

Welcome to Christ Church CofE (VA) Primary School and Nursery



Aiming High in Faith, Love and Learning



Meet the team

Mrs O'Bryan, Teacher
(Mon, Tues, Wed)



Mrs O' Bryan has been a primary school teacher for 16 years and has worked across all key stages. She was part of the Senior Leadership Team at her previous school, leading Year 2 and becoming Assistant Head Teacher. She has been here at Christ Church for 6 years and leads the subject of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) so is very keen to support the children's wellbeing and life skills throughout the school. Her other passions are reading, phonics and the value of play.

Mrs Hough, Teacher
(Thurs, Fri)



Mrs Hough has worked within Early Years since 2005 as a Support Worker, a Nursery Nurse, Early Years Practitioner and finally a Teacher. At her previous schools she has also worked in Year 2 and 6 as a Teaching Assistant, as an MSA and a primary school librarian as well as being a Governor for 4 years with responsibilities in RE and EYFS. Mrs Hough has been at Christ Church since 2016. She has a Level 2 Child Care qualification, has Early Years' Teacher Status and is a qualified librarian as well as being a qualified primary school teacher. Mrs Hough is Paediatric First Aid trained.



**Mrs Harris, Nursery Nurse
(Daily)**



Mrs Harris was a Nanny for 14 years before working in Children's Centres for 5 years. She ran Rhyme Times, Play and Learn sessions and is qualified in Infant Massage. Mrs Harris ran her own very successful Jumping Joeys for 10 years, which was a dance and movement session. She has worked at Christ Church since 2019. She has a BTEC Diploma in Childhood Studies. Mrs Harris is Paediatric First Aid trained.

**Miss Gough, MSA
(Daily)**



Miss Gough has an NQT level 2 in Teaching and Learning Support. She has worked at Christ Church School for 7 years.

Also

Mrs Vaughan
Head Teacher



Mrs Devine
Deputy Head



Mrs Croft
Early Years/KS1
Leader



We are part of the school

Foundation Stage

Nursery and
Reception

Key stage One

Year One and Year
Two

(Also in this building)

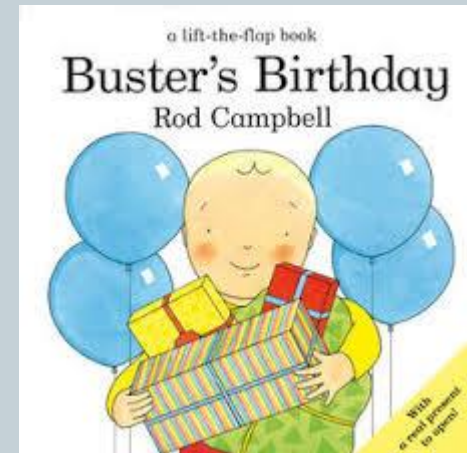
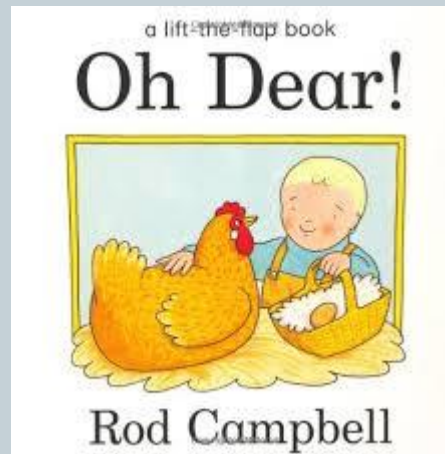
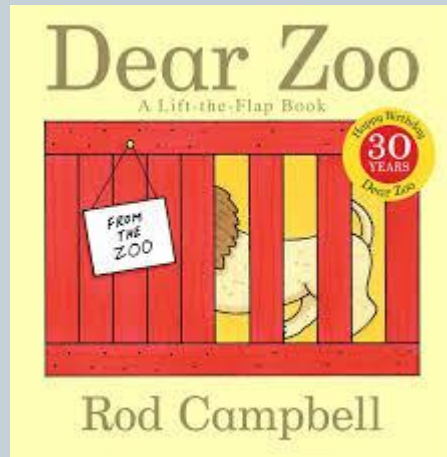
Key Stage Two

Year Three
Year Four
Year Five
Year Six



We are Campbell Class

Here at Christ Church, each class is named after an author.



Getting to know you and your child

Transition: A process not an event.

We will work with you to help your child to settle and to be confident in their new surroundings.

Each child is different and some may take a little longer to settle.

We will do this by:

- Gathering information from preschools/ child minders.
- Please complete the 'All About Me' sheet and return it.
- The children's start dates in September will be staggered (Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th).
- Later on, when children are settled, weekly 'Stay and Play sessions.' This may not be until after half term.



What will my child be learning?

