



Welcome to St Margaret's C of E Primary School

Nursery

EYFS Starting School Information Pack

A learning community sharing God's faith, hope and love.

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Nursery Session Times

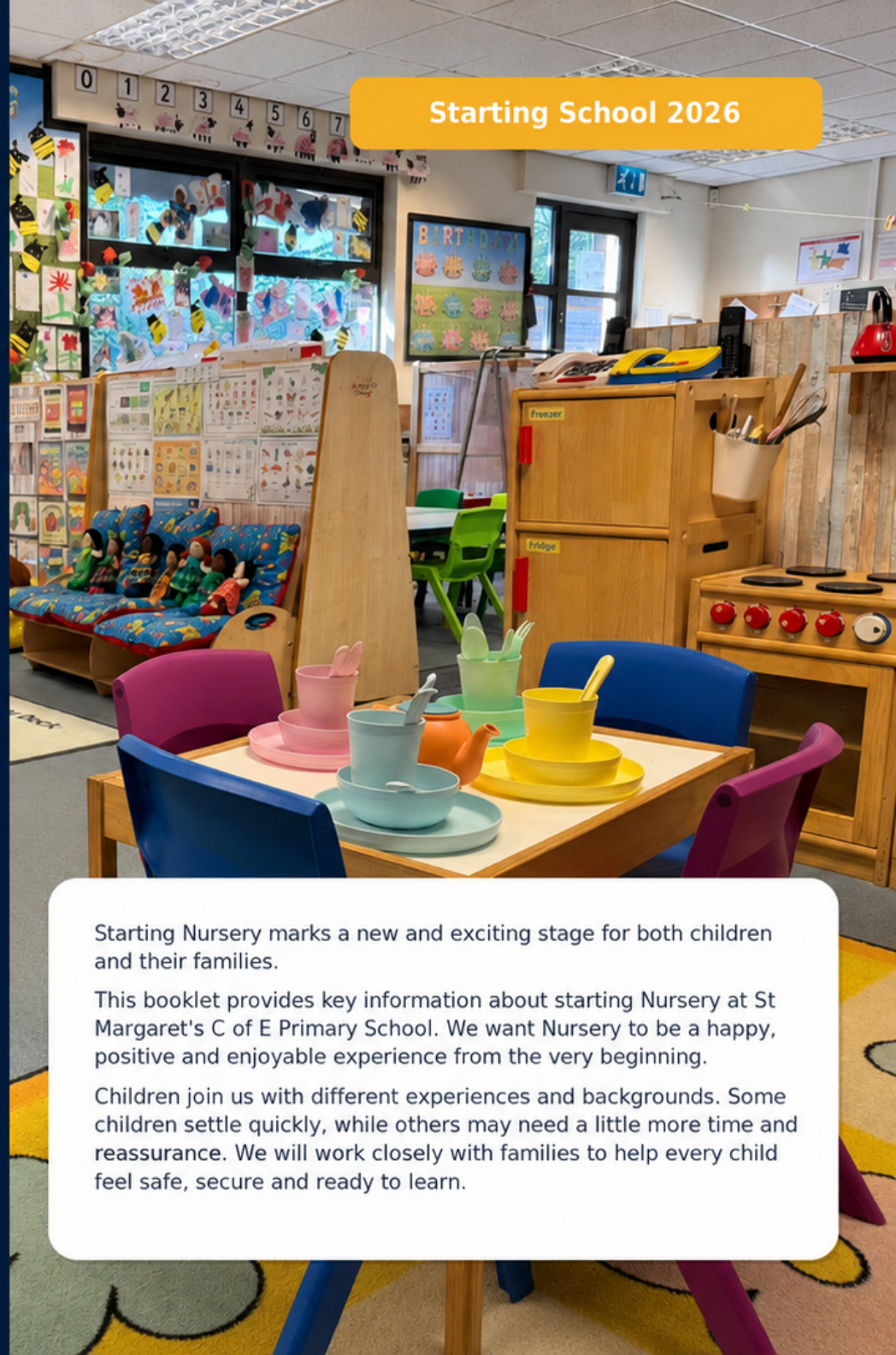
Morning session: 8.45am - 11.45am

Afternoon session: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

All-day session: 8.45am - 3.30pm

Please arrive on time, but not too early, as staff need time to prepare the classroom and outdoor learning areas.

Starting School 2026



Starting Nursery marks a new and exciting stage for both children and their families.

This booklet provides key information about starting Nursery at St Margaret's C of E Primary School. We want Nursery to be a happy, positive and enjoyable experience from the very beginning.

Children join us with different experiences and backgrounds. Some children settle quickly, while others may need a little more time and reassurance. We will work closely with families to help every child feel safe, secure and ready to learn.



Arrival, collection and safety

Parents and carers are asked to collect children promptly at the end of their session, as young children can become upset if they are left waiting.

