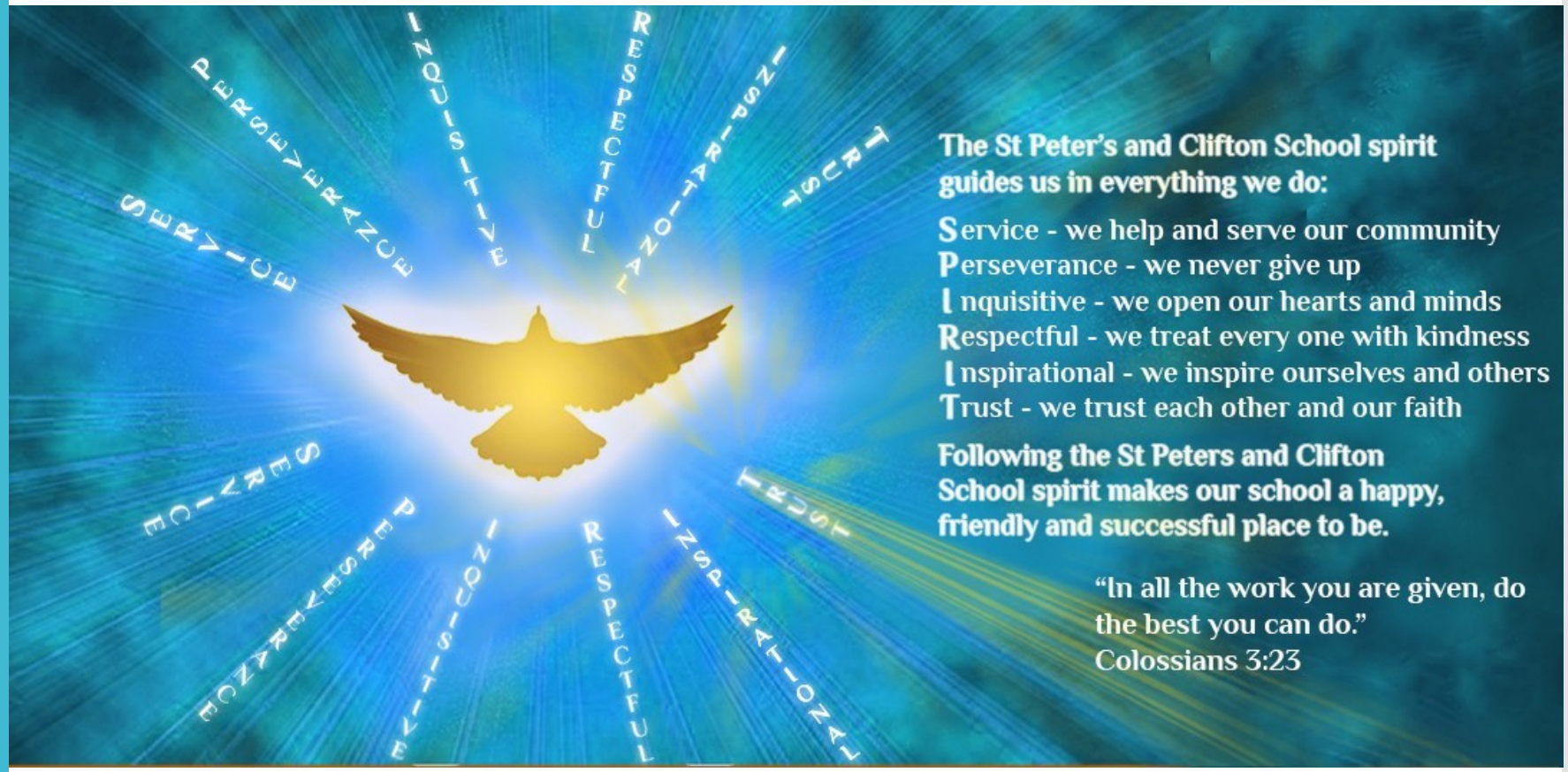
Horbury St Peter's and Clifton CE (VC) Primary School

Upper Foundation Stage new starters 2024

Our School Vision



Upper Foundation Stage Staff

Mrs Barrett - EYFS leader and Class Teacher

Apple Class

Mrs Squires - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Hobson - Class teacher and SENCo

Pear Class

Mrs Hampshire - Teaching Assistant

The school day

Doors open at 8:50am. Please make sure you arrive promptly to enable children to settle and be ready for learning as soon as possible. Children are encouraged to come into school independently.

Once children are inside the classroom, they will be supported to put their belongings away.

