



An Introduction to the Foundation Stage at Springhill Catholic Primary School

Transition to school in 2025

We are delighted that you are here and are looking forward to welcoming you to the Springhill family . This meeting is to share some information that you will need for the 'Stay and Play' sessions and for September. Further information can be found on the school website and in the school prospectus. There will also be opportunities to talk with staff at the 'Meet the Teacher' appointments in September.



Class Organisation

- We have 3 classes of 30 children. The classes will be named F (for Foundation) and then the initials of the teacher e.g. FDH
- There will be 1 class teacher and 1 learning support assistant for each class.
- Each class has a classroom base, but the children will also use an area in the corridor called the 'pod' and the outdoor area.



Learning in Foundation

- At Springhill, we call the reception year '**Foundation Stage**' as the children are entering their final year in the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' which starts from birth and continues until the children reach the end of their first year in school.
- The curriculum we follow is a play based curriculum which is proven to be the most effective way for children of this age to learn. More information can be found on the school website.



Starting school dates

Starting dates for the new Foundation Stage intake 2025

Meet the teacher appointments: Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September

If your child's 5th birthday falls between September and March, they will follow this pattern for starting school:

Week 1	Monday 8 th - Wednesday 10 th September	Mornings only (8.45am-11.45pm)
Week 1	Thursday 11 th and Friday 12 th September	Full time (8.45am-3.15pm)

If your child's 5th birthday falls between April and August, they will follow this pattern for starting school:

Week 1	Monday 8 th - Wednesday 10 th September	Afternoons only (12.45pm-3.15pm)
Week 1	Thursday 11 th and Friday 12 th September	Full time (8.45am-3.15pm)

What will your child need?

- school uniform
- a lunch box (if having a packed lunch from home)
- a water bottle
- a book bag (school bags are not allowed)
- PE kit
- suitable clothes for wet/hot weather as the children play outside every day
- Please label EVERYTHING (top tip – don't leave it until the night before)



Springhill School Uniform

Winter uniform can be worn all year round and has to be worn from October half term through to Easter. No boots or black trainers are allowed. School shirts can be long or short sleeved and must be worn with the school tie. The school jumper and cardigan can be worn (no other alternatives). These can be purchased at Koolskools. The school tie can also be purchased from Koolskools. Socks must be grey and tights can be maroon or grey. Strictly no backpacks are allowed in FS, Year 1 or Year 2.

Winter Uniform - Girls



Winter Uniform - Boys



Springhill School Uniform

Summer uniform is optional and can be worn between September and October half term and from after Easter.

Summer Uniform

Girls



FS, Year 1 and 2 only



Boys



FS, Year 1 and 2 only

Springhill PE Uniform

The PE kit shorts, t-shirt and PE bag can be bought from Koolskools. The PE bags come in a range of colours.

Plimsolls must be worn in KS1 and dark trainers must be worn in KS2 for PE lessons. During the winter months, please ensure children have plain black jogging bottoms and a plain black jumper (no labels such as Nike etc - these will be sent home).

PE Uniform



FS, Year 1 and 2 only



Year 3,4,5 and 6 only



School lunches

If you'd like to view your schools menu you can do this in the school menu section of our website - simply scroll down to find your school and click on the link.

Link to School

Menus: <https://www.citycateringsouthampton.co.uk/schoolmenus>



School Routines



■ Arrival at School

- The main gate is opened at 8.30am and children may come into class from this time.
- Children come into class on arrival to enjoy sharing books together.
- Registration is at **8.45am**. If you are late arriving at school, please take your child to the main office to be signed in.

■ Lunch Time

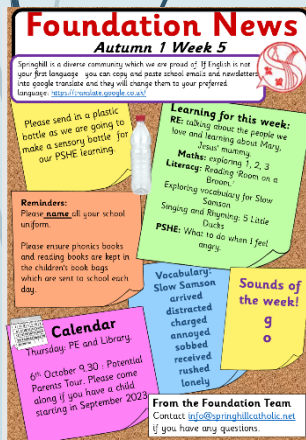
- Healthy snacks and milk are available in the morning and are provided by school.
- At 11.30am, children have lunch in the hall (either a free school meal or a packed lunch from home), then a playtime.

■ Home Time

- The main gate is opened for parents at 3.10pm.
- Children can be collected from the Foundation playground at **3.15pm**.

Communication between Home and School

- The school and Foundation specific newsletters are sent by email on Fridays.
- Please inform the school of any changes to who is collecting your child at the end of the day - we will only allow your child to leave with someone that you have told us about.
- Please ensure your child's pre-school setting has passed on any records and assessment.
- Each child will have a 'Tapestry' account for home and school to share what the children have been learning.
- There will be 2 parent consultation evenings, plus a school report at the end of the year to discuss your child's progress.
- We will hold parent events throughout the year for you to find out more information on a range of topics.



Parking



- Parking on the school site is not available to parents.
- There is limited parking in the surrounding area so please walk to school where you can.
- If you need to drive to school, please be considerate of the neighbours of the school.



First day at school

- Check whether your child is attending in the morning or afternoon session.
- Enter the school site through the main gates by the traffic lights and walk round to the Foundation playground.
- Staff will be waiting to welcome your child at the door and to help them put their belongings away in their lockers. They will then go into their classroom to enjoy sharing some books with their teacher and new friends.
- If your child is confident to come in by themselves, please do encourage this. Parents are very welcome to come into the school with them for the first few days if they need a little more reassurance.
- Don't forget your camera, but please ensure only your child can be seen in the photographs.

Stay and Play

- Arrive through the gate to the school office and wait in the quiet area
- Parents and children to enter the music studio at 1.15pm
- You will be taken over to the classrooms by the class teachers
- Parents stay in class as long as it takes to settle your child
- Parents **MUST** stay on site and can have a drink in the music studio
- You will then be taken over to collect your child from the Foundation playground at 2.45pm
- Parents and children to leave through the quiet area



Further advice for parents



7 tips to help prepare for primary school
**[https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/
how-to-prepare-your-child-for-primary-
school](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-primary-school)**