

New parent feedback 1:

My son started foundation in August and had only just turned 4 in June . I was apprehensive as he really did not seem ready (no interest in reading/writing or even drawing) and had been flagged at playgroup as needing support from the language and speech team. He had no real issues with talking but struggled with following instruction.

I chose St Botolphs as its really nurturing and the teachers are all so passionate about what they do and more importantly are happy and a fun team to interactive with. The outside space is great too where the kids can get their wellies on and let off steam by running on the grass and getting on the bikes and scooters.

St Bots isn't my catchment school but with their experience with additional support and how we were allowed induction days and stay and play sessions I'm so relieved we got our place! My sons regularly been working in smaller groups and he's come on in leaps and bounds... he's actually reading and sounding out words which I couldn't have believed possible so soon after he started!

My heart skipping moment came this week in November when my son said is it school tomorrow mummy because I love school? Where was my son and who was this child?! The one back in August would cry before school but not now something had clicked and he was eager to learn.

We are kept updated on what they are doing during the day by an app on your phone called seesaw.... it's fab! they post videos and photos of what they are all doing and u can also message the teachers directly and they are so quick to respond it's Better than trying to grab 5 mins before or after school with all the other parents.

My son also has the hot dinners which are free to all foundation years and it really is worth sticking with it (try for at least 3 weeks) as he was quite a picky eater but not so much now and he's also more willing to try different foods too!

The Headteacher, Mrs Pepper, really does seem to care about every child's well being and access to education above anything else so **if you're looking for a nurturing, inclusive, child focused school St Bots is the school for your child.**

New parent feedback 2:

We have actually been **blown away** by how smoothly it has gone for my son, can't give the teachers and staff in FS enough credit to be able to achieve all you're doing in such difficult circumstances , I was feeling really quite worried over the summer that my son would find it all totally overwhelming with not having the normal taster sessions in May/June, but he really enjoyed the virtual tour, we watched it lots of times and he loved that he got the chance to speak to you both via google classrooms, also the pack that you sent out we found so useful in helping to prepare him. I think the staggered starts are the perfect way to gradually get them used to their new school life and by the end of his first two part time weeks he was completely ready for full time school and not only that he **absolutely loves it and has done since day one, he really loves all the staff and we are so impressed with how quickly he is learning. :)**