Children should be dropped off and collected from the green shutters outside of the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) classrooms.

The end of the school day is 3:15pm. Please wait outside of the shutters and the children will be sent out individually to their parent/carer.

Gentle safeguarding reminders:

When collecting your child, please could parents/guardians refrain from entering the classroom and wait until a member of staff has called the child's name.

*If you have asked someone else to collect your child, you **MUST** inform the school office and class teacher of this.*

The school day

The school day is a combination of adult led learning sessions and independent learning in the EYFS provision areas.

Adult led activities include;

- Daily phonics sessions
- Daily maths sessions
- Daily literacy sessions
- Small group reading practise sessions
- RE
- Music
- PE

The provision areas include;

- Reading, writing and maths areas
- Water and sand play
- Creative areas – painting, box modelling, play dough
- Home corner
- Construction areas
- Outdoor areas

Mud Kitchen
stir
full
empty
tip
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RE
Kind
Grateful

The bug hotel

spear
shield
maiden
Book of the week

plus
add
equals
time
Centipedes 100 Shoes

gravel
tyre

Your child and their learning journey

Every child has a 'Learning Journey' recorded on an assessment tool called 'Evidence Me'.

We assess children in 7 areas throughout the year.
- Personal, Social, Emotional development

-Communication and Language

-Physical development
-Literacy

-Mathematics

-Understanding the world

-Expressive arts and design

Children will take part in a balance of child led and adult led activities.

As children are learning and making their own individual steps of progress, we take photos and make observations. These are added to the Evidence Me app. Each half term you will receive an email with an update on what your child has been learning at school and evidence of the progress they have been making.

You can add to your child's learning journey by adding comments and photos to your child's Evidence Me profile.

LUNCH

SNACK

Our wonderful lunches are made on site in our school kitchen. Everyday there are four choices:

- A meat option
- A vegetarian option
- A jacket potato
- A sandwich

Staff in the setting will help your child choose their lunches each morning.

Children are welcome to bring a healthy packed lunch from home.

Children are provided with a daily healthy snack. They have access to water continually throughout the day. Milk is free until the term they turn 5. If you would like them to continue to have this after they turn 5, you will have to pay.

Our school is a nut free school. Please be aware of this when making a packed lunch for your child.

School need to be made aware of any special dietary requirements as soon as possible. The dietary requirement form in your pack needs to be filled in and sent back to the office as soon as possible.

Breakfast club

After school club

Breakfast club is open from 7:30-8:50am and your child is able to have a choice of breakfast including, toast, cereals, fruit, juice and milk.

Breakfast club is currently £5 per session. Breakfast club must be booked and paid for in advance. Please email to book: Yvonne Payne ypayne@st-peters.wakefield.sch.uk This can be a regular rolling booking or ad-hoc days but must be booked in advance.

After school club runs every school day until 6pm, we offer flexibility for parents with 3 sessions:

Early (3:15/3:25pm-4:30pm) £5
Late (4:30pm-6:00pm) £6.50
Full (3:15/3:25pm-6:00pm) £11

Children attending the late session or the full session will be given a healthy snack. This includes pizza, crumpets, wraps and pasta. This is served between 4:30-5:00pm. The menu can be seen under 'Information for parents' > 'After school club' on our website.

What does your child need?

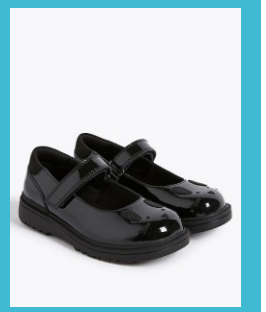
Your child should be sent to school with the following items each day.

- A **named** water bottle (Water only. No juice.)
- A book bag – Please bring this everyday to ensure we can send letters, reading books and art work home safely.

Your child will bring home a reading scheme book and a 'Reading for pleasure' book each week. They will also receive some short homework tasks each Friday to consolidate the learning that has taken place during the week.

- A coat/hat/scarf/gloves in winter months.
- A sun hat/sun cream in summer months. (Please also apply sun cream before school)
- You are welcome to send a change of clothes in a backpack to leave on your child's peg.

School Uniform



Boys

- (Winter) - Grey or black trousers, navy sweat shirt and white polo. Dark sensible school shoes.
- (Summer) - Grey or black trousers or shorts, white polo shirt.

Girls

- (Winter) - Grey skirt or pinafore dress, grey or black trousers, white polo shirt, navy sweat shirt or sweat cardigan. Dark sensible school shoes.
- (Summer) - Grey skirt or pinafore dress or trousers, white polo shirt or a blue and white checked cotton dress may be worn.