Under fives follow the same EYFS Curriculum

Prime Areas of Learning	Specific Areas of Learning
Three areas are particularly important for building a foundation for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, forming relationships and thriving.	We will also support children in four specific areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied.
Personal, Social and Emotional	Literacy
Communication and Language	Mathematics
Physical Development	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design



How does my child learn?

Characteristics of effective teaching and learning

Playing and exploring - engagement

Finding out and exploring
Playing with what they know
Being willing to 'have a go'

Active Learning - motivation

Being involved and concentrating
Keep trying
Enjoying and achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically - thinking

Having their own ideas
Making links
Choosing ways to do things

Expect your child to talk about playing at school. This is an important part of their learning!



Our Daily Routine

- Carpet time
- Teacher time/Adult Led
- Daily Mile
- Learning time
- Snack and Chat
- Story/home time

Once the children are all settled you will be invited to weekly Stay and Play sessions for the first 15 minutes of your child's session.

We feel cooking offers so many different opportunities for learning. We try to do some kind of cooking or food tasting each week and we ask for a small donation of 50p per week. There is a pot in the classroom for the donations. You can pay weekly, half termly, termly or for the whole year. Again this will probably start after half term. We would love some parent helpers!



- ☺ Morning Nursery Session is 9 - 12
- ☺ Afternoon Nursery Session is 12-3
- ☺ All day session is 9-3
- ☺ When you arrive for your session please wait on the field by our wooden gate until 8.55/11.55. Please do not let your child play on the equipment.
- ☺ Please help your child wash and dry their hands and hang their coat on a peg. Then please leave your child at the door with us! (The quicker you go the easier for your little person!)
- ☺ At home time please line up outside the classroom door and the children will be sent out one at a time.
- ☺ If someone else is meeting your child, please make sure a member of the Nursery staff knows at the beginning of the day or phone the office during the day to leave a message that will be passed on.



School Uniform

- 😊 Children in our Nursery can wear either a school sweat shirt or cardigan. Please also think practically, track suit bottoms are easiest to pull up and down for the toilet. They can also chose to wear their own home clothes. No jewellery please.
- 😊 The children will get dirty! So please **do not** send them into school in brand new/expensive clothes or shoes. They will need a pair of labelled **wellington boots** to keep at Nursery.
- 😊 We do go outside whatever the weather so coat/ raincoat/ sunhat... please check the weather before you leave home!
- 😊 We would also like each child to bring a bag with spare clothes underwear and socks in in case they have an accident. Also a packet of baby wipes would be helpful and nappy bags. Because our coat pegs are outside please bring in a double carrier bag for the spares (we found the little backpacks go mouldy!) These bags stay here.
- 😊 Children must have hair tied back at all times (to prevent head lice!) Small plain hair bands only please.



School Uniform

Please label everything!! Water bottles, uniform, spare clothes, wellies and shoes.

You can buy stickers or iron on labels even water bottles
Pen does not last!

You can buy our school sweat shirts and cardigans from 'Kids Connection'. The children are in 'house colours' which are incorporated in the school logo.

Matthew - green

Mark - blue

Luke - yellow

John - red

(So make sure you buy the right colour!!)

☺ Kids Connection is based in Hertford. Tel. No. 01992 587466 or
www.kidsconnection.co.uk



What to bring everyday

- Please bring a water bottle with fresh water each day...**NO JUICE OR SQUASH.**



How we communicate with you



It is really important you set up Tapestry on your phone/IPAD. This is a great way for us to communicate with you but also for you to communicate with us.

You will receive photos and observations on here. You can upload information too.



Health

- 😊 If your child has a known health problem please let us know **BEFORE SEPTEMBER.**
- 😊 If your child has asthma/allergies, please get a spare inhaler/Epipen from the doctors and place in a clearly labelled box or bag with a photo attached to keep at school. We will ask you to fill in a care plan form.
- 😊 Please make sure we are aware of any food allergies and of any cultural or religious food restrictions.
- 😊 Should your child become ill or be hurt at any time then of course we will take the appropriate care of them and if necessary inform you and ask you to collect them from Nursery.
- 😊 Therefore, please ensure your contact details are always up to date.



Health

- 😊 Headlice - yes they do appear from time to time. Please do not be embarrassed if you discover them. Treatments are available from Pharmacies, and once treated your child can return to school.
- 😊 Sickness and diarrhoea - please if your child has either of these do not send them to school. They should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last evidence of either of these. Please support the health of the whole school by adhering to this rule. Thank you.
- 😊 If your child is absent, please call the school office in the morning and leave a message, including their name, class and reason for absence.



What you need to do...

- Complete all forms the we have provided and return to school before 8th July. **Your child can not start until we have all the relevant information.**
- Set up Tapestry
- Register on School gateway
- Order uniform (Optional)
- Purchase some wellington boots to keep at school.
- Purchase a water bottle ready for September.



Have a lovely summer and
we look forward to meeting you all in
September!

