

Welcome to your new school!

All about
Poulton St Chad's CE
Primary School.



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This book is for you and your family to look at. It tells you all about the different things which will happen when you come to our school. We hope that you enjoy looking through it, and we all look forward to meeting you soon.



Who will be in my classroom?

There are lots of members of staff that you will meet when you start at our school – here are some of them.



Mrs McCann is the teacher in the Dolphins class who has worked in early years for a very long time. She is so looking forward to meeting you!



This is Mrs Stallard. She is a Teaching Assistant in the Dolphins class who has also taught in early years for many years. Mrs Stallard cannot wait to meet you either!



Mrs Shrewsbury is our Assistant Headteacher and you will see her lots around school.



Mrs Coulson is the Teaching Assistant in the Whales class.

You might work in small groups, with a friend or one to one with an adult. Sometimes we might all sit on the carpet together. All of the adults in the classroom are there to help you learn and to keep you safe.

When you start school in September, all of you will be in the Dolphins class, but as we get to know you, a few of you will move into the Whales class, but don't panic, you will still get to work and play with your friends in the Dolphins class!

Where will I keep my things?

You will have your own coat peg with your name on it. You can hang your coat here.

Your book bag will go in the box by the door. A member of staff will check your book bag twice a week for letters or notes from home and to change your reading book when you get one.

In the classroom there will be a jumper box where you can leave your jumper or cardigan if you get too hot – don't forget to ask a grown-up to put your name in it!

What do I need to bring?

Because life is a little bit different in school at the moment, we don't want you to bring anything into school, apart from your coat and your clear book bag on the days that you can have your reading book changed.

What Shouldn't I Bring?

Please do not bring any toys from home, nor any sweets into school. You should only bring water to drink in the classroom too – no squash.

What happens when I arrive at school?

When you come to school you will say goodbye to your grown-up and walk through the blue gate in our outdoor area, and you will go straight into your classroom – your teachers will be there to meet you.

Snack Time

During the morning you will be able to have a drink of milk or water and we will provide you with a snack.

We all have a piece of fruit to eat. This might be an apple, pear, banana or satsuma. The fruit is provided free to all Reception and Key Stage One children.



What will I do at school?

Physical Development

At school we practise physical development in lots of different ways. We have an exciting outdoor area where you can climb, balance and practise using equipment such as balls, hoops and skipping ropes.

In class we have a lot of Funky Fingers activities to help get your fingers stronger for writing.

Once a week we will do PE. Your PE kit should be a royal blue t-shirt and royal blue shorts. You will need black pumps for PE too. All these things must have your name in them. For now, we will be asking you to come into school in your PE kit on your PE day.

Please make sure you are warm enough on these days.

PE can be dancing to music, simple gymnastics and games with hoops, ropes and balls.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

At school you will make lots of new friends. We will help you to look after yourself and find things you need – and put them away afterwards!

Sometimes it can be a bit scary leaving your grown up but there are lots of people at school who are there to help you. Over the year, you will also meet other people who help us, such as Reverend Keighley and Lois, from St Chad's church.

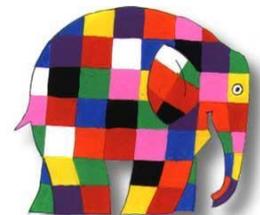


Literacy – Reading

We hope you already enjoy sharing books with your friends and families and are getting to know lots of stories – we will get to find out which your favourite ones are very soon!

At school you will hear stories every day. We have a special book area where you can look at stories, read with puppets and relax on the cushions.

We have lots of different books about real life topics such as vehicles, animals and places and fantasy books about dragons, mermaids and talking creatures.

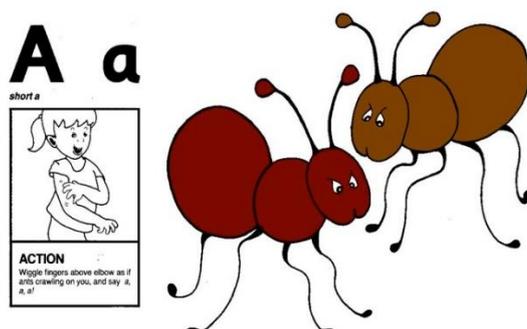


We like to read a story at the end of every day.

Phonics

At school, when you first start, we use Jolly Phonics to help you to learn your letter sounds and names. We use lots of different ways to help you remember the letters sounds including:

- Flashcards
- Rhymes
- Actions
- Making the letters and words in playdough, magnetic letters, word cards



We also sing phonic songs and use games, apps, and materials such as playdough to help recognise our sounds.

