



Executive Headteacher:
Mr John Devlin

Head of School:
Mrs Katie Mitchell

Reception Class Prospectus

Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School.



Our School Mission Statement



At Our Lady of Victories Primary School, we are committed to developing a diverse community of excellence driven by the values of love, forgiveness, trust and acceptance.

With Christ at the centre of all learning we will inspire every individual to have the confidence to develop their unique potential and be a responsible, effective member of society.

We offer a school that is: safe, creative and exciting. Together we will achieve in God's love.

Our Early Years Ethos



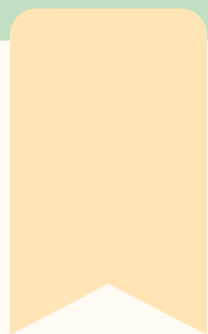
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WHERE PLAY IS THE ROOT OF
OUR LEARNING

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Within our Early Years department, we believe that **play is the root of our learning.**

As a team, we enable the children to **'Achieve together in God's Love'.**



We are proud to be an
ELKLAN Communication
Friendly Early Years
Setting.



Nationally accredited by Elklan and OCN London



Our Reception Team

Class size: 30 children.



Miss R Peers
Early Years Leader /
Teacher



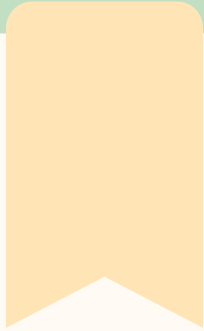
Miss S Brown
Nursery Nurse



Miss S Ward
Early Years
Practitioner



Mrs R Bashir
Early Years
Practitioner



School Leadership

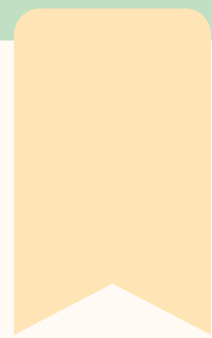


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The EYFS Curriculum



Our Early Years Curriculum covers the 7 areas of learning as set out in Development Matters.

1. Communication & Language
2. Physical Development
3. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the world
7. Expressive Arts & Design

We enable opportunities for children to develop their Characteristics of Effective Teaching & Learning when learning through play.

We enable environments to ensure that children are appropriately challenged in their learning.





Phonics & Early Reading



We use a systematic synthetic phonics programme called **Supersonic Phonic Friends** which is a validated programme by the DfE.

SUPersonic Phonic friends

In Reception Class, we consolidate the Firm Foundations of Phonics and teach Basics 2 and Basics 3. This continues as children enter Key Stage 1.



We aim for children to be independent readers of CVC words and simple sentences.



Religious Education

At Our Lady of Victories Primary School, we are a Catholic School.



We follow an RE programme, called the '**Lighting the Path**'.
We engage in weekly RE lessons, whole school and class worships and daily prayers.

We introduce the children to the **Catholic Social Teaching** characters which shows them how our Catholic faith guides our actions.

The Curriculum covers:

- Creation and Covenant
- Prophecy and Promise
- Galilee to Jerusalem
- Desert to Garden
- To the End of the Earth
- Dialogue and Encounter





A Typical Day in Reception



8.45 - 8.55am = Doors open. Self-registration & morning activity.

8.55 - 9.05am = Welcome song, Register and morning prayers.

9.05 - 9.30am = Teaching Input.

9.30 - 11.00am = 'Get Busy' time. Children to engage in provision activities (inside and outside), adult-led activity taking place.

11.00 - 11.20am = Phonics

11.20 - 11.25am = Toileting

11.25 - 11.35am = Story time.

11.35am - 12.30pm = Lunchtime

12.30 - 12.45pm = Handwriting

12.45 - 1.00pm = Teaching Input.

1.00 - 2.45pm = 'Get Busy' time. Access to Indoor and Outdoor provision

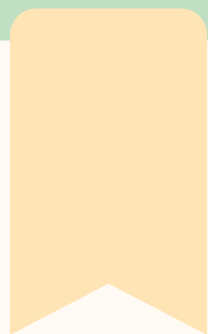
2.45 - 3.00pm = Circle time

3.00 - 3.10pm = Story time

3.10 - 3.15pm = Get ready for home.

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Starting School



Transition Arrangements

- A visit will be made to your child's current Nursery to meet them in a comfortable setting.
- If your child does not attend a Nursery, a home visit will be arranged.

Welcome Meeting

- Parents / carers will be invited to a Welcome to Reception meeting in June.
- Starter packs will be handed out at this meeting and important information will be discussed in the presentation.

Transition Visits

- Your child will be invited to attend a morning transition visit in July.
- They will attend from 9.15am - 12pm.

Staggered Start - September

- In September, we stagger the start to school.
- Your child will attend for $\frac{1}{2}$ a day on their first day: 8.45am - 12pm.
- They will then be full time from Day 2.



Starting School

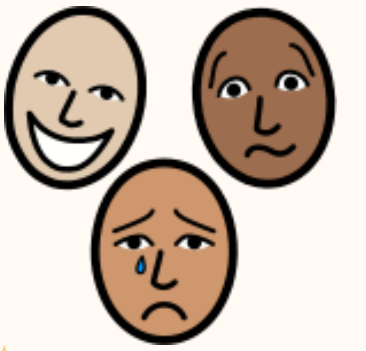


We will provide you with a range of supportive documents to work through with your child at home.

- 50 things to do before you're 5 (starting Reception booklet).
- DfE - The Potty Training Guide (if required).
- DfE - Starting Reception.
- <https://fyi.bradford.gov.uk/receptionready/small-steps-to-starting-school/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/starting-school-curation>



Behaviour and Wellbeing



At Our School, we promote a positive behaviour approach and follow a restorative behaviour policy which is inclusive to all children.

