

# Welcome to St Brigid's

September 2025





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WELCOME TO

St Brigid's Catholic Primary School



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# Introduction

- Welcome on behalf of Mrs Tyler (Headteacher)
- Meet the team
  - Your child's class teacher
  - Mrs Lodge (Pastoral Support / Attendance Lead)
- 🧅 RE & Catholic Life
- How can you prepare your child for school?
- Attendance
- Class teacher updates

# St.Brigid's Catholic Primary School

# RE & Catholic Life



#### What is it like to attend this school?

The school is an oasis of calm. It is a safe sanctuary for pupils. They enter the school gates with big smiles on their faces. Pupils are eager to learn and to do their best. This begins in the early years where children's love of learning is harnessed. They joyously engage in activities and flourish.

Pupils told inspectors that people work together and help each other. They benefit from close relationships with staff who know them and their families very well. The school is determined to ensure that pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve highly. Most pupils achieve well from their starting points.

The school's values underpin all that it does. Pupils are proud to be part of this close-knit school that 'loves, believes, achieves'. The school teaches pupils how to behave well. Pupils listen attentively to teachers. They follow instructions quickly and enthusiastically. Pupils behave extremely well.

Our mission is underpinned by Christian values...our St Brigid's values.





#### What the school does well

- The mission statement, 'Trusting in God, we love, believe and achieve...together', is known and lived out joyfully.
- The pupils are, 'The jewel in the crown,' in their positive attitudes, very good behaviour, and respect for each other.
- Pastoral support for pupils, families and those who are vulnerable is of the highest quality.
- Relationships at all levels are exemplary and enable pupils and staff to thrive.
- Prayer and liturgy inspire the whole community to praise and give thanks to God.

# St. Brigid's Catholic Primary School

#### Our faith:

- Parents/Carers are the most important educators of their children
- School provision:
  - Catholic Life & Mission
  - Religious Education
  - Collective Worship
- Fr David Gamble Parish Priest
  - Class Mass every Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October
     (see Autumn Overview)

# RE & Catholic Life











# Helping your child prepare for school?

All children learn at their own rate and will be supported in their personal journey but start with creating good habits:

- Understanding how children learn repetition... creating good habits
- Make sure that your child is in school on time and every day
- Ensure that your child wears school uniform and removes jewellery
- Label all items of clothing so that anything that is misplaced can be found
- Regularly attend meetings that involve your child
- Get in touch with us if you are concerned or worried
- Teach them to think and respond kindly, to be independent and to be resilient great qualities to have and important life skills

# St.Brigid's Catholic Primary School

Staying in touch and keeping up to date with information shared:

- Newsletters
- Termly overviews
- X account
- Teachers 2 Parents texts / emails / forms

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Septembe	er	*			
Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	BACK to SCHOOL	8.35am	Y1 – Y6	
		Prayer & Liturgy focus - New beginnings	All week	All children	
		Reception Class Parent / Carer Meeting	9am	Parents/Carer	
		Welcome Back Assembly	11am	Y1-Y6	
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	REC Class start their transition into school	am	REC	
		Welcome Back MASS with Fr David	10am	Y2 - Y6	
		Farewell to Mrs Collins & Mrs Pickett			
	We	ek beginning 8 <sup>h</sup> September PE lessons resume – children	should wear school kit on P	E days	
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer & Liturgy focus - Rules	All week	All children	
		Mondays - Y5 PE day	pm	Y5	
		LFC Club for Y5&Y6 GIRLS to begin	3.15-4.15pm	Y5/6 GIRLS	
Tues	q <sub>th</sub>	Tuesdays - Y6 PE day	pm	Y6	
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Parent/Carer & Teacher Meeting - Hall	8.50am	Y6 Parents/Car	
		Y5 Class Mass	10am	Y5	
		Wednesdays - Y1 & Y4 PE day	pm	Y1 & Y4	
Thurs	11th	Y2 Parent/Carer & Teacher Meeting - Hall	8.50am	Y2 Parents/Car	
		Thursdays – Y2 PE day		Y2	
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Parent/Carer & Teacher Meeting - Hall	8.50am	Y1 Parents/Can	
		Fridays – Y3 PE day		Y3	
		Week beginning 15th September: SPORTS clubs with Miss Anderson begin (tbc)			
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer & Liturgy focus - Resilience	All week	All children	
		Y3 Parent/Carer & Teacher Meeting - Hall	8.50am	Y3 Parents/Car	
		Healthy Families workshop	9.15-10.30am	KS2 families	

