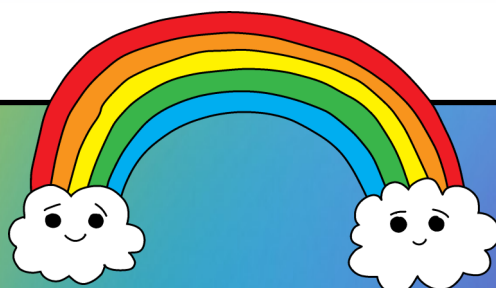




Welcome to Christ Church!

We are so excited for you and your family to join our school. In this booklet you will see some pictures of your teachers, and find useful information about what to expect during your year in Reception.

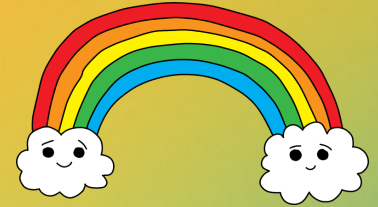
It is such an exciting time for parents and children starting Reception! This is a new adventure that can be a little bit daunting at times for children and parents so please do not hesitate to speak with us about any concerns, worries or questions you may have. We are here to help and make sure your child has the best start to their school life.



Adults in Rainbow Class



Our teacher is Mrs Burn



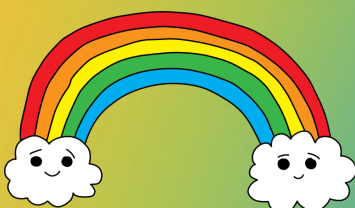
Mrs Tyson will also be teaching us during the week



Our teaching assistant is Miss Oxley

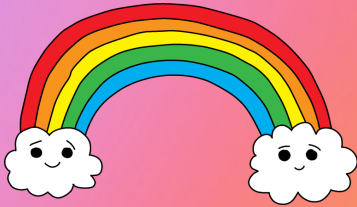


We also have Mrs Wagstaff working with us



Important Faces

Mrs Richardson is our
Headteacher and Designated
Safeguarding Lead

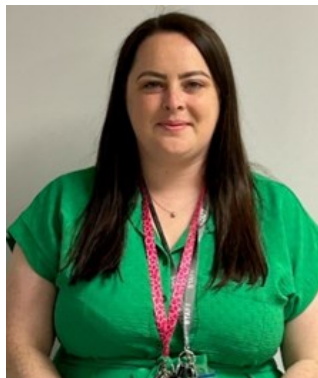


Our Assistant Headteachers are
Mrs Jackson and Miss Cobb



Our Office Staff

Mrs Howson and Mrs Sutterby



Office Manager

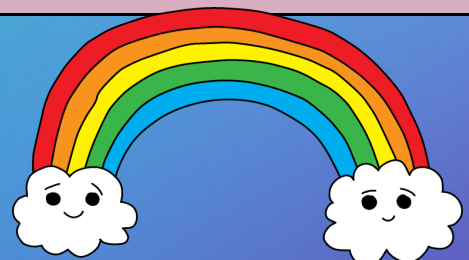


Admin Assistant

Our Routine!

This is what a typical day looks like. We are always busy learning so sometimes we can go off timetable if we have something special planned, a surprise or the children lead our learning in an exciting way.

8:45 - 8:55	School gates are open. Welcoming children into the classroom.
8:55 - 9:15	Register Time Brain Gym
9:15 - 10:15	Literacy Short input then "Get Busy Time"
10:15 - 10:30	Tidy-up Time Toilet and washing hands
10:30 - 10:45	Snack Time Story / Milk and Fruit
10:45 - 11:30	Maths Short input then "Get Busy Time"
11:30 - 11:55	Singing and Dancing - Toilet and washing hands. Get ready for lunchtime.
11:55-13:00	Lunch Time
13:00—13:15	PM Register
13:15-13:30	Phonics
13:30-14:30	Get Busy Time! Observations/ Adult-led activities / Focus groups / Dough Disco
14:30—14:45	Tidy-up Time Toilet and washing hands
14:45-14:55	Water Break Socialisation / Question Time / Once upon a picture
14:55—15:15	Whole Class Story Getting ready for home time.
3:15-3:30	Home time Gates are open



Our Learning!

We have lots of fun activities and learning planned across the year which we cannot wait to share with you! The first few weeks of the school year are extra special as we are settling into our new routines and building special relationships with other children and our teachers. Whatever it is, we enjoy rolling up our sleeves and getting stuck in! You may find us counting sticks and stones we have collected, creating beautiful pictures with our art resources, learning some new phoics sounds or singing songs at the top of our lungs!

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning is essential and plays a key part in supporting children's development in Early Years. In Reception we will be trailing "Tree-rific Tuesday". This will mean that every Tuesday, we will be spending lots of time outdoors. We might be splashing in muddy puddles or going on a nature walk across the school field. For this to happen in all weathers we would like your child to bring in a pair of wellies that can stay in school all year. If you have any spare wellies you no longer use, feel free to send them in as I am sure we can find a use for them.



