



# Welcome to St Charles' Catholic Primary School

## Useful information for starting Early Years

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# Hello from Happy Days Club

Happy Days Club Ltd.



# What we do

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 → Happy Days Club is based on-site and we've been operational since November 2021 at St Charles' Catholic Primary School.

 → Our term-time opening hours are:

**Breakfast: 7:30 – 8:50 > £7.50**

**After school: 15:20 – 17:45 > £14**

We also run a holiday club from 8:00 - 16:00 in all school holidays except Christmas.

 → To date we run with an 80% permanent place rate across the school year with 20% purposefully left open to offer ad-hoc bookings.

# Why we're different



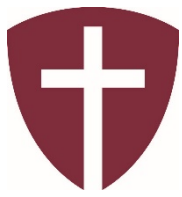
## *Quality childcare matters*

We set up Happy Days Club as an extension of the learning environment where we can contribute to a child's holistic development, promote physical health, and provide a safe and supportive environment for children.



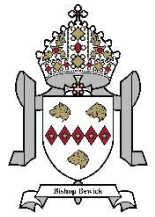
## *Book and Pay online*

As parents we know how busy things can get, with our online booking tool, you can check our availability, book a place online up to 23:00 the previous day and pay for your session using a Credit / Debit Card.



# Early Years Curriculum Meeting

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More information is available on our school website and you are also be invited to a curriculum meeting on **Monday 8 September at 3.20pm** in school.





# Enabling Children to Manage Risk

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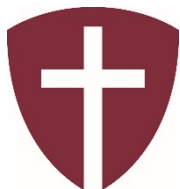


We support children to manage their own risks through direct teaching and sensitive interventions.

We develop children's skills from a young age so children become self-reliant when they are older.

We carry out daily risk assessments and involve our children so they are continually learning to manage their own risks.

We take every care to ensure children's safety. However, even in the best outstanding setting, sometimes children can fall and hurt themselves. Part of our job as educators is to explain this to them.



# Reading Curriculum

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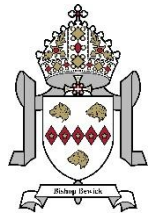
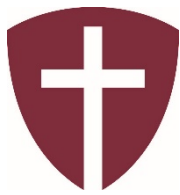
**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

Phonics is taught in Nursery and Reception class.

In Reception class the children are grouped according to the sounds they know and how fluent they can read.

Fluency is key in early reading. Children in Reception will be sent home books that they can read on their own – matched to their phonics level.

Library books go home each week. Children may need support when reading these stories.



# Sharing the Journey

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Starting Nursery/Reception questionnaire

Open door policy - Speak to class teacher in the first instance

Parents evenings

End of year report

Tapestry





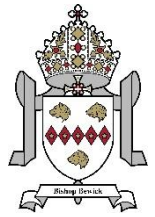
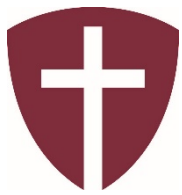
# Tapestry

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- An Online learning journal system
- Staff record children's progress and activities using tablet devices and PCs
- Parents can view their child's journal on mobile devices and on their home computers, and can make observations of their own using a secure login system
- A password is required to access Tapestry, and parents can only view observations of their own children
- Hosted on secure cloud servers within the EU
- Tapestry uses the same encryption as online banking

More information and permission slips are included in your welcome pack and staff will be more than happy to assist you with any queries.