# Helping your child prepare for school?



book), Professor Simon Baron Cohen (Director of Autism Research Centre, Cambridge-books and blogs)



### Attendance

Working together to improve school attendance:

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Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities

August 2024

# Summary table of responsibilities for school attendance

Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools, and local authorities

Published 19 August 2024

#### All pupils

Parents are expected to:	Schools are expected to:	Academy trustees and governing bodies are expected to:	Local authorities are expected to:
Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.	Have a clear school attendance policy on the school website which all staff, pupils and parents understand.	Take an active role in attendance improvement, support their school(s) to prioritise attendance, and work together with leaders to set whole school cultures.	Have a strategic approach to improving attendance for the whole area and make it a key focus of all frontline council services.
Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).  Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.  Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.	Develop and maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of good attendance.  Accurately complete admission and attendance registers.  Have robust daily processes to follow up absence.  Regularly monitor data to identify patterns and trends and understand which pupils and pupil cohorts to focus on.	Ensure school leaders fulfil expectations and statutory duties.  Use data to understand patterns of attendance, compare with other local schools, identify areas of progress and where greater focus is needed.  Ensure school staff receive training on attendance.	Have a School Attendance Support Team that works with all schools in their area to remove area-wide barriers to attendance.  Provide each school with a named point of contact in the School Attendance Support Team who can support with queries and advice.  Offer opportunities for all
	Have a dedicated senior leader with overall responsibility for championing and improving attendance.	sch	schools in the area to share effective practice.

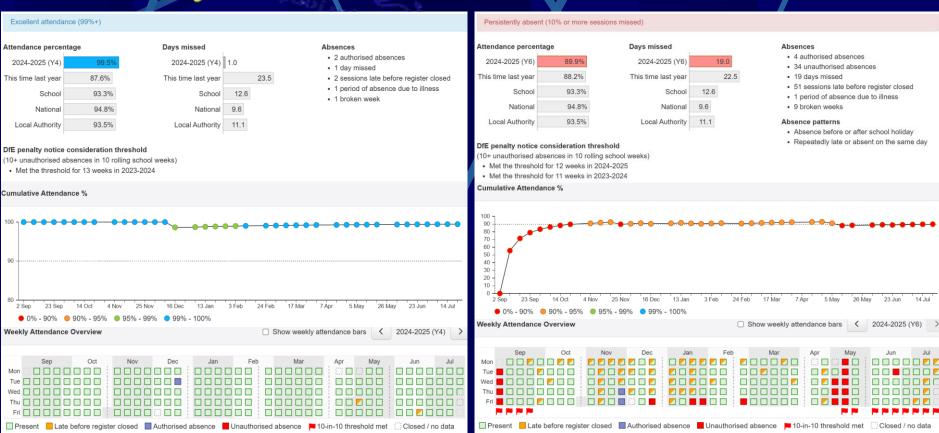
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NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR
If your child has 1 day off school during the year	their attendance will be 99.5%
If your child has 2 days off school during the year	their attendance will be 99%
your child has 5 days off school during the year	their attendance will be 97.4%
If your child has 10 days off school during the year	their attendance will be 95%
If your child has 15 days off during the year	their attendance will be 92.4%
If your child has 20 or more days off during the year	their attendance will be below 90%

# Welcome to Year 1

Miss Taylor (class teacher)
Mrs Hunter (supporting teacher)
Miss O'Donovan (teaching assistant)
Miss McEvoy (apprentice teaching assistant)
Miss Gill (apprentice teaching assistant)



## Keeping our children, staff and families happy and safe.

Entrance doors open at 8.35am for registration.

