

St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Yate

Raising God's Children to Distinction

What happens when I get to school?



Your grown-ups will bring you to the Reception Class gate and say "goodbye" to you.

Your teacher will be waiting to meet you and say "hello".

You will look for the picture on a coat hook that you picked before you started school. You will hang your coat and bag up on your coat hook.

You will also be in a Busy Bee group. There are red, yellow, blue, green, orange and purple groups. You will put your book bag in the box for your group.

Then you will go into the classroom. Lots of activities, such as Play-Doh, puzzles and games, will be laid out in the classroom for you.

When everyone has arrived, you will sit on the carpet. Your teacher will check who is in school and you will all say the morning prayer to thank God for the brilliant day you are going to have.

Dear Lord,

Bless our school, that working together and playing together, we may learn to serve you and serve one another.

Amen

Do you know your colours?

Sometimes you will do activities with your teacher and sometimes with your friends or by yourself. You can do outdoor activities whenever you want to. You will have lots of fun learning and making friends as you play.



Mia is looking at a book with her teacher.

"What can you see in the picture?" asks the teacher.

"I can see a rainbow and the sun," says Mia.

Ajay is practising some letter shapes.

"My name starts with an A," he says. What letter does your name start with?



Past and Present



Pirate Ship

The children are doing some gardening outside.

Sand Tray

Tuff Spots for Lego

"Our little plants haven't got any flowers yet," says Ajay.

"If we water them and look after them, I think they will have flowers soon," says Mia.

"They need to drink water like we do," says Emma.

Number Games

The children are having fun doing activities together.



What do you like doing with your friends?

What if I am hungry or thirsty?

You can have fruit and milk or water to drink at snack time in the morning.

At lunchtime, you will say Grace to thank God for your meal. Then your teacher will take you to the hall.

You will go to the counter and choose what you would like for lunch.

What is your favourite meal?



There is lots of choice and the food is

very tasty. Kind adults will give you

How will I learn about God in school?

We follow the teachings of Jesus, which helps make St Paul's a kind and loving school. We will look after you and your family.

You will pray in the morning, before lunch and before home time, which helps us remember to be thankful for everything God has given us.

We also celebrate Easter, Christmas and other religious festivals.

When you have done really well and been kind or tried hard, we love to celebrate this with the whole school on Fridays.

Ajay, Mia and Emma look after each other and love learning about God.



"It is so much fun

together," says Emma.

having our lunch

How do you look after your friends?

What happens when I need the toilet?



You can go to the toilet whenever you need to but remember to tell your teacher where you are going.

The toilets are very nearby and everything is just the right size for you.

"Please may I go to the toilet?" Emma asks.

"Yes, you can," says the teacher.
"Thank you for asking so
politely. If you need help, don't
worry. Just come and tell me
and I will help."

Emma has been to the toilet and remembered to flush.

Now she is washing her hands with soap and warm water.

"I am making my hands nice and soapy to get all the germs off," she says.

She will dry her hands before she goes back to join in the fun with her friends.

Emma practised using the toilet by herself lots and lots before she came to school, so now she feels very confident going without any help. Her grown-ups have left some spare clothes at school, just in case she needs them.



Can you go to the toilet by yourself?

What happens at the end of the school day?

When it is nearly home time, you will sit on the carpet and listen to a story. Sometimes you will show the rest of your class some of the work you have done during the day.

The children are enjoying the book about a ride in a wonderful hot-air balloon.

You will say the home-time prayer to thank God for the day you have had.



Your grown-ups will be waiting outside to collect you. Your teacher will stand at the door and when they see your grown-ups, they will tell you that you can go.

"Goodbye," Emma says to her teacher. "I have got a book in my reading folder," she tells her mum.

"Great. We are going to read the books you bring home from school every day," her mum says.



"I am going to look at Tapestry later on and see what you have been doing at school today," she says.

"I had so much fun today. I can't wait to show you!" says Emma.

Are you looking forward to coming to school?

