



**St Gabriel's  
Catholic Primary School  
Information for Reception Parents  
2022-23**





## Our School Mission Statement.

Saint Gabriel's is a welcoming  
school where:

We pray together, care for each  
other and learn together.

We feel safe and respected.

We try to do our best.

Everyone is treated fairly.

We have fun with our friends  
with Jesus Christ at the heart of  
our loving Catholic community.

Welcome to  
St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School



Mr Hayes  
Head Teacher



Mr Bright  
Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO



Mrs Taggart  
Assistant Head Teacher

# Arriving at School

## Meet the Office Team



Mrs Deegan  
Administrative Officer



Mrs Duff  
Clerical Assistant



Mr Swatton  
Bursar, Health & Safety



Mrs McKay  
School Liaison and Support Officer

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# Our Parish of St John the Baptist



Our Prayer Garden

Our school is a Catholic school and has at its core the Gospel Values given to us by Jesus.

All our teaching and learning develops from these values, developing your child spiritually, emotionally, socially and academically through our curriculum and school life.

## The Parish Team

Father Michael White and Father Subbu: Parish Priests  
Deacon Brian Cox

Parish Office: Silver Link Road, Glascote Heath, Tamworth, B77 2EA

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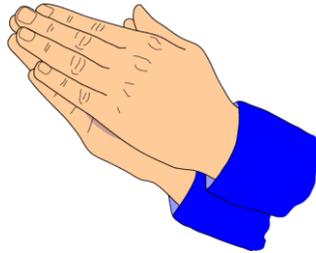
## R.E

Every day your child will learn about God the Father through stories, prayers and songs.



**How can you help?**

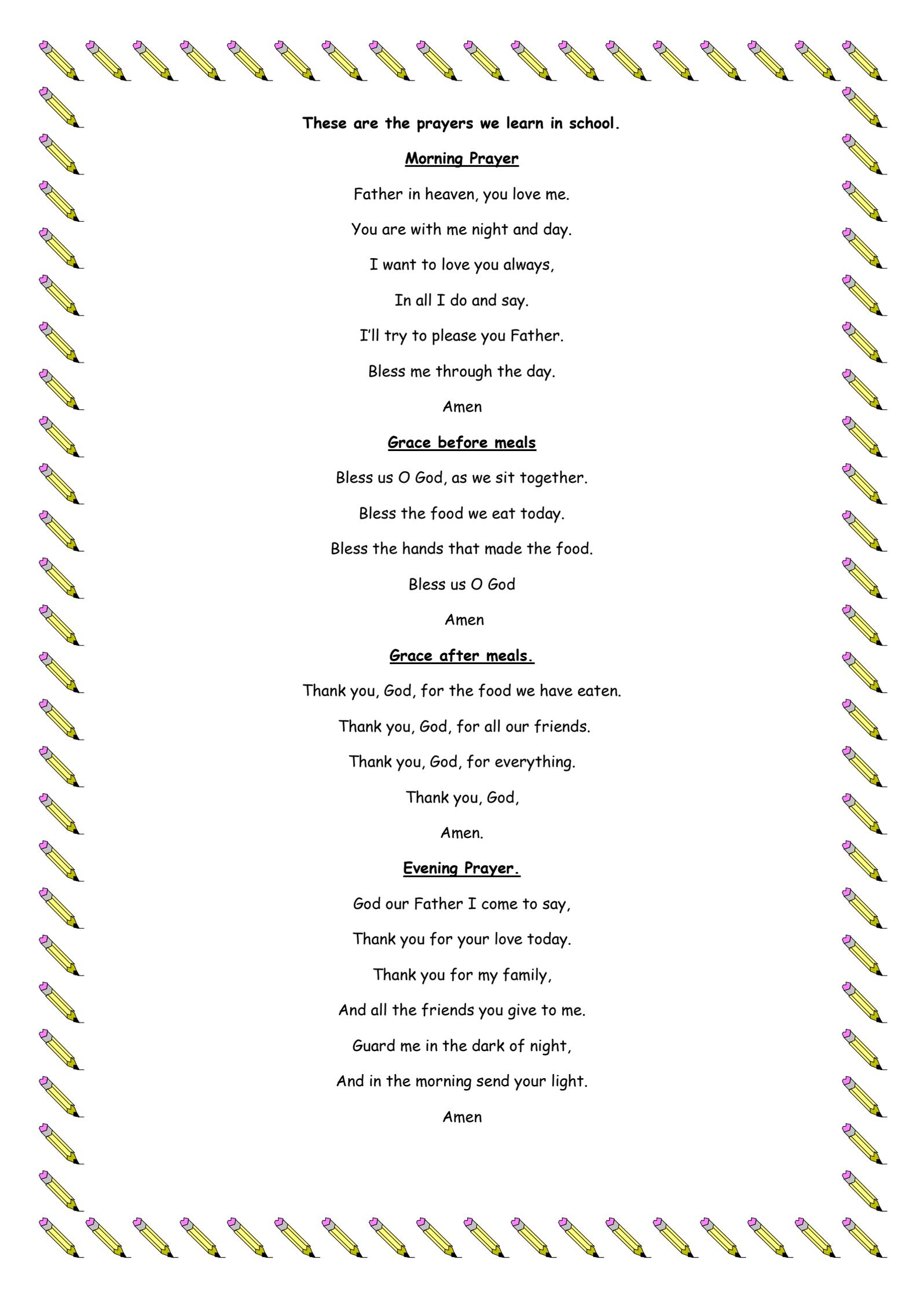
Teach your child to join their hands.