Websites we like:

Mr Thorne Does Phonics

PhonicsPlay - <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

When you come to school you will begin to learn to read. You will start with letter and word cards and then begin on a reading scheme.

Our home reading books are from a scheme called Oxford Reading Tree. You will find out all about the adventures of Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy the dog.



At first you will tell the stories just by looking at the pictures. With lots of practise, you will begin to use your phonics to help you sound out and blend the sounds in the words.

You will have a reading record book to keep in your clear book bag. Your grown-up can write down when you read to them and how you got on. Every time

your grown-up writes that you have read all of your book we will change it. You can change your book twice a week, if you want!

Home Reading Record

Date	Title	Comment
6.6.20	Shrinking Powder To page 5	Jack read really well. Still needs help remembering the 'sh' sound. Mum
7.6.20	Shrinking Powder To page 9	Lovely reading, Jack. Great expression! Dad

Literacy - Writing

We love to write! At school you will learn how to form your letters correctly, learn to write words and eventually how to write sentences.

It would be great if you could write your own name when you start school, only using a capital letter at the start of it. Don't worry if you can't; you will soon learn at school.

William

Ben

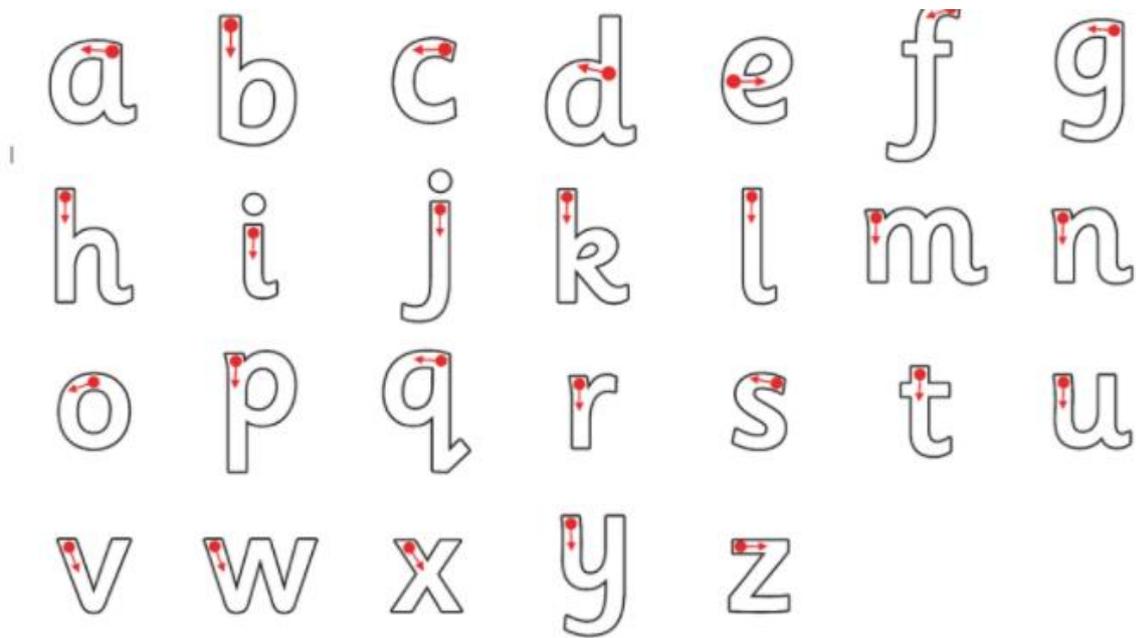
Chloë
Joshua

We write while we play all the time; in the role play area, the construction area, outside and on the writing table in our writing area.

Sometimes we write using chinks, paints, highlighter pens or felt-tips. Sometimes we might write in sand, mud, shaving foam or gravel.



These are the letters that we use.



If you want to practise your name, use the letters above to help you. Only use a capital letter at the start of your first and second names please. When you are ready to start writing letters there is an excellent website that can show you how to form them properly. This will help you to write more quickly and neatly.

<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/letterformation.html>

When you have been at school a while you will begin to know, recognise and write the sounds you hear in words. Then you will quickly begin to write sentences too!

You will be able to do lots of other activities at school to help with your writing. These include tracing over pictures, drawing patterns, colouring, making models with playdough, cutting and drawing.



