


Joanne, Julia and
Jack are coming to
St Joseph's Catholic
Primary School



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& Nursery

What happens when I get to school?

When you come to school, you will say goodbye to your grown-ups at the gate. Your teacher will be waiting to meet you.

Then you go into school and put your coat and bag in your locker.

Jack is putting his coat and bag away.

"I know this is my locker as I can see my photo and my name on the door," he says.

If you go to Nursery, you will go into your classroom, find your name card and put it on the board.

If you are in Reception, you will write your name on the white board.



We start the school day by making the sign of the cross and saying our school prayer:

This is our school, let peace be found here.

Let the rooms be full of happiness.

Let love abide here, love for one another, love for God.

Let us remember that as many hands build a house so many hearts make a school. Amen.

Can you say the school prayer?

What will I do in school?

You will have lots of fun playing with your friends.

You will enjoy:

- sharing books and stories in the cosy reading area
- drawing, painting and creating models
- playing with the small world play items
- dressing up and playing in the role play area
- learning letters, sounds, numbers and shapes

Julia is telling the story of the Billy Goats Gruff with her friends, George and Edward, and with help from their teacher.

“Trip, trap, trip, trap,” says Julia as her billy goat stomps over the bridge.



Everyone can use the Hobbit House. Today Joanne is having a tea party with Milo and Sam.

“These croissants are so tasty,” says Sam as they pretend to chomp on the play food.

What do you like doing with your friends?

What else will I do in school as I get older?

You will have lots of fun with your teacher, with your friends and sometimes by yourself.

You can:

- learn to write your letters and numbers
- read books
- play in the performance area
- make music with musical instruments
- build in the construction area

...and lots more

Jack is practising writing with his friend Maria. Do you know what they are writing?



Jack is bouncing on the trampoline with Sophia.

"This is so much fun," says Sophia.

Jack is building a car with Anna and Anthony.

"Do you think we can make it any bigger?" asks Jack.



What can you do already?

What if I need the toilet?

If you need to go to the toilet, just let your teacher know.



If you are in Nursery, a teacher will always be there to help you when you go to the toilet. If you are in Reception, you will go by yourself but let your teacher know if you need help.

Joanne has been to the toilet and remembered to flush. Now she is washing her hands with soap and warm water. She likes the noise that the hand dryer makes.

If you have a toilet accident, don't worry. Just tell a teacher and they can help.



Can you go to the toilet by yourself?

What if I am hungry or thirsty?



You can help yourself to a snack at the snack table and a drink anytime you feel hungry or thirsty. Always remember to wash your hands before you have something to eat.



At lunchtime, your teacher will take you to the hall for your lunch.

Before you have your lunch, you will say a prayer to thank God.



There is always a salad bar and two choices of hot lunch including a vegetarian option. The food is healthy and delicious, and we know you are going to love it.



Julia is collecting her lunch and then she is going to sit with her friends. She knows that if she needs any help, there are always kind adults in the hall to look after her and her friends.



What is your favourite food?

What happens at the end of the day?

At the end of the school day, you will help the teachers put everything away and tidy up.

Then you will sit on the carpet and listen to a story, sing a song or have 'Show and Tell'. Show and Tell is where you can bring something special in from home and tell your friends all about it.

You may also sit around a table and talk about what you have learnt that day. Jack is telling his teacher about what he has learnt about kindness.



When it is time to go home, you will fetch your coat and bag from your locker. You will take home your reading book every day to look at with your grown-ups. You may also get chosen to take home a prayer bag and your grown-ups can put photos in it of you saying your prayers at home.

You will say a prayer before you go home.

Your teacher will go to the classroom door and when they see your grown-up outside, they will call your name. Then you can go home with your grown-up.

Jack is the 'Star of the Week' and today is Friday so he is taking the class bear home. On Monday, he will tell the class about all the adventures he has had with the bear.

"Hello, Mum," says Jack. "I have had so much fun today. I am bringing the bear home. I am going to draw a picture of him in the class bear book to show the fun we have," he says.

"He can help me read you your bedtime story too," says his mum.



Are you looking forward to starting school?

Joanne, Jack and Julia love coming to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. They are learning, loving and growing with God at the centre.

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