Teach your child to make the sign of the cross and to share family prayers.

Most importantly, take your child to Mass.





These are the prayers we learn in school.

**Morning Prayer**

Father in heaven, you love me.

You are with me night and day.

I want to love you always,

In all I do and say.

I'll try to please you Father.

Bless me through the day.

Amen

**Grace before meals**

Bless us O God, as we sit together.

Bless the food we eat today.

Bless the hands that made the food.

Bless us O God

Amen

**Grace after meals.**

Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten.

Thank you, God, for all our friends.

Thank you, God, for everything.

Thank you, God,

Amen.

**Evening Prayer.**

God our Father I come to say,

Thank you for your love today.

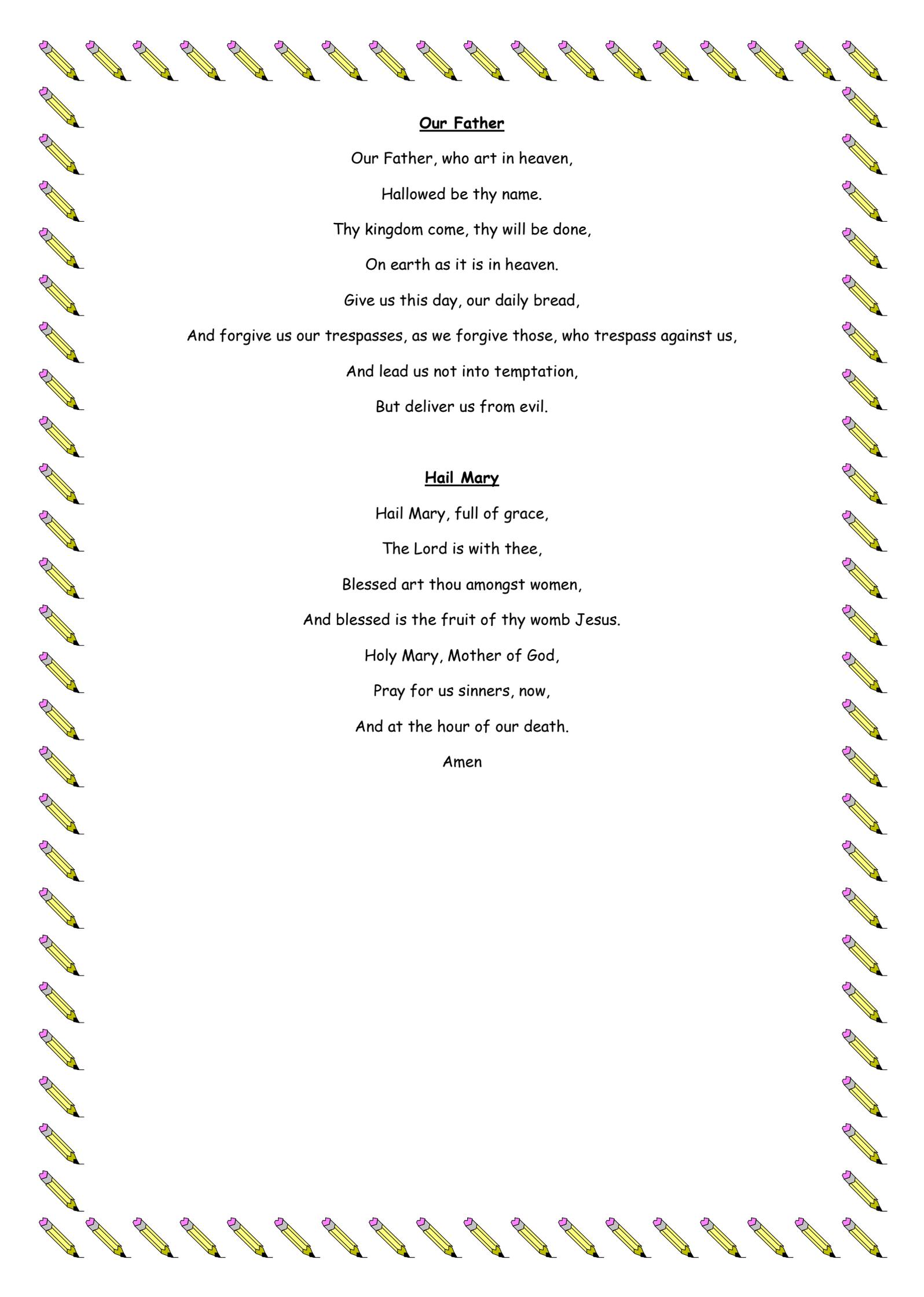
Thank you for my family,

And all the friends you give to me.

Guard me in the dark of night,

And in the morning send your light.

Amen



Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us,

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou amongst women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners, now,

And at the hour of our death.

Amen

# The Early Years Team

Your child will be taught by an experienced team of Teachers and Learning Support Assistants. They will support your child to learn through interesting and engaging activities and learning opportunities.



Mrs Coakley  
Early Years Leader  
Reception Teacher



Mrs Keeling      Mrs Dancey  
Reception Teachers



Miss Bishop  
Learning Support Assistant

# The Foundation Stage Curriculum.



Your child will learn through a combination of play, child and adult led activities following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum 2021.

The curriculum is divided into 7 areas of learning:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive Arts and Design.

