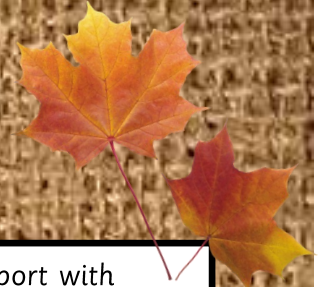




Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

Reception Curriculum Brochure

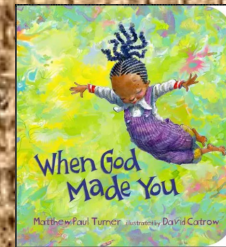
Autumn 1 — September 2025



Welcome to Reception! We are really pleased with how well the children are settling into their new classes. Thank you for your support with encouraging the children to come into school independently. Throughout the year we will link learning opportunities to the children's interests. This is a newsletter to inform parents/carers about the topics we will be covering this half term.

Religious Education

Children in Reception will be following the Religious Education 'To Know You More Clearly'. The curriculum is outlined in branches and follows Hear, Believe, Celebrate, and Live lenses. This term the branch of learning is Creation and Covenant. We will share the story of creation taken from scripture (Genesis 1:1-4) and discuss our unique selves and our wonderful world. We look at many different books to support this and undertake activities to further pique our interests in our beautiful world that God created for us.



Children will explore the classroom and become familiar with the rules and routines, taking responsibility for our belongings and resources. They will begin to recognise their own names and practise writing it, especially on their own work and pictures, using their unique name card.



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We will work hard to ensure that your child feels safe and secure at school and endeavor to support their mental well-being. We will introduce the school code of conduct and we are learning our class rules and routines. We are busy trying to make new friends and learn all their names. We are singing songs to help us with this. We are encouraging children to share and take turns.



Communication and Language

Children's spoken language underpins every area of their learning and development. We foster a language rich environment and encourage discussion and interaction at every opportunity. We are sharing the children's 'Getting To Know Me' sheets with their friends to talk about shared interests and hobbies. Please complete and return your child's sheet if you have not already as we are enjoying learning about each other. Thank you.

Phonics

We will shortly begin our Phonics programme, Little Wandle. A booklet will come home to show you what graphemes and phonemes we have covered. These are for you to keep and practice at home. We encourage you to support your child completing this booklet, looking for the sounds in the environment, books they are reading, etc. Play lots of games such as I-spy, snap to reinforce the sounds and make learning FUN. Little Wandle has links to the correct pronunciation for each sound and can be found here - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Physical Development

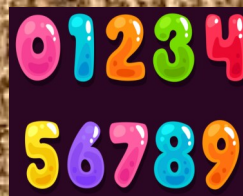
Physical development is undertaken within our outdoor provision through a range of activities. We go outside in all weathers so could you please provide a pair of wellies for your child if you have not done so already (named). These are vital for Forest School, which will also be starting very soon. These will be stored on the boot racks outside each classroom. The children also require a waterproof coat—as we know how temperamental our weather is!

We will be starting weekly PE lessons every Thursdays.

Children to arrive in PE kits and **velcro** trainers (no laces).

Could your child bring in their named water bottle every day (WATER only)

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.



Mathematics

We teach a love of Maths through practical hands on experiences for the children. We follow the White Rose Maths scheme and encourage learning through play. This term we will be focusing on matching, sorting, comparing, measure and patterns.

Useful App—White Rose Maths 1 Minute Maths

Literacy

We have already read a number of books about starting school, and over the next few weeks we will be learning about ourselves and our families. Some of our key texts will include 'The Something' and 'Our class is a family'. Later this term, we will be listening to various rhymes, some familiar and some new. There will be lots of opportunities for drawing, writing, making lists, signs and sending letters—so be prepared!

We are teaching the children the nip, flip and grip pencil grip to improve your child's pencil grip. Watch this for link some useful tips to strengthen their fingers.

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpxVIDPXc7Qd_hnt6VKPYHtzlP3K2NFR2

Understanding the World

During our topic 'Creation and Covenant', the children will talk about members of their immediate family and community. They will discuss similarities and differences between themselves and others. We will use our investigative skills to explore the natural world, mini beasts and the properties of materials.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will draw family portraits and our class family. In our shared area we have a wide selection of crafts for the children to explore and develop new skills, focusing on tearing, cutting and scrunching. They can experiment with different media such as paint, pastels, fabrics, play dough, water, sand, etc. The children can access loose parts, to develop their creativity and imagination in making pictures.



Forest School

During this term a group of children from each class will go to our Forest School, within the school grounds. Here they can enjoy the freedom of nature. They will learn many new skills. Whilst in the woods they will look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes. They will learn the awe and wonder of our amazing world, and discuss things that they can do to help look after it. Although we provide waterproofs, please make sure your child has their wellies and suitable accessories during winter months ie hat, scarf, thick socks etc. All **clearly labelled** please.

Snack Money

Snack money is to be paid online to the school office

Autumn half term 1- £10.50

Autumn half term 2- £10.50

Dates for your diary:

Check school website as this is updated frequently.

Polite notice

We kindly ask that the children **do not** bring back packs into school. The children only require their book wallet (with long strap removed as this is a trip hazard), water bottle containing plain water (not to be placed in their book wallet as they can leak), a waterproof coat and a packed lunch if you have chosen not to have a school meal provided for this half term.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch into school, please also provide a drink in their lunchbox as their water bottle is kept in class.

Can we please ask for health and safety reasons that the children do not play in the Reception outdoor area once collected from school. Many thanks