



## Pre-school news

28<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### Welcome Back!!

Firstly I would like to say that we are all looking forward to welcoming you all back to a new school term. The staff and I are very excited. We have sixteen new children and families joining our pre-school. We are really looking forward to getting to know them all and we are busy planning lots of exciting things for the children to do in the upcoming term. Our new starters this term are Georgia, Remy, Ollie, Callie-Mia, Ernie, Ariya, Elodie, Connie-Rae, William, Sierra, Remi-Leigh, Artemis, Eden, Nevaeh-Lilly, Iona and Ralph. A huge welcome to you all, the staff and I hope you and your family will enjoy your time here with us.

### Newsletters and communication

Other than face to face communication at drop off and collection times, most of our communication is done through our text service so it is important that you are receiving our texts so that you do not miss any important information. This newsletter will be delivered via text and in paper form this time to ensure that all information gets out, all other newsletters in future will be sent via text so please get in touch with me if you are not receiving the texts. Our website which can be found at [www.stcharlescatholicpreschool.co.uk](http://www.stcharlescatholicpreschool.co.uk) is another area where newsletters can be found.

All of our policies can be found at [www.stcharlescatholicpreschool.co.uk/policies](http://www.stcharlescatholicpreschool.co.uk/policies)

Any parents that struggle with internet access, please ensure you see me with any questions.

If you have any messages that you need to get to staff members about anything, we ask that you please use Tapestry to communicate with us. If you upload your info as an observation and select your child, only staff members and yourself will see it. A member of staff will check Tapestry every morning to check on messages, thank you.

### Tapestry

We hope you are all enjoying looking at your child's online Learning Journey, thank you all for your contributions. It is a great way to keep lines of communication open between parents and practitioners and gives us a great insight as to how your child is away from here and what they do in their spare time. If you have not registered your account yet, please ensure you do as soon as possible and complete the 'about me' section for your child. We will also use this platform to set our 'Task of the Week' so keep your eyes open! Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that photos **MUST NOT** be taken from Tapestry to put on social media, this is very important as some parents have not given their permission for their child to be put on social media, thank you.

### Invoices

Invoices can be found on Tapestry, with the bank details you need shown on the invoice, alternatively you can pay cash or use childcare vouchers. Please ensure you pay your invoices on time, and if you are having any difficulties then you must come and talk to me. We are a charity and rely on our income for our outgoings, thank you.

### School Drive

Just a short notice to make all new parents aware that the school drive and church car park **should not** be used as it is for school staff only. This is to ensure children's safety. Please park your cars sensibly on Bosworth Road ensuring that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines. The park also has a car park that can be used. Please can you inform any friends or relatives that collect your children on your behalf of this. Thank you.

### Parent and Committee Meeting

I am not sure how many of you are aware, but we are and have always been a 'committee run' pre-school and we rely heavily on parents/carers giving up some of their time to fundraise. Every half term we have a meeting to come up with ideas on how to do this. We also discuss the running of the pre-school and its financial state etc. It is the committee that are registered with Ofsted, not me. Therefore, if we do not have a committee then the pre-school would have to close. I am sure you would all agree with me that this would be absolutely devastating after all the hard work that has been put in over the years. Being on the committee is not a lot of work if there are a few of you. I do most of the duties alongside managing the pre-school, however, on big fundraising events such as the Xmas party and sports day and graduation, it is the committee that run and organise the events. Again, if there are a few of you then this equates to not a lot of work at all....many hands make light work!! So please consider being part of a great team to help your little ones have a great year at pre-school.

I will be in touch soon with details of times and location of the next meeting as soon as it has been arranged. I understand that life is very busy for us all but if possible, could you please find the time to attend our meetings and support your child's pre-school, it would be very much appreciated. You do not have to join the committee, but all ideas are gratefully received and it's a great way to meet other parents. Meetings are normally a very laid-back affair and can be quite an enjoyable social event.

Our current chairperson is Alex Ryan, she has been chairperson for 4 years now, for those of you who do not know her she is Tommy's mummy, she also had Fliss here in 2021.

### No Jewellery Policy

Please be aware that we have a 'NO JEWELLERY POLICY'. Primarily this is to ensure your child's safety, but we are also aware that the jewellery may be of value and we cannot ensure that it will not be broken or lost. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

### Birth Certificates

For those of you that have not done so already, could we please have a copy of your child's birth certificate as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### Suncream and sun hats

The weather is very unpredictable at the minute with rain one minute and sun the next. Every child **MUST** have a bottle of suncream and a sun hat that stays here, clearly marked with their name. Suncream should be applied before they arrive to pre-school, we will re-apply this if necessary, at lunch time. If you have not provided us with either of these items yet, please do so ASAP, thank you.

