St Mary and St Thomas
Church of England Primary School

Nursery
Class Handbook

2025-26

Believe, Achieve, Shine

WELCOME TO NURSERY

We would like to welcome your child to Nursery at St Mary and St Thomas Church of England Primary School. This year, like all school years, is important and we hope that your child has an enjoyable year where they are challenged and supported to enable them to grow spiritually, academically, morally and culturally.

Here is some school information that you will find useful:

Class Teacher	Miss R Bell
Class Learning Assistant	Ms T Banks
PE day	Tuesday
Home learning opportunities	• Each week, your child will choose a book from the library for you to share with them at home. • Each child will have the opportunity to look after Rosie the Rhyming Rabbit. • A half-termly homework grid will be sent home linked to the prime and specific areas of the EYFS Framework and our topic. Please complete 1-2 activities per week. This can be recorded in their book or sent via Class Dojo where appropriate. • Homework will be taken out on a Wednesday and returned home on a Friday.
Christmas Singing	Friday 12th December 9:15am
Family Learning Sessions/Stay and Play	• Maths at Home – Thursday 20th November (2:30pm) • Supporting and Regulating Behaviours – • Stay and Play – Nursery Rhymes - Autumn term – Weds 12th November (am and pm) • Stay and Play – Making Marks – Spring term – Thursday 19th March (am and pm) • Stay and Play – Celebration of Learning – Summer term - Friday 10th (am and pm)
Stay and Play	• Every term, a stay and play will be organised in which 1 adult for each child is invited into school to take part in an hour of fun filled activities with their child. The exact date and time for each stay and play will be announced on tapestry a couple of weeks before.

Rosie the Rhyming Rabbit	• Every week, a child will take Rosie the Rhyming Rabbit home. They are encouraged to sing all the nursery rhymes they know with Rosie and take her along on their journey at home with rhyming being the primary focus. A book will be in Rosie's bag for you to add pictures and text about your child's rhyming journey with Rosie.
Parent Workshops	• Each half term, a parent workshop will be delivered by Miss Bell or another teacher with each workshop having a different focus. Some examples of previous workshops we have ran for nursery have been on supporting your child's maths learning at home, managing behaviours, SEND coffee mornings, encouraging independence and developing their early literacy skills through mark making. We do appreciate your attendance where possible at our workshops in order to work together to best support your child's learning and development.
Parents Evening	• Nursery have 2 parent evenings throughout the year. We hold one in Autumn 2 and another in Spring 2, followed by an end of year report that will be given out in July. Attendance at our parent meetings is very much encouraged and gives you the opportunity to look through your child's learning file and discuss any ways that you can work alongside school to support your child's learning and development.