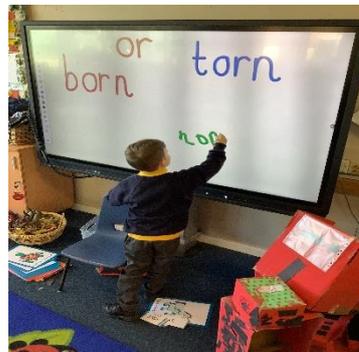


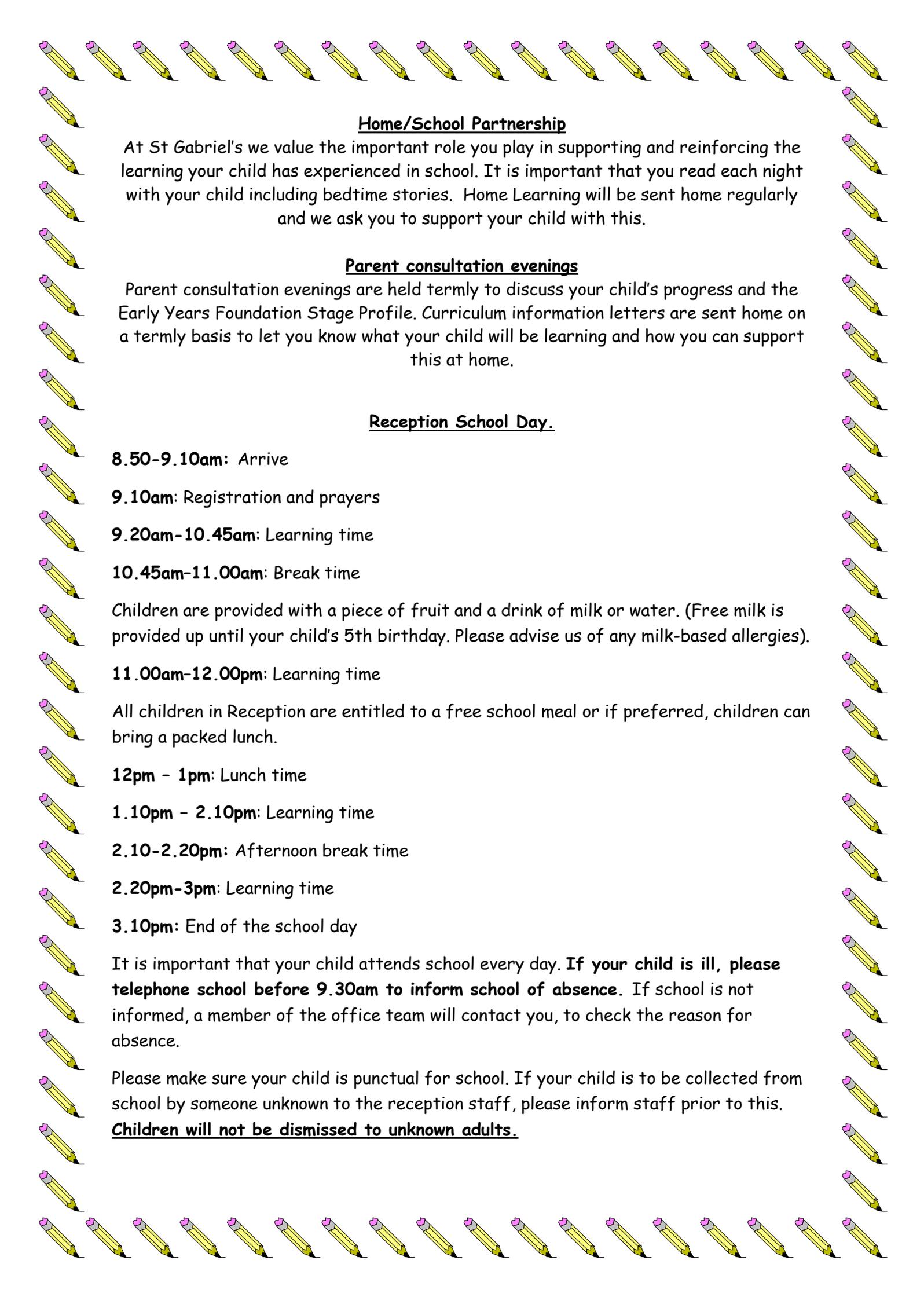
## Learning Time!

Your child will have opportunities every day to learn both indoors and outdoors. As well as Literacy (Reading and Writing), Maths and RE and based learning, children have opportunities to be creative and learn through a wide range of activities.

We have a daily Phonics session, and your child will read within a practise reading group three times a week.

Reading books and home learning tasks are sent home weekly.





### Home/School Partnership

At St Gabriel's we value the important role you play in supporting and reinforcing the learning your child has experienced in school. It is important that you read each night with your child including bedtime stories. Home Learning will be sent home regularly and we ask you to support your child with this.

### Parent consultation evenings

Parent consultation evenings are held termly to discuss your child's progress and the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. Curriculum information letters are sent home on a termly basis to let you know what your child will be learning and how you can support this at home.

### Reception School Day.

**8.50-9.10am:** Arrive

**9.10am:** Registration and prayers

**9.20am-10.45am:** Learning time

**10.45am-11.00am:** Break time

Children are provided with a piece of fruit and a drink of milk or water. (Free milk is provided up until your child's 5th birthday. Please advise us of any milk-based allergies).

**11.00am-12.00pm:** Learning time

All children in Reception are entitled to a free school meal or if preferred, children can bring a packed lunch.