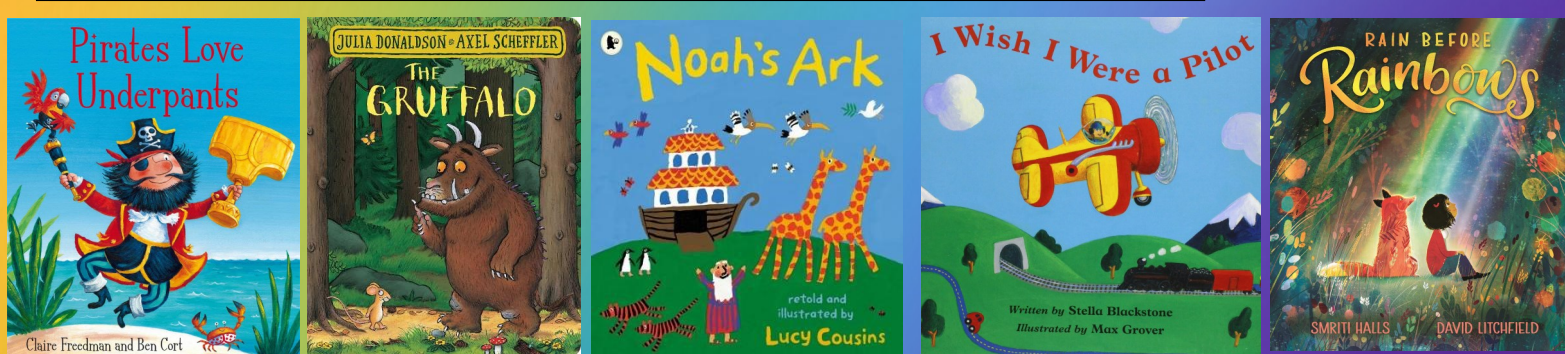
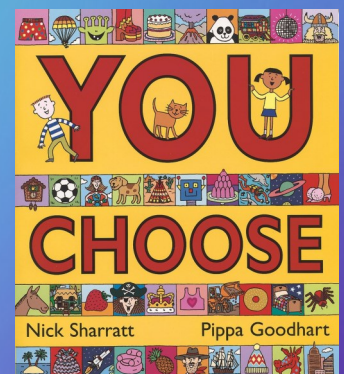
Communication and Language

In Early Years we really value and nurture the development of children's speech, language and communication. We love using Makaton signs and symbols throughout our school day and you will often find us singing along to our favourite songs whilst using lots of Makaton. Every Monday, we have a Makaton 'Sign of the Week' to learn and practice with our teachers and friends. During each topic, we learn new signs for our core vocabulary and encourage the children to use Makaton in their play and learning.



Sharing a story!

Reading to your child at home and listening to stories at school is so important for young children. It is an expectation for parents and carers that you encourage a love of reading and share a story with your child at home. Your child will come home with a book or two to share with you. Some of these will not have words. This is a brilliant time to let your child's imagination create its own story. More information will be sent out in September.



Communication



ClassDojo

ClassDojo is a wonderful platform for schools and parents to communicate with each other. ClassDojo will be used to post photos and share videos of all the fantastic things we get up to in Rainbow Class.

As a parent you will also be able to see our whole school story which has information about other events and activities taking place in the whole school. You can use ClassDojo to send messages straight to your class teacher if you ever need to contact us.


Please keep an eye out for an email invitation which will be sent to you once your child starts with us.

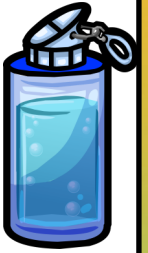
We also use ClassDojo as a reward system where every child has a dojo monster. If your child earns a dojo, it will be added for you and your child to see. Please make sure you talk to them

Class Teddy

In September I will be introducing a class teddy which the children can name. Your child will get a turn to take the teddy home with them, if you have a special event coming up please let us know. It is completely up to you how you spend your time with the class teddy. Some families eat meals together, complete crafting activities, go on a walk or have a fun adventure out and about. We ask that you take some photos of the teddy on his visit and send them to me on ClassDojo so we can share them as a class and your child can tell us about their time together. I will send out some more information once we have named the teddy.

REMINDERS AND NOTES

- Your child should **bring a named water bottle with them everyday**. This can be brought in on a Monday and stay in school until the end of the week when it needs to be taken home and cleaned.
 - Please could you **pack a spare pair of clothes** in your child's bag so if they get wet or dirty they can be changed.
 - Please ensure your **child brings a coat with them everyday**, preferably a raincoat as this means we can still have lots of fun outdoors in all weathers!
 - School Uniform— Our school uniform consists of: a white polo shirt, red or green jumper/cardigan, grey shorts, trousers, skirts or dress and a red or green gingham style summer dress. For more information please visit: [School Uniforms – Christ Church C of E Infant & Nursery School \(christchurchprimarynewark.co.uk\)](http://christchurchprimarynewark.co.uk)
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- **Label, label, label—clothes, bags, and water bottles.**
 - **No jewellery is allowed. Children with pierced ears should only wear small stud earrings please.**
- We have plenty of lovely resources at Christ Church so we ask that **personal items stay at home**. Any items and/or toys from home which are brought into school might get lost or broken.



Toothbrushing

In Rainbow Class, we take part in the Brushing Buddies initiative. We encourage and support children to brush their teeth and aim to do this throughout the school



Tidy Up Prizes

To encourage children to tidy up after playing, we give out prizes. If your child is our tidy up super star they might come home with a little reward.



Children's Centre

We work closely with the local children's centre service which is located on Bowbridge Road in Hawtonville. If you ever need any extra support (e.g. with sleep, routines, behaviour, diet, and/or toileting) please let us know as they are such a helpful service to use. They work with children up to the age of 5.





**We are super excited
that you are joining
Rainbow Class!**

See You Soon