Water bottles to be brought in daily and taken home each night.

Children to be collected at 3:10pm from the main hall doors.

Snack money:

£1 per week (Infants – R/Y1/Y2)

£1.50 for per week (Juniors – Y3-6)

Breakfast club and after school club money to be paid via ParentPay.



# School Uniform

Full school uniform list and stockists on school website.

Plain black trainers/ shoes.

Earrings are not allowed. Please take them out as soon as possible.

All uniform needs to be clearly labelled.

Suitable coat required as the weather becomes colder.

P.E. Kit

Kit list and stockists on school website

School/royal blue tracksuit bottoms can be worn in winter months.

Y1 PE day is WEDNESDAY



#### Year 1 Expectations

Children are expected to be the best that they can be!

St Brigid's Values:



https://stbrigidsprimary.co.uk/curriculum/

End of Year Expectations in Reading, Writing & Maths (KS1&2)













## Year 1 Expectations



#### End of Year Expectations for Year 1

This booklet provides information for parents and carers on the end of year expectations for children in our school. The National Curriculum outlines these expectations as being the <u>minimum</u> requirements your child must meet in order to ensure continued progress.

All the objectives will be worked on throughout the year and will be the focus of direct teaching. Any extra support you can provide in helping your children to achieve these is greatly valued and will help them to reach their full potential.



## Timetable

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:35 – 8:50		1	Morning activities/ tasks/ Registe	er	
8:50 - 9:00	Whole School	Wake and Shake	Wake and Shake	Wake and Shake	Wake and Shake
	Collective Worship	Visual timetable	Visual timetable	Visual timetable	Visual timetable
	(8:50 – 9:10)	Prayer	Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
9:00 – 9:35	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
9:35 - 10:30	Pathways to Write	Pathways to Write	Pathways to Write	Pathways to Write	Whole School Collective Worship
	Continuous Provision	Continuous Provision	Continuous Provision	Continuous Provision	and Celebration
	Outdoor Provision	Outdoor Provision	Outdoor Provision	Outdoor Provision	Handwriting /
10:30 - 10:50	Break	Break	Break	Break	Guided Reading Outdoor Provision
11.00 - 12.00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	
	Continuous Provision	Continuous Provision	Continuous Provision	Continuous Provision	PP Targets Interventions
	Outdoor Provision	Outdoor Provision	Outdoor Provision	Outdoor Provision	Interventions
12.00 – 1.00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1.00 – 1.30	RE	Topic	PE	Topic	PSHE
1.30 – 2.45					6.1
					Science
2.45 – 3.00		Collective Worship	Collective Worship	Collective Worship	
3:00 – 3:10	Picture News — Oracy/ British Values/ Protected Characteristics	Story	Story	Story	Story



# Topic Overview p1

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lost and Found - Fiction	Lion <u>Inside</u> - <u>Fiction</u>	Toys in Space - Fiction
There are no such things as	At the Zoo – Poetry	Senses - Poetry
monsters – Poetry		0.111
Note to Do to Maria	The curious case of the missing	Goldilocks and Just the one bear
Nibbles the Book Monster -	mammoth - Fiction	– <u>Fiction</u>
Fiction		
Number - Place Value (within 10)	Number - Addition and	Number - Multiplication and
Number - Addition and Subtrcation	Subtraction (within 20)	división
within 10/20	Number: Place Value (within 50)	Number - Fractions
Geometry – Shape	(Multiples of 2, 5 and 10 included)	Geometry - Position and Direction
Number – Place Value (within 20)	Measurement - length and height	Number – Place Value
	Measurement - weight and volume	(within 100)
		Measurement – Money
		Measurement - Time