PE KIT

White t-shirt, black shorts/joggers/leggings and trainers/pumps.

Please ensure all items of uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled.

All weather clothing

As we provide continuous outdoor provision, your child will need wet weather clothing in school. This consists of:

- Wellies which can stay on the rack outside the classroom doors
- A waterproof coat with a hood
- A spare pair of clothes which can be kept on their peg in the cloakroom

We use our outdoor area daily and can get muddy in our mud kitchen and sand pit!

Baseline

All children who enter their Reception year will take part in the Reception Baseline Assessment.

It is a short (approx. 20 minutes), practical assessment focusing on the children's early literacy, communication, language and mathematical skills.

It is important to note this is not a pass or fail assessment. It is a baseline of where your child is currently achieving and this will be used to inform future teaching and next steps for your child.

School Ready?

In Early Years, we actively encourage the children to be as independent as possible, starting with their first day in school.
We believe in the phrase 'Teach me to do it myself'.

You can support your child to be ready for school in the following ways.

- Encourage your child to dress themselves. Can they put their arms in their coat and fasten it up? Can they step into their trousers?
- Encourage your child to use a knife and fork when eating their dinner.
- Encourage children to go to the toilet independently.

We understand all children learn and progress at different ages and stages, however, helping your child with these aspects will support them in their transition into full time school.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

At Horbury St Peter's and Clifton Primary School we work hard to create a caring, stimulating and inclusive learning environment where every child can develop morally, socially, academically and physically to fulfil their full potential, becoming independent learners and confident individuals.

We recognise that some children, at some time in their school life, require additional support for a variety of reasons.

In school we have a SEND team who you can contact if you have any concerns about your child.

Hannah Hobson – SENCo

You can find more information about SEND on our website under 'Our Vision > Special Educational Needs and Disability'.

Attendance

At Horbury St Peter's and Clifton Primary School, we recognise that the relationship between attendance and achievement appears early.

Good attendance and punctuality helps children to achieve academically, gain self-confidence, develop a sense of belonging and maintain friendships.

To avoid an absence due to lateness, please ensure your child arrives to school on time. If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or a medical appointment, you must contact school, before 9:30am, on the first day of absence.

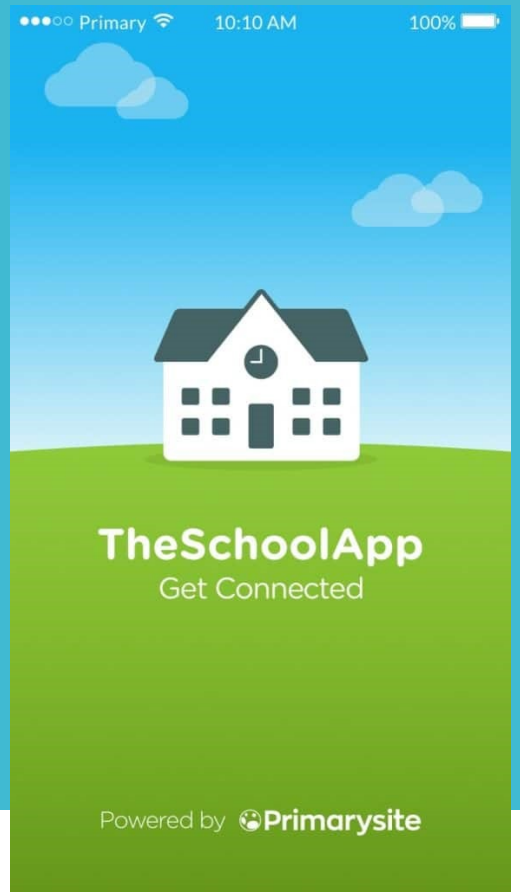
Key contacts:
Mrs Weaver / Mrs Shepherd – Learning Mentor, Safeguarding

Mrs Rodgers - Attendance

Medical

- If your child has any medical needs or allergies, it is essential that you let the office know as soon as possible.
- If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they have fully recovered.
- If your child has sickness, please keep them at home for 48 hours as it is easily spread to other children and staff.
- **Please phone the school as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent.**

Information for parents



Information will be shared through:

- Weekly Friday Flyer
- School website
- App notifications
- School Twitter Page

Contact

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Apple class - Kay Barrett – kbarrett@st-peters.wakefield.sch.uk

Pear class - Hannah Hobson – hhobson@st-peters.wakefield.sch.uk

Thank you for your time this evening.
We are looking forward to working with you and your children.