### Blue Bags

Please ensure that your child has a couple of pairs of spare clothes in their blue bag, we have lots of wet and messy play. For those children going into their second year please check that their clothes still fit. Keep an eye out for a slip in your book bag when clothes need replacing. 'All in ones' are also very good to have to keep the children dry and to save us changing the children so often.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING, LUNCH BOXES AND JUICE BEAKERS ARE LABELLED CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME**

### **This is taken from our prospectus:**

Our curriculum is a collection of core experiences that our children experience every day. A balance of child-led and adult-led activities. We provide an environment that enables every child to follow their own interests and become independent learners. We absolutely believe that children should lead their own learning, they learn far more when they are interested and excited about something. By thinking carefully about children's interests and giving them the resources and confidence to pursue them in a well-structured environment, children are able to take ownership of their explorations, engage in positive 'deep' learning experiences and master new skills. By basing our curriculum around core experiences, we believe that all children, whatever their ability, background or ethnicity, can access the curriculum and thrive. Praise and encouragement are essential to give children the confidence to believe in themselves, we ensure that children always have a positive day. We want our children to be kind and caring, independent and resilient and to have good language skills. We want them to have all that grounded, underpinning knowledge they need to be able to take risks and make thoughtful decisions about what they are doing, so when they go into the big, wide world they can make risk-benefit decisions and think about the impact of what they do.

We are a free-flow setting, children can choose to play outside or inside and move between the two throughout the day. We ensure our environment is rich in both areas and let the children take ownership of our environment, listening to what they want and taking note of how they are playing and investigating and acting accordingly.

Your child will be encouraged to explore and investigate. **THEY WILL GET DIRTY!** Please do not send them in any clothes that are precious to you. We are big believers that if a child goes home mucky then they have had a good time!

Please ensure you dress your child appropriately for all weathers as we go out all year round.



"There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing"

### Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory other than the book bag. I have some book bags in stock for anyone who has not got one yet. If anyone would like to order any uniform please go to <https://pupilsschoolwear.co.uk/find-your-school/primary-infant-nursery-schools-n-z/st-charles-catholic-pre-school/>

### Absence

Can I please stress how very important it is that you inform us if your child is going to be absent from pre-school for any reason. PLEASE CALL 01530 515284 or email [stcharlesrcpreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:stcharlesrcpreschool@btconnect.com) before your child's session. Alternatively, you can pop an observation on Tapestry, or you can txt me on 07894659833. Many thanks.

For those funded children it is very important that your child attends the sessions that we are claiming for. If your child must have any time off it is extremely important that you inform us of this in person, email or by letter beforehand explaining why. This is a requirement from the government and any absences that cannot be accounted for may result in your funding being withdrawn.

It is also very important that you arrive and collect on time. Not only can this affect your funding, but I am sure you can appreciate late arrivals can upset new children settling in and can be very disruptive to the session.

### Lunches

For those children bringing packed lunches please can you ensure that the lunches are healthy and do not contain items such as fizzy drinks or sweets. We will send the lunch boxes home with the children with all empty packets and left over food. This is to ensure you know exactly what your child is eating as you may need to adjust the amount you are sending with them or indeed the type of food. We will offer the children a piece of fruit during the morning session, with the option of a drink of milk or water. Water is also available throughout the session, we appreciate many children do not like plain water so if you would like to bring a beaker with juice in it then you are more than welcome to, but please ensure the bottle is **labelled with your child's name**, thank you.

### Opening hours

Quick reminder that our opening times are as follows:

All day session: 8.50am-3.20pm

Morning session: 8.50am-11.50am

Afternoon session: 11.50am-3.20pm

Children will be asked to queue up outside the gate and wait to be let in before the session starts. There will be boxes outside the gate for lunch boxes, book bags and beakers. If your child is leaving at 11.50am, they will be let out at 11.50am. At the same time, the children arriving for the afternoon session will also be let in, so it is important that you are on time as we can only have so many children on site at any one time. We understand that some parents have older children to pick up at the end of the day. If this is the case, please pick your children up from here at 3pm, before you do the school run. We will let children out at 3pm or 3.20pm, no other times as it is very disruptive to the session and we miss out on valuable learning time. I hope that makes sense, please ask me if you have any questions.

### Birthdays

We have 9 birthdays for September and October. So happy birthday to Remy, Inaya, Isla, Anzani, Mylah-Rose, Sierra, Louie, Iona and Hunter!! We hope you have a great day!



Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theresa Miller'.

Theresa Miller  
Pre-school Manager