Mathematics

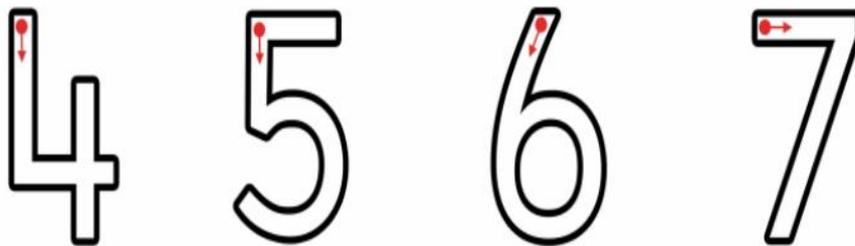
At school we will do lots of mathematical activities. You will do lots of exciting things, such as measuring, weighing, cooking, building, playing shops, making jigsaws and playing maths games.

How many can you count?



This is how we write our numbers

*Can you trace
the numbers?*



Before you come to school you can do lots of things at home with your family that will help you with your maths:

- learn nursery rhymes and number songs such as "Five little monkeys" or "Ten green bottles"*

- Read books such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Ten Little Dinosaurs*
- weigh and measure when cooking or baking
- compare your toys – which are tallest or shortest, largest, smallest, widest etc.
- talk about time using words such as morning, night, yesterday, tomorrow and next week
- playing with containers in the bath, using words like full and empty
- Count everything – going up the stairs, steps to the car, how many times you clap etc.
- when you are getting dressed look at things you put on first and last, which is the back and front, how many buttons have you got?
- at meal times you can lay the table and make sure you have enough knives and forks.
- when you go shopping you can look at the numbers and look at coins. You can look at the shape, size and colour of the boxes.
- Look around your house for numbers – on the clock, TV, microwave etc.



Understanding The World

At school you will get to find out lots about the world around you. In our outside area, we can dig and find insects that live outside. We have a bug hotel and gardens where we plant vegetables, flowers and herbs.



We have lots of equipment to investigate such as microscopes, torches, metal detectors, bug catchers and magnifying glasses.

You will also find out about using technology such as remote control toys, iPads, computers, cameras and programmable toys.

What else might I do at school?

At school there are lots of things for you to play with.

Here are some of the things you will find:

- a play shed outside, which can also be changed into a hospital, a shop or police station.
- dressing up clothes so that you can be a doctor, a princess, a policeman or policewoman or a fire-fighter.
- puppets
- construction kits to make large models using nuts and bolts
- large and small building blocks and lots of other things to make models
- a farm with buildings and lots of animals, a toy police station, a dolls' house and a castle
- games and jigsaws

- *playdough*
- *a sand tray and a water tray*
- *a garage with play people*
- *ICT equipment, including a computer and iPads with lots of interesting programmes, cameras, microphones, metal detectors, programmable toys and torches*
- *trikes, bikes, scooters, tunnels, a slide and a climbing frame*
- *items to investigate like wood, stones, shells etc.*





Sensory Play

Sometimes at school things get a little bit messy. You can paint, stick, make models, use clay, playdough, slime, foam and play in the sand and the water.

We have aprons at school to help keep your uniform clean and also waterproof clothes to keep you dry and clean when you play in the water or mud.

Becoming Independent

We learn to do lots of things ourselves at school. What can you already do?

Dress myself		
Undress myself		
Go to the toilet by myself		
Fasten my shoes		
Fasten my coat		
Wash my hands before eating and after going to the toilet.		
Use a knife and fork		

Home Time

You go home at 3.15pm. Your Mummy, Daddy or someone else you know should wait for you outside the blue gate. Your teacher will make sure they see your grown-up before you can go.

Some of you might go to our After School Club – this is a fun place to go where you get a snack, and chance to meet with some of the children in other year groups. Everyone is very friendly in After School Club, so much so that sometimes, children don't want to leave!

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

When you have been at school a few weeks, your teacher will invite your grown-ups into school for a little chat. We will talk about all the different things you can do. These include looking at books, getting dressed, tidying up, colouring, counting and playing with other children. All these things make up your "Early Years Foundation Stage Profile".

We will take lots of photographs of you and write about all the great things you do in school too. These bits of information help us to make judgements about your progress.

We hope you will tell us about some things from home so we can share all the wonderful learning you do with your family. We will put this with the work you have done in school too!

We hope this booklet has helped you and your family to know what will happen when you start school.

Remember, when you come to school you will learn lots of new things and have lots of fun with your teachers and your new friends.

We use Parent App for school communications. Please contact us for a new invitation by e-mail s.holden@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

Or you can contact us on the school phone number:

01253 883639

See you in September!

Mrs McCann, Mrs Stallard,

Mrs Shrewsbury

and Mrs Coulson.