



Reception Class Daily Routine

In Foundation Stage, we follow a daily routine that will help your child settle into school quickly and easily. Of course, this routine is not set in a stone but we hope that it helps our children cope with any changes.

The school day begins at 8.50am, with the doors opening at 8.35am. The children will hang their coats on their pegs, put away their lunchboxes (if having packed lunch), or register their choice of lunch on Live Kitchen. After completing these tasks, you and your child may practise name writing. Music will play to signal the end of the *Rise and Shine* Reading Time and the children will assemble for Phonics Time.

Note: if your child is late for school, please come to the main office entrance.

We then have a short 'carpet' session, where we will focus on one of the areas of learning. Afterwards, the children will explore the activities, in the classroom (and outside), supervised in both areas by adults, or your child may work as part of a small group with an adult.

At 10.30am, children come together to share a snack with their friends, enjoying milk and a piece of fruit each day. All children in Foundation stage are provided daily with free fruit. Daily milk is free to children under five. After your child's fifth birthday, you will be asked to pay for milk on a termly basis.

After this social time, the children will enjoy playtime outside with the rest of Key Stage 1. Following playtime, the children will gather together on the carpet where we will focus on one of the areas of learning and explore activities, as above.

At 12 noon, everyone gathers in the school hall for Family Dining. Children sit very quietly in mixed age groups and the older children help the little ones. School meals are free for every child in Key Stage 1 (but your child may bring packed lunch if preferred). The lunches are freshly prepared in our kitchen, with a wonderful and varied menu including hot lunch, vegetarian, jacket potato with various fillings or a sandwich. Children may switch between meal options daily.

The afternoon session begins at 1pm, with registration and a further 'carpet' session. We have two weekly sessions of PE (days to be confirmed).

We are aware that the school day is quite long for Reception children and we plan for this, such as having a quiet story towards the end of the day. At 3pm, the school day ends and your child will leave via the classroom door. We will only send your child out if we can see who is collecting him or her. Please be on time to collect your child. If you are likely to be late, please telephone the school so that your child can be reassured. You should also let school know if an adult other than yourself is coming to collect your child.

Please follow the link - <https://st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk/classes/> to find out more about the learning in Reception / Year 1



Communication, Language and Literacy

We hope to build strong relationships with our children and we are always keen to hear their news and stories. We will develop vocabulary and language skills through our different topics and play and provide opportunities for children to speak in different situations. Your child will learn the skills necessary to begin early reading and writing. We teach Read, Write, Inc. (phonics)* every day through songs, games and actions. This enables children to pick up the letter sounds very quickly. Your child will bring home a 'sound book' to share with you.

We encourage children to enjoy books and, during the first weeks of school, they will come home with a library book and reading games (we recommend you purchase a book bag from our uniform supplier). Please enjoy the activities but be sure to return them to school the following day so that we can work with them.

A meeting will be arranged in the Autumn term, when we can discuss how we develop reading in school and how you can further support your child at home.

*Please visit www.ruthmiskin.com

Maths Mastery

At St Ann's. we use the Mastery* approach to teaching maths. Your child will begin the Mastery journey in Reception class, continuing throughout school. We believe the Mastery approach to Maths develops your child's mathematical understanding, thinking, language and problem solving skills which, in return, deepen their conceptual understanding. Maths is fun, exciting and purposeful for all our children.

*Please visit www.mathematicsmastery.org