# Topic Overview p2

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Science	Science	Science
Animals <u>inc.humans</u>	Plants	Everyday Materials
Seasonal changes	Seasonal changes	Seasonal, changes
(autumn and winter)	(winter and spring)	(spring and summer)
PSHE/ RSE	PSHE/ RSE	PSHE / RSE
Health and wellbeing Understanding my emotions. Handwashing and personal hygiene.  Safety and the Changing Body Adults in school. Adults outside of school. Making an emergency phone call.	Families and Relationships What is Family? What are friendships? Friendship problems and resolving. Healthy Friendships. Gender Stereotypes.  Journey in Love Social and Emotional - Recognising we are loved in our family. Physical — Recognising we are cared for and kept safe in our family. Spiritual - Celebrating ways that God loves and cares for us.	Citizenship Rules Similar, yet different.  Economic Wellbeing Introduction to money. Saving and spending.

# Level 5



Level 5 is taught in Year 1.

By the end of Level 5, children will have had the opportunities to:



- give the phoneme, when shown any grapheme that has been taught;
- for any given phoneme, write the common graphemes;
- apply phonics knowledge and skills as the primary approach to reading and spelling unfamiliar words that are not completely decodable;
- read and spell phonically decodable two-syllable and three syllable words such as 'dolphin' and 'fantastic';
- read automatically all taught tricky and common exception words;
- accurately spell all the Level 2, 3 and 4 tricky words and most of the common exception words for reading;
- form each letter correctly;
- use alternative ways of pronouncing and representing the long vowel phonemes.

# **How You Can Help Your Child at Home**

Work on listening skills, taking turns and encouraging your child to look at you when you are speaking.

Practise segmenting and blending words.

Look for familiar sounds and words in the world around you. Such as, when in the supermarket, can your child find words on your shopping list or recognise letters on food packaging?

When outside, can they recognise letters on street names or on car number plates?

When in the house, can they recognise letters or words in magazines or letters you receive?



# How You Can Help Your Child at Home

Practise the new sounds and graphemes your child brings home using the Parent Information Sheets. Remember to use 'pure' sounds when pronouncing the sounds and model the correct letter formation as is taught in school.

Support your child to complete any homework they bring home.

Read to and with your child every day.

Finally, remember to ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure about any aspect of your child's phonics learning. A consistent approach is important.

This week, we have been learning to read and spell words containing dge and ge saying /j/. The /j/ Sound Family This spelling is used when This spelling is used the /j/ sound comes at the when the /j/ sound end of a word and after a comes at the end of a short vowel sound. (Short vowels word and after a long vowel are spoken as a pure sound). sound, a vowel digraph or a consonant. (Long vowels are badge spoken like letter names.) bridge barge orange challenge This spelling is sometimes used when the /j/ sound is followed by e, i or y. This spelling is used when the /j/ sound is at the start or in the middle of words. giant elly injury

Year 1 children will take part in a statutory phonics assessment during the month of June.