If you are going to be delayed for any reason, please telephone the school office as soon as possible.

Children must be brought into school and collected by an adult. If someone different is collecting your child, please inform a member of staff.

A password will be requested from you and this will be kept for the year. Anyone collecting your child will need to know this password.

The safety of children on the way to and from school remains the responsibility of parents and carers.

EYFS Curriculum

In Nursery, children learn through the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. There are seven areas of learning and development. These areas are all important and closely connected.

Prime areas: Communication and Language; Physical Development; Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Specific areas: Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; Expressive Arts and Design.

Children learn through play, exploration, stories, songs, practical activities, adult-led learning and child-initiated play.

Curriculum links

Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

Development Matters:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/development-matters--2>



Uniform

Nursery children wear a simple, practical uniform that supports independence and allows them to play, learn and explore comfortably. Please label every item clearly with your child's full name.

Girls	Boys
Pale blue polo shirt	Pale blue polo shirt
Navy blue V-neck jumper or cardigan	Navy blue V-neck jumper
Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers	Grey trousers or shorts
Grey socks or grey tights	Black or grey socks
Black school shoes	Black school shoes

Please choose shoes that your child can manage as independently as possible. Velcro fastenings are often best for Nursery children.

Outdoor Clothing

Children have access to outdoor learning throughout the year, including when it rains. Please make sure your child comes to school with clothing suitable for outdoor play.

Children will need a waterproof coat with a hood and suitable shoes or wellies. If your child comes to school in wellies, please also send a pair of school shoes for them to change into.

In warmer weather, children should bring a sun hat and have sun cream applied before coming to school.



Toilet Training

We are always happy to support families with toilet training. However, we ask that parents and carers begin the process before children start Nursery, as this helps to reduce any additional stress or worry for the child.

Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet, including pulling clothing up and down, flushing the toilet and washing their hands.

If your child is not yet fully toilet trained, or if you have any concern, please speak to a member of staff. We will always do our best to be sensitive and supportive.

Useful website: <https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>

Spare Clothing

Accidents can happen, especially when children are settling into Nursery. Please send a spare set of clothes in a named PE-style bag if you feel your child may need them.

Nursery has a small amount of spare clothing available. If your child comes home in Nursery clothes, please wash and return them as soon as possible.

Please make sure all spare clothing is clearly labelled with your child's full name.

What should children try to do for themselves?

Starting Nursery is an important step towards independence. There are many ways that parents and carers can support children before they start. Children should be encouraged to:

- Put on their coat and try to fasten it.
- Put on their shoes and manage simple fastenings. We do not expect Nursery children to tie shoelaces. Slip-on shoes or Velcro fastenings are ideal.
- Use the toilet, flush it and wash and dry their hands.
- Use a tissue to wipe or blow their nose.
- Cover their mouth when coughing.
- Ask an adult for help when they find something difficult.

These skills take time to develop, and staff will continue to support children as they become more independent.

Healthy Snack

During each Nursery session, children are offered a healthy snack, usually consisting of milk or water and fruit or vegetables.

Please let staff know if your child has any allergies, dietary requirements or cannot drink milk.

Children are welcome to bring a named water bottle each day. Water bottles must contain water only - no juice please. This helps us to keep all children safe, especially those with allergies.

Health and Illness

If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will contact you so that your child can be collected.

Please make sure school has up-to-date contact details for parents, carers and an emergency contact. This should include the name, address and telephone number of someone who could collect your child if we are unable to contact you.

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are better. Please telephone or email the school office before 9.00am to let us know that your child will not be attending Nursery.

Please do not use ClassDojo to report your child's absence.



How can parents help?

Parents and carers play a very important role in helping children to be ready for Nursery. You can help by:

- Talking to your child during everyday routines, such as shopping, walking, cooking or playing.
- Playing simple games together, such as matching games, pairs, I Spy, turn-taking games or ball games.
- Reading stories, singing songs and saying nursery rhymes.
- Encouraging your child to draw, paint, colour, build and make things using play dough or junk modelling.
- Encouraging your child to tidy up their toys and belongings.
- Helping your child to use polite words such as please and thank you.
- Supporting your child to practise putting on their coat and shoes.

Please also sign up to ClassDojo, as this is used to share photos, messages, reminders and updates about Nursery.

EYFS Structure

Nursery Class

Reception 1 - Phoenix Class

Reception 2 - Raven Class

School Address

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Useful Links

School website:

[St Margaret's C of E Primary School
Oldham - Home Page](#)

EYFS statutory framework:

[GOV.UK - EYFS statutory
framework](#)

Development Matters:

[GOV.UK - Development Matters](#)

Birth to 5 Matters:

birthto5matters.org.uk

● We look forward to welcoming your child into our Nursery family.