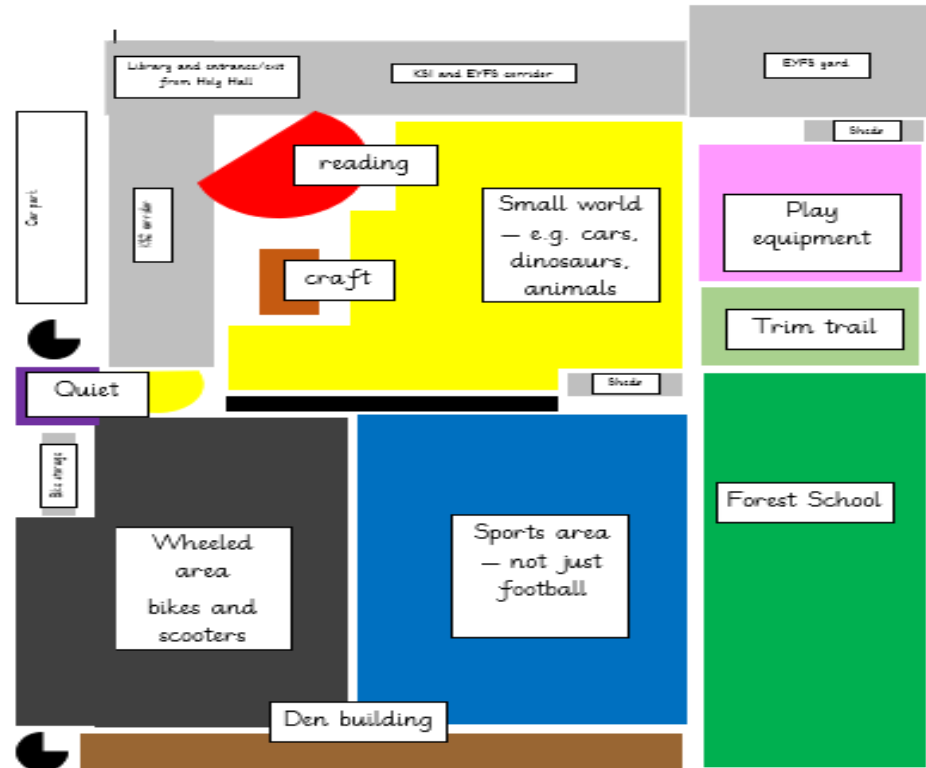
# OPAL

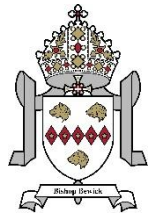
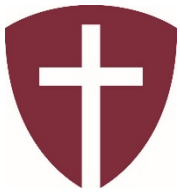
## Outdoor Play and Learning

We offer a Play curriculum over the lunch hour.

Reception will stay in the Early Years Outdoor area during Autumn term and will access OPAL once they are ready.

There is a noticeboard outside the school and further information can be found on the website.





# Forest School

We will be using the Forest School site across our curriculum and when we can e.g. maths using natural objects, story times, RE liturgical prayers, children's interests like mini beasts.

Nursery and Reception will have access to Forest School activities with some joint sessions too!

Reception will also have access during lunchtimes when they are accessing OPAL zones.

Extra-curricular Forest School club for KS1 and KS2.





# Lunch

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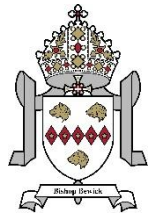
School meals are provided through universal infant free school meals for Reception class.

Nursery meals currently cost £2.70 per day, however this may increase. Children can bring their own packed lunch, but must remain on the same meal pattern for the full term.

Menus are displayed around school and can be accessed via the school website.

Please inform school of any allergies. Staff will inform you if your child is not eating.





# Uniform – label all clothing

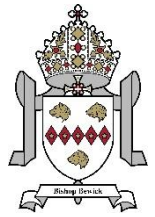
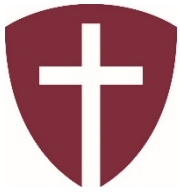
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## **Nursery class**

- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts
- White polo shirt and royal blue school jumper/cardigan
- Pale blue gingham summer dress
- No PE kit required

## **Reception class**

- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts
- White polo shirt and maroon school jumper/cardigan
- Pale blue gingham summer dress
- PE Kit - Navy tracksuit trousers/shorts, navy hoody, blue school t-shirt, plimsolls and outdoor trainers. PE kit is not required until January. The staff will make you aware which day later in the Autumn term. On PE day children wear their PE uniform to school instead of their normal school uniform.
- Water bottle.
- Available from Tots to Teams and a small selection of second hand items available from school.



# Uniform – book bag

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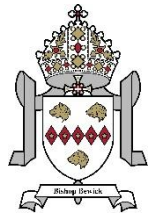
Due to limited storage, your child should only bring into school a book bag, when they move into Year 3 (Key Stage 2) a small backpack.

Wellington boots / old school shoes for OPAL can be stored in school.



**BOOK BAG BURGUNDY (QD51)**

from £7.74



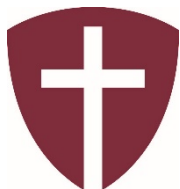
# Structure of the School Day

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## The school day:

8.40am	Classroom doors open
8.50am	School day begins
11.30am -12:30pm	Nursery lunch
12.00 - 1.00pm	Reception lunch
3.20pm	School day ends





# Reception Daily Routine

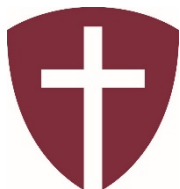
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Children are dropped off at the door in the Early Years outdoor area.

Some children walk across the yard independently from the drop off zone or with siblings / peers. Staff do supervise the yard.

Collection of your child will be from the classroom door to a known adult.





# Nursery Daily Routine

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Children are dropped off and picked up from class through the Early Years outdoor area.

The Nursery day starts at 8.50am and doors open from 8.40am.

Nursery day ends at 3.20pm.

Wednesday lunch time - the main school entrance is used for pick up at 11.30am and drop offs at 12.45pm (part time hours).