**12pm - 1pm:** Lunch time

**1.10pm - 2.10pm:** Learning time

**2.10-2.20pm:** Afternoon break time

**2.20pm-3pm:** Learning time

**3.10pm:** End of the school day

It is important that your child attends school every day. **If your child is ill, please telephone school before 9.30am to inform school of absence.** If school is not informed, a member of the office team will contact you, to check the reason for absence.

Please make sure your child is punctual for school. If your child is to be collected from school by someone unknown to the reception staff, please inform staff prior to this.

**Children will not be dismissed to unknown adults.**

## Reception Uniform

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's full name. Please write labels with permanent markers. Remember names written in biro wash off very quickly!

Girls	Boys
Navy blue school sweatshirt/cardigan (with logo) Yellow polo shirt (with logo) Navy blue/grey skirt Black/navy blue tailored trousers (winter) Blue & white checked dress (summer) White socks or dark, plain tights Dark plain shoes (not trainers)	Navy blue school sweatshirt (with logo) Yellow polo shirt (with logo) Grey/black trousers/tailored shorts Black/grey/navy socks Dark plain shoes (not trainers)

### PE Kit

We will inform you of which day your child will have PE in September. Children will come to school on their PE day in their PE kit.

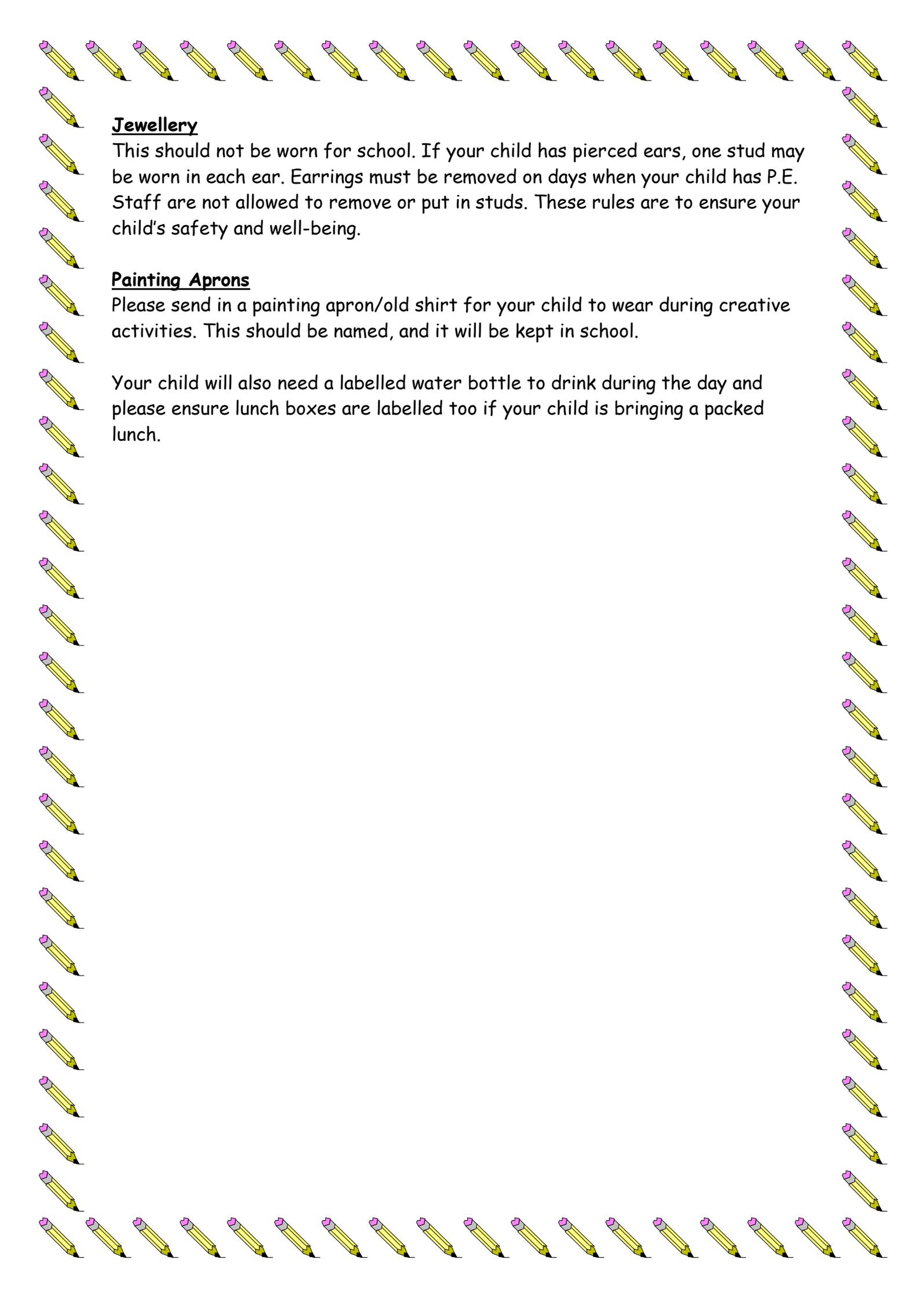
White t-shirt with school logo  
Plain navy-blue shorts  
Pumps or Velcro trainers

