulating and appropriate to the needs of each child.

The children are actively engaged in a variety of well planned, structured activities both indoors and outdoors. Activities are based on the Early Learning Goals as set out by the Government.

Nursery and Reception follow the Catholic Religious Education syllabus Religious Education Directory

Nursery and Reception staff work closely together to ensure a smooth transition between classes. Nursery and Reception are together called
Early Years Foundation Stage.







Uniform

A leaflet enclosed gives details of where the school uniform can be purchased and the range of items available.

Please clearly label ALL your child's belongings, including PE kits, shoes, homework book bags, lunchboxes, coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Please note that in a class with children of the same age, similar height etc. it is very difficult to monitor individual belongings if they are not **clearly labelled**.

Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own belongings and clothes, both in Nursery and Reception settings. Please encourage your child to get dressed/undressed independently over the summer.

Nursery Uniform

This consists of a blue polo shirt, navy blue round necked sweatshirt/jumper, navy blue jogging pants for **ALL** children. **Please ensure that shoes (no trainers) have a Velcro fastening (no laces) to aid independence.**

Reception Uniform

This consists of a white school shirt, navy blue v necked jumper/cardigan with school logo, school tie and navy blue skirt/grey trousers. **Please ensure that shoes (no trainers) have a Velcro fastening (no laces) to aid independence.**

PE uniform consists of a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and black PE pumps. **A PE kit is only needed for Reception children.**

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform consists of blue checked summer dresses and grey shorts and a short sleeved white shirt and tie or a short sleeved white polo shirt.

Children **are not** allowed to wear any other jewellery to school apart from small ear studs. Children **must not** bring any toys or unnecessary items to school to avoid confusion or loss/damage. Eccentric hairstyles are unacceptable, e.g. shaved in designs. Longer hair should be tied back.

Medical Information

School must be informed of any medical conditions, including allergies, which your child may have. Please complete the enclosed medical form which should be returned to school before your child's start date.

Parents/carers are asked to provide written information regarding the amount of medication to be administered (e.g. 5 puffs at 11.30am). This must be handed to the school office when medication is to be administered. Each class has a locked medical cabinet. A First Aider will supervise your child taking the specified dose of medication at the requested time.

Children who use an inhaler must have one inhaler for school and one for home.



Nursery Snack

During each session children will be provided with fruit and milk/water. On special occasions e.g. Chinese New Year, Diwali, etc children will have a special snack as a celebration. To fund this and our weekly cookery activity we ask for a donation of £1.00 to be paid each Monday.

Reception Snack

Reception children have a piece of fruit and milk each day. Children will occasionally make their own snack in activities. Parents/carers are asked to supply their child with a water bottle so that they have access to water all day and to ensure they stay hydrated. Only water is allowed. No juice or Fizzy drinks.

Please inform staff if your child has any food allergies and return the enclosed forms to school.

We are sure your child will be happy in our school and we look forward to welcoming you in September.

If you ever have any concerns, or wish to discuss anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or make an appointment to speak to the

Head Teacher
Mr Morris