

## Welcome to the Early Years at St Johns.

### Intent

At St John Baptist Primary School we believe that our Early Years Foundation Stage is crucial to developing firm foundations to be built upon throughout our school journey and beyond. It is our intent that the children who enter our EYFS develop physically, verbally, emotionally, creatively, intellectually and spiritually whilst embedding a positive attitude to school and learning in order for each child to achieve their full potential becoming 'the best version of themselves'.

We set high expectations throughout all areas of school life and beyond and this is embedded in all aspects of our children's lives as they become lifelong learners. We believe that all children deserve to be valued and their own achievements be celebrated. Our EYFS follow the EYFS curriculum, which has seven main areas of learning.

The Prime Areas – Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.

The Specific Areas – Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding of World and Expressive Arts.

### Implementation

We implement these areas of learning by providing a safe, stimulating environment that allows children to discover, be challenged, consolidate and achieve their very best whilst developing their resilience and independence.

There is a combination of adult-led, whole class teaching, group and individual support. Throughout all of these areas of learning and at the heart of the curriculum are the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'. We strive to develop these key characteristics of 'Playing and Exploring', 'Active Learning' and 'Thinking Critically' in order to give the children the qualities they need to succeed throughout their school life.

We get to know our families and children well and use their interests and knowledge to support and inspire our children's learning journey.

Our learning environment is adapted to meet the different and developing needs of all our children giving them all the care and support they need to thrive.

Within our EYFS Curriculum, children are assessed through both formative and summative assessments using accurate observations and working closely with them to support and plan the next steps in their learning.

### Impact

The impact of our provision can be seen through the progress the children make and how happy they are to engage in learning and how they strive to be the best version of themselves. It is a privilege to be part of such an important stage in our children's development and our dedicated staff work tirelessly to deliver the best possible outcomes for our children.