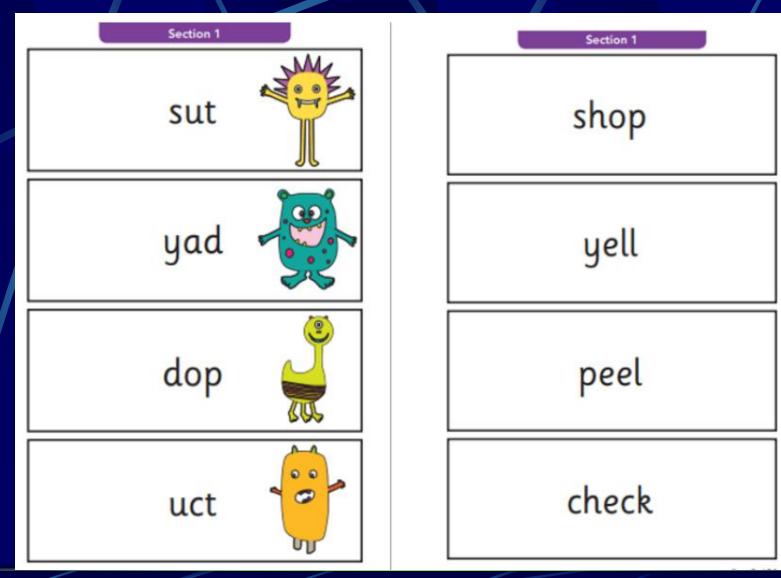


The Phonics Screening Assessment consists of two sections:

**Section 1** is the easier part. In this section, children are asked to recognise simple word structures and **Grapheme Phoneme Correspondences** (GPCs) from the earlier phases of the phonics curriculum. In 2019, real words included in Section 1 were words like 'shop', 'peel' and 'yell'.

**Section 2** is the trickier part of the test. Here, children need to recognise GPCs from the later stages of the phonics curriculum. They also encounter **graphemes** that correspond to more than one **phoneme** (e.g. the grapheme 'ea' represents different phonemes in the words bread and bead.)

There is no time limit for the Phonics Screening Check, but it usually takes less than 10 minutes.





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# Relationships and Health Education

Relationships and Health Education (revised Sept 2020) is a compulsory part of the school curriculum, which comprises two distinct areas:

- Relationships
- Physical health and mental wellbeing

Our curriculum is designed to be:

- Appropriate for your child's age and development stage.
- Sensitive to the needs and religious backgrounds of the children in our school.

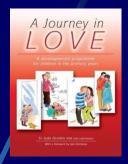
The Relationships part of the curriculum will teach the children what they need to learn to build positive and safe relationships:

- With family.
- With friends.
- Online.

Our school will teach in a way that is appropriate to your child's age and will look at these questions:

- What is a relationship?
- 🌒 What is friendship?
- What is family?
- Who can your child look to for support?





#### Year 1

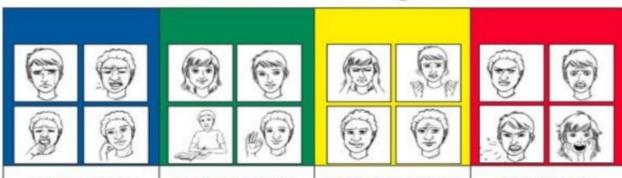
## Key Objectives:

- To recognise signs that I am loved in my family
- To recognise how I am cared for and kept safe in my family
- To know that each person's body is their own
- To celebrate ways that God loves and cares for us



# Mental Health & Well-being Zones of Regulation

# The **ZONES** of Regulation®



#### **BLUE ZONE**

Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly

#### **GREEN ZONE**

Happy
Calm
Feeling Okay
Focused
Ready to Learn

#### YELLOW ZONE

Frustrated
Worried
Silly/Wiggly
Excited
Loss of Some Control

#### **RED ZONE**

Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control



### Key points:

- There is no 'bad' Zone.
- Everyone experiences all of the Zones at different times and in different circumstances.
- We can't change the way children feel BUT we can help them manage their feelings/states and behaviours. "It's OK to be angry but it is not OK to hit..."
- You can be in more than one Zone at a time (eg. sad and angry)
- If your child is in the Red Zone...
- Limit verbals this is not a teachable moment.
- Discuss use of tools when child is regulated.
- Plan for if/when child is in Red Zone. "I wonder if this strategy would help...?

#### Homework

Daily reading – please ensure that you make a note of when your child has read at home. It is really important that the children bring their reading books into school **every** day.

Spellings / Handwriting

Picture News to encourage communication at home.

Other apps to use:

Spelling Shed

Maths Shed

SeeSaw



Communication

See Saw

X (formerly Twitter)

@MissTaylorEYFS

@MrsHunter

@StBrigidsCPS

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# THANK YOU ©

Any questions?

