



# WELCOME

NEW RECEPTION PARENT INFORMATION 2025

We are so pleased that your child has been offered a place here. On behalf of the staff, trustees, children and parents, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to our school community.



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# WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

- Headteacher's Welcome Message
- We have two classes in Reception (Ash and Elm) and collectively our Reception children are known as 'Acorns'.
- Meet the Team: Teachers & Support Staff
- Our School Vision & Values

**'We want ourselves and the children in our care to be successful, resilient and inquisitive learners who are happy and well-equipped to participate positively in the community and wider society.'**

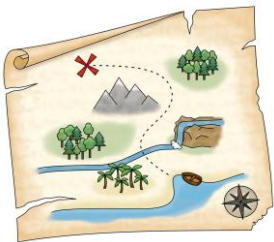


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# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION

- Settling-In Period & Staggered Start (Transition visits and the first week in September)
- How You Can Help at Home (Ideas and tips to pick up)
- Communication Between Home and School



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Uniform & PE Kit
- Drop-off and Pick-Up Procedures
- Attendance & Illness
- School Meals & Allergies

# STAYING CONNECTED

- Parent Communication Tools (e.g., Face to Face at drop off and pick up, Class Dojo, website, Email, Newsletters)
- Parent Workshops & Events
- Volunteering Opportunities – Reading, Trips, PTA



# SCHOOL UNIFORM – (PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS)



## Uniform Check at St Margaret's Academy



Uniform list – day wear
Black shoes; flat soles with grip or plain simple black boots during the winter months *
Grey trousers, grey tailored shorts, grey pinafore or grey skirt **
Purple and white check summer dress or purple and white check summer all-in-one skirt
White polo shirt (with or without logo) or white shirt with collar
Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
Plain black, grey or white socks; plain grey tights
PE Wear
Trainers (coloured allowed) or plimsolls for dance and gym (barefoot otherwise)
Plain black PE shorts, black leggings or black tracksuit bottom
Purple PE t-shirt (with logo)
Optional purple PE hoodie for cold outdoor PE

# SNACK

The children are offered a healthy snack during the morning session.

We are a healthy eating school committed to encouraging our pupils to adopt a healthy lifestyle. As part of this we encourage pupils to bring in a piece of fresh fruit and offer a short break for them to eat this each morning. Please do not send in cereal bars or other processed foods.

In Reception and Key Stage One, children are provided with fresh fruit free of charge under the government funded School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

## **Drinks**

Your child should bring their own water in their own named drinks bottle daily. Children have access to water throughout the day and we encourage them to drink regularly.



# LUNCH – SPECIAL INVITE

Reception will go for lunch first and eat in the hall. They then go outdoors to play.