We offer emotional wellbeing support to children and teach the children about different emotions and how to support their well-being in different situations.

We follow two programmes:

- **My Happy Mind**
- **The Good Morning Club**



We support the children to build friendships with their peers both in class and in other year groups.

We follow '**Virtues to Live By**' and teach the children about a virtue per week.





Uniform



School uniform

- Green jumper / cardigan (with approved school logo on)
- White t-shirt (with the approved school logo on)
- BLACK school trousers / skirt or salwar kameez.
- Green and white checked dress (summer time).

White trousers may be worn underneath and/or black shorts.

- Black, white or grey socks.
- Black school shoes (NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS).
- OLV logo book bag.

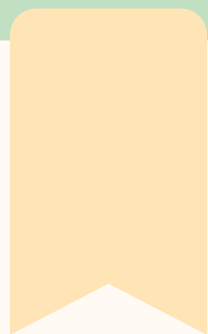


Outdoor uniform

- Wellies
- Waterproof suit (all-in-one)
- Black Pumps



NO JEWELLERY TO BE WORN, STUD EARRINGS ONLY.
NO FASHION TATTOOS TO BE WORN.



Snack / Lunch



School Dinners

Children in Reception class are entitled to '**Universal Meals**'. This means that they can have a school lunch for free. There is a three weekly menu which offers both a hot and cold meal option daily. **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.**



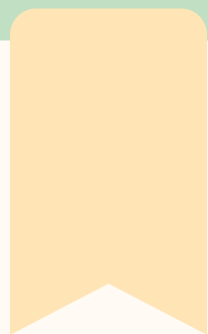
Snack

Children in Reception have access to snack daily (fruit and milk/water). All staff who work in Early Years are First aid / Food and Hygiene Safety trained. Children are supervised at all times. Children are entitled to FREE milk at the age of 4. When they turn 5 years old, there is a cost for children to receive milk.



We kindly ask for a donation of £1 per week (cash) and three pieces of fruit to contribute towards snack so that we can offer a range of snack options to children.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION / FOOD ALLERGY, DETAILS ABOUT THIS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE YOUR CHILD STARTS ATTENDING SCHOOL.



Drop off / Pick up



Drop off

- The Reception door opens at 8.45am.
- The door closes at 8.55am.
- If the door is closed and there is no adult at the door, please go to the main office to sign in and explain the reason for being late. Your child will receive a late mark if they arrive to school after 8.55am.

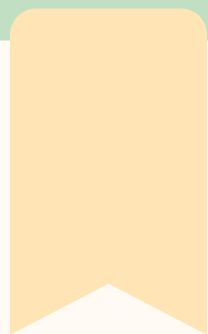
Picking up arrangements

- The Reception door opens up at 3.15pm. The door closes at 3.20pm.
- We ask parents to complete a 'picking up' form. Only people who are on this list can pick up.
- We ask for each child to have a password for collection.
- Only people aged 16 or over can pick up.
- If you need to make alternate arrangements, please inform us on the day.



Breakfast Club

- Booking is required.
- Doors open at 7.45am and closes at 8.15am.



Assessment



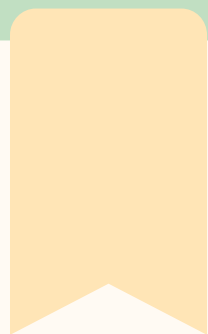
Reception Baseline

- The government require all children in Reception class to take part in the Reception Baseline assessment. This is two activities that last for around 10 minutes and take place using practical resources and an iPad.
- This is conducted within six weeks of starting Reception class.
- You will receive a narrative report from your child's Baseline Assessment.
- Further information can be found on:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>



Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

At the end of Reception, an assessment is completed for your child against 17 areas of learning to see if they meet the **Early Learning Goals**. This data is then sent to the government and tracks their progress throughout school. You will receive a report to state whether your child has 'achieved' or 'not achieved' these goals.



Inclusion and SEND



We welcome all children, including those with special education needs, to be included within our Early Years department.

We make adaptations within our curriculum to suit children's individual needs. For some children, a personalised curriculum is created to ensure that it is appropriate to their attainment and is suitably challenging and progressive. We use Widgit and Makaton as communication methods in our setting.

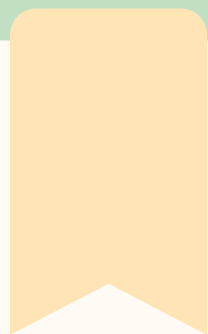
We use alternate assessments for children who are delayed in their learning:

- Early Years Development Journal
- Every Child a Talker

We work closely with our SENCO in school and also specialist teachers from Bradford Council, speech and language therapists and other professionals e.g. physiotherapists, occupational health, dieticians etc.

If your child has any additional needs, please inform us as soon as possible.





Parent Partnership



We use a range of apps to communicate with parents.

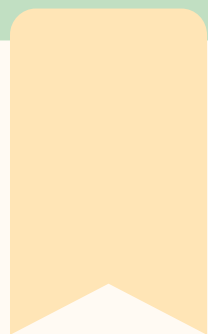
- Parent Pay = this is used for payments. We only access online payments. NO CASH.
- Arbor = this is used for messages and communications. You can also see information about your child's attendance here.
- Tapestry = this is used in Early Years to share learning observations (both home and school).

We will share monthly newsletters of Keighley Hub dates / activities that are happening.

We have two parent consultations evenings per year.

We invite parents to 'Stay & Play' sessions in Early Years.





Contact Information



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