Your child will also need a **St Gabriel's book bag** which are available to buy from local uniform providers:



Please ensure when ordering uniform that you order for **St Gabriel's Primary School** and **not** Pre-School.

- **S.K. School Uniforms**, 44-46 Chartwell, Riverside, Tamworth B79 7UG
- Telephone: 01827 705779
- [www.skschooluniforms.co.uk](http://www.skschooluniforms.co.uk)



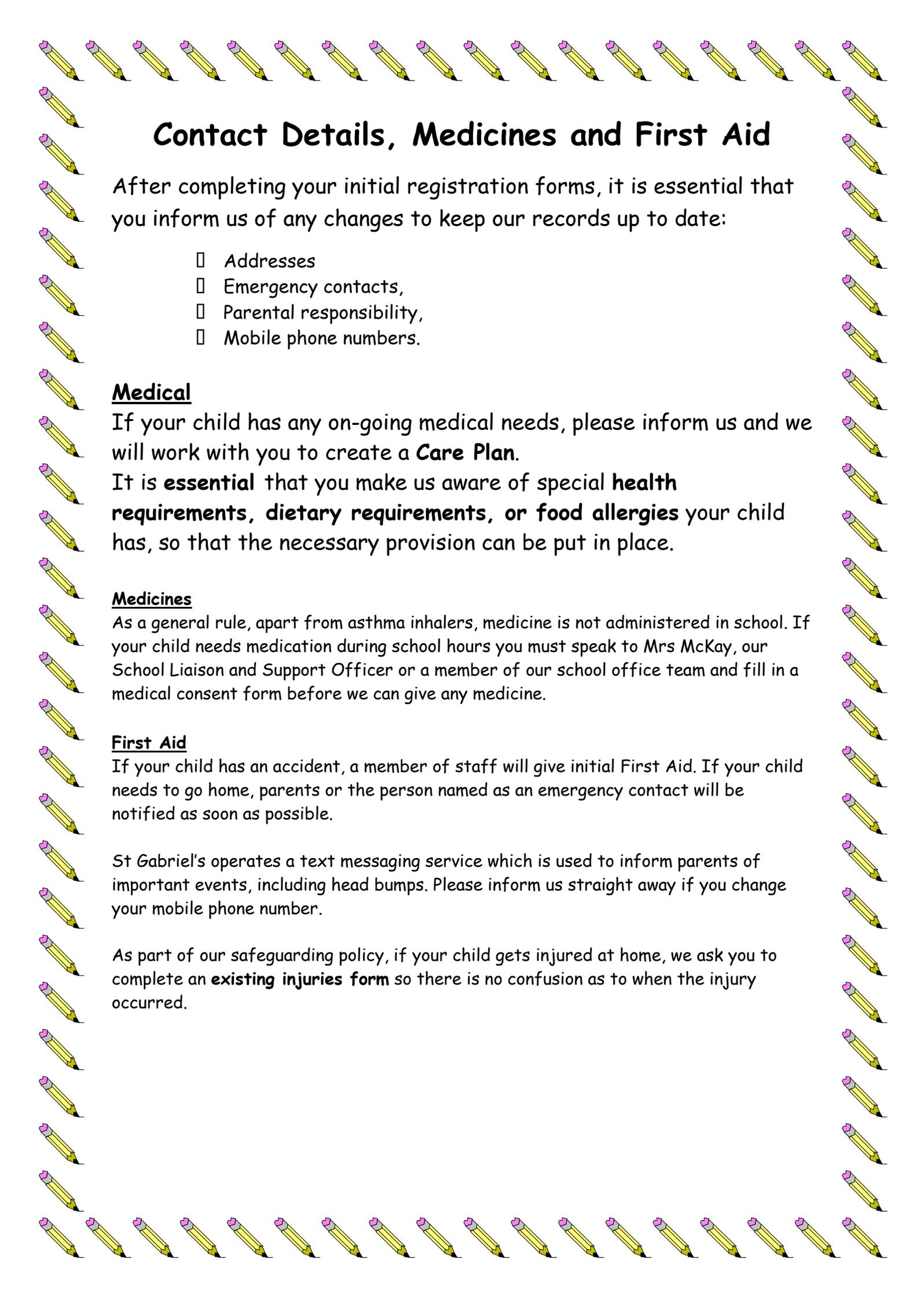
### Jewellery

This should not be worn for school. If your child has pierced ears, one stud may be worn in each ear. Earrings must be removed on days when your child has P.E. Staff are not allowed to remove or put in studs. These rules are to ensure your child's safety and well-being.

### Painting Aprons

Please send in a painting apron/old shirt for your child to wear during creative activities. This should be named, and it will be kept in school.

Your child will also need a labelled water bottle to drink during the day and please ensure lunch boxes are labelled too if your child is bringing a packed lunch.



# Contact Details, Medicines and First Aid

After completing your initial registration forms, it is essential that you inform us of any changes to keep our records up to date:

- Addresses
- Emergency contacts,
- Parental responsibility,
- Mobile phone numbers.

## Medical

If your child has any on-going medical needs, please inform us and we will work with you to create a **Care Plan**.

It is **essential** that you make us aware of special **health requirements, dietary requirements, or food allergies** your child has, so that the necessary provision can be put in place.

## Medicines

As a general rule, apart from asthma inhalers, medicine is not administered in school. If your child needs medication during school hours you must speak to Mrs McKay, our School Liaison and Support Officer or a member of our school office team and fill in a medical consent form before we can give any medicine.