## **School Meals**

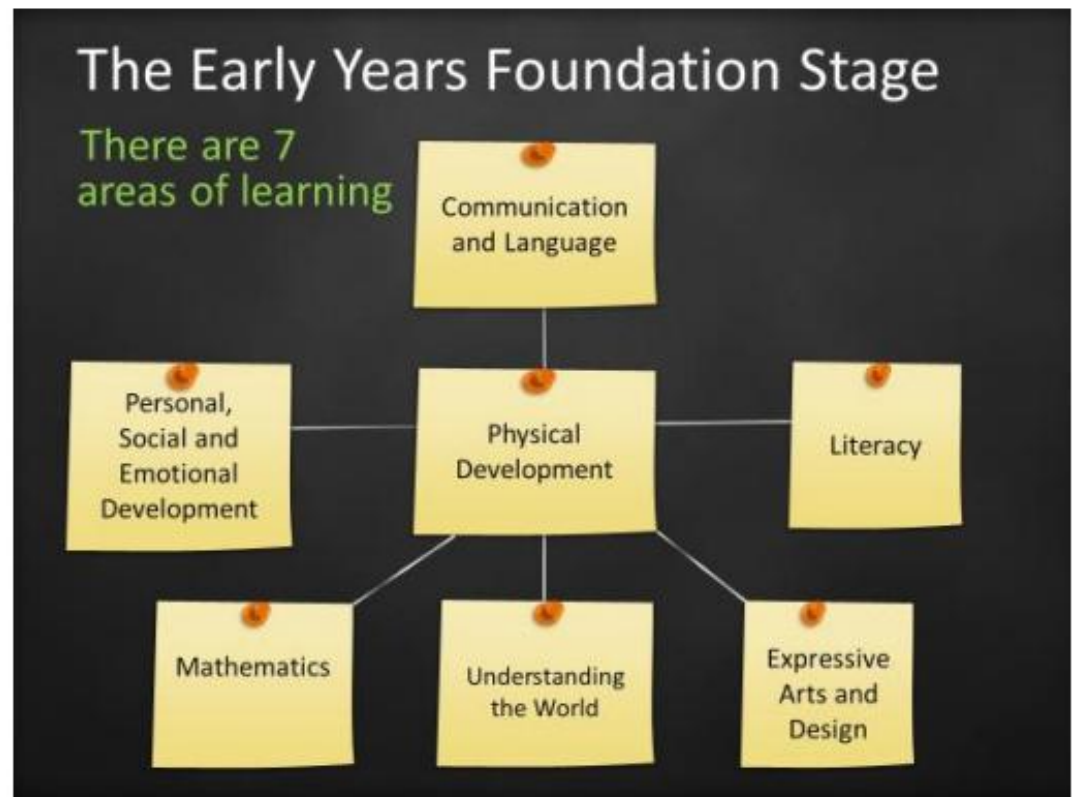
All of our school meals are freshly cooked in school in our well equipped kitchen, using local suppliers where possible and following healthy living guidelines. All children in reception and key stage 1 classes have a school meal provided free of charge.

You can view our current menu by clicking on the link on the website or viewing a sample menu in your pack.



# FOUNDATION STAGE – BIRTH TO FIVE

- The Reception curriculum is taught through themes and the children's interests.
- Adult direct activities
- Independent challenges
- Child initiated learning



## OUR EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM LOOKS LIKE THIS...

- Quality indoor and outdoor learning focusing on all areas of the curriculum.
- Fun and exciting project related learning.
- Practical, real-purpose, hands on experiences.
- Mixture of child-initiated and adult led activities.
- Risk taking - developing resilience and independence.
- Enrichment and trips to embed learning



# ON THE FIRST DAY...

Please ensure your child has:

- A book bag or small bag
- Waterproof coat (indoor and outdoor free flow)
- Sun hat and sun cream (weather depending)
- Water Bottle (named)
- Spare clothes if needed i.e. pants
- Please ensure your child's school uniform is named.

# PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL

IF YOU CAN PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Support your child to be toilet trained and use the toilet independently where possible.
- Hygiene and hand washing encouraged.
- To be able to put their coat on independently.
- To be able to use a knife and fork.
- To be able to learn how to share with others and take turns.
- To be able to develop organisational and independence skills for the school day i.e. carry their own bag into school.

# ATTENDANCE

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of your child attending school every day.

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time.

Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

Please do not book holidays during term time

# PARENT PARTNERS

Active partners – we are always here to support both you and your child and want to welcome you into our school community.

- We will offer sessions where you can come and learn in school with your child..
- You may want to volunteer with us to either listen to readers or support us on trips.
- You could join our PTA group, even one hour of your time once or twice would really help.

## **Home School Partnership**

We know that communication is key between home and school and we have an open door policy. Please come and speak to us if you need to.

- Photos of your child's learning will be shared through Class Dojo.
- We will share a Newsletter each week
- We will have two parents evenings (Autumn and Spring) and you will receive a report in the Summer term.
- Our website will also hold all the information you need

# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team.
- Treasure map to collect all the goodies 😊

