



Welcome to the Foundation Unit at Sneinton Primary School



*Developing a passion for lifelong learning
exploring life in all its fullness
with hope and aspiration
through a world class education.*

Welcome to the Foundation Unit

We are so excited to welcome your child to the Foundation Unit. There are two classes – Foundation 1 (Nursery) and Foundation 2 (Reception) but we work closely together to ensure all children have an exciting and enriching experience at Sneinton.

Foundation 1 (Nursery)

Our F1 class attend part time in either a morning or afternoon session. There are a number of full-time places which are available to working families in receipt of a childcare code.

The session times are:

Morning: 8.45 am to 12.00

Morning children's session includes a lunch break. There is a charge for a school meal (£1.95 a meal) or your child may bring a packed lunch from home.

Afternoon: 12.15pm to 3.15pm

We want all families to feel a part of our school community and we invite parents into the unit during drop-off times to ensure their child is settled into their morning activity and to chat to staff and other parents.

Your child does not need to wear a uniform in F1; we just ask that they are dressed ready to play, create and run around. They will need weather appropriate clothing everyday as we use our outdoor space every day.

Please make sure all your child's belongings are labelled with their name to ensure nothing gets lost.

Foundation 1 Staff:



Miss Coupar
F1 Teacher



Miss Trussell
Learning Support Assistant

Reminder for F1 parents:

If you would like your children have a place in Foundation 2 next year, you will need to apply for a place in the Autumn/ Winter. We will be letting you know when you can begin the application process and we are here to help and support you through this process. Places are limited and are allocated according to the school's Admission Policy. A child or parent/carer who can demonstrate a regular or strong worshipping commitment to a Church of England Church is in the first criteria to gain a place in Foundation 2.



Foundation 2

Foundation 2 children attend all day from 8.45am to 3.15pm.

We want all families to feel a part of our school community and we invite parents into the unit during drop-off times to ensure their child is settled into their morning activity and to chat to staff and other parents.

In Foundation 2, the children have their dinners in the main school. A universal free school dinner is provided for all children but they are welcome to bring a packed lunch instead.

In Foundation 2, the children need to wear a uniform.

- Grey trousers/skirt
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Red school sweatshirt/cardigan
- Black trainers or shoes appropriate for running around outside



School sweatshirts/cardigans and reading folders can be purchased from the school office.

Please make sure all your child's belongings are labelled with their name to ensure nothing gets lost.

Foundation 2 staff:



Mrs Baldwin-Thorley
F2 Teacher and EYFS Lead



Mrs Massey
Learning Support Assistant

General information

Reading and Home Learning

- Your child will be given a plastic wallet or book bag to bring their books to school.
- We will let you know which is their reading day – please make sure their reading wallet/ bag is in school on that day.
- We will begin to let you know what else you can do at home to support your child – this might include practising key words, sounds and reading their school reading book.
- We will be running workshops to help parents support children with their reading.
- Every week we will post a video on Tapestry so you can see what your child has been learning and we will include some activities to do at home. These activities are always fun and for you to enjoy learning with your child at home – there is no pressure to complete them.

Food and drinks

- Children will be provided with a named plastic bottle for water when they start school so they do not need to bring one from home.
- Milk, fruit and toast are available for the children all day. When your child turns 5 there is a charge for milk which can be paid to the office.
- We ensure that we have all the information we need to keep your child safe so we will be talking to you about any allergies and food intolerances your child might have and as well any other food they will not be eating for religious or other reasons.
- Occasionally, children bring in sweets or treats for special occasions e.g. birthdays & festivals. Please be aware when choosing sweets to bring to school that some of the children are not allowed to eat sweets with gelatine
- **NUT FREE SCHOOL – please do not bring any nut products into school including peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches.**



Daily Routine

- Please make sure that you are on time when coming to and picking up from the Unit so that learning is not disrupted and the children arrive and leave settled. Children can become upset when they arrive late or are picked up late.
- Please let staff know if your child is being collected by a different adult.
- If your child is unwell, please call the school office to let them know.

Forest School

Every week throughout the year children have a Forest School session on the school grounds:

- Foundation 2 - Wednesday Morning
- Foundation 1 - Thursday Morning

On Forest School days, your child can come to school on a Wednesday in old clothes and bring a pair of wellies in a bag to change into.

Behaviour code

In the Foundation Unit and the school, we praise positive behaviour and have agreed three school rules.

1. Be Safe
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Ready

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?



The Early Years Foundation Stage begins when children are born and is completed at the end of Foundation 2.

Your child will spend all of the Foundation Stage in the Unit in a safe and stimulating environment.

In the Foundation Stage, the curriculum is organised into 7 areas of learning:

- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Understanding the World
- Expressive arts & Design

In our Early Years classes, children progress within a language rich environment which provides every available opportunity to use language, interact, take turns, share and talk. We believe that young children learn through play and by engaging in well-planned, structured activities, supported by adults and the environment.

We use six thematic topics to ensure children encounter a progression curriculum that builds on earlier learning and creates strong foundations for future learning in Year 1 and beyond:

- All about me
- Changing Seasons
- Safe and Well
- Living and Growing
- Ready, Steady, Go!
- Let's Celebrate

Learning Tree

Across the school each class has a Learning Tree which demonstrates to the children the skills they need to use to grow and develop in their learning journey. The branches of learning are: **Wondering, Trying, Checking, Remembering, Concentrating** and **Creating**.

How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways in which you can help your child to learn. Here are a few.

- Spend lots of time talking your child. It is important for children to be able to talk about their experiences.
- Allow your child to play. Children need to have good imagination in order to learn.
- Share books with your children. Read with them or just talk about the pictures
- Make sure you have access to Tapestry where you will be able to see the learning your child is doing
- Share the Learning Round Up videos with your child and enjoy supporting them with the home learning activity.

Our links with the Church

Sneinton C of E (Aided) Primary School is founded on Christian values and attitudes. Our school endeavours to encourage secure and caring relationships allowing everyone to develop their full potential through Christian values and a strong respect for the faiths of the world. Our school values are joy, love, unity and hope. Foundation 2 pupils attend collective worship and go to church services.

Keeping in touch

Tel: 0115 9151370



Parents' evenings are held in the first two terms term so that you can discuss your child's progress with staff members. However, if you have any concerns about your child's progress or happiness in school please come and see us.

There is a weekly school newsletter which gives information about activities and events that will be taking place across the school.

Other staff you might meet:

Mr M. Lowe	Head of School
Mrs K. Lee	Executive Headteacher
Mrs J. Walsh	Office Manager
Mrs C. Curtis	SENDCo
Mr T. Buckmaster	Attendance Officer

Thank you for reading this booklet. We hope that you have found it useful. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to ask. We will be only too glad to help.