## First Aid

If your child has an accident, a member of staff will give initial First Aid. If your child needs to go home, parents or the person named as an emergency contact will be notified as soon as possible.

St Gabriel's operates a text messaging service which is used to inform parents of important events, including head bumps. Please inform us straight away if you change your mobile phone number.

As part of our safeguarding policy, if your child gets injured at home, we ask you to complete an **existing injuries form** so there is no confusion as to when the injury occurred.

# Getting Ready for School

It is nearly time to start school! Here are some things you can practise at home to help you get ready for school.



## Self-Care and Independence

- I can wash and dry my hands.
- I can wipe my nose.
- I can put on/fasten my coat and shoes.
- I can use the toilet.
- I am learning to dress/undress – this will help me change for PE.
- I am happy to be away from my parents or carers. I know they will be back soon.



## Playing with Others

- I join in games and activities with other people.
- I can share and take turns.

## Speaking and Listening

- I can talk about my ideas, needs and feelings.
- I can ask a grown-up for help.
- I can follow simple instructions.

## Eating and Drinking

- I can use a spoon, knife and fork.
- I can open my lunch box as well as wrappers and packaging.
- I can drink from a water bottle, carton or open cup.



## 1 2 3 4 5 Numbers

- I can count a small number of items.
- I like singing number rhymes or songs.
- I am learning to say numbers to ten.
- I can recognise some numbers.

## Reading and Writing

- I can recognise/read my name.
- I can hold a pencil to draw.
- I am learning to write my name.
- I enjoy listening to stories and rhymes.



We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our school community and working together over the next seven years.



Please access our website:

[www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk)

[Welcome to Reception](#)

Direct contact to Mrs Coakley:

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