



Rugeley John Taylor School



Early Years
Prospectus 2026/27

Welcome



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As Executive Headteacher I take great pride in leading the school through its founding stages and supporting your child in their educational journey.

Powered by knowledge and driven by ambition, our mission at Rugeley John Taylor School is to nurture and inspire every learner, from early years through to the end of their secondary education, fostering a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. We are committed to providing a seamless learning journey that encourages academic, personal, and social growth at every stage of life, and one that equips our learners with the knowledge, skills, and character to shape their future and contribute positively to the world around them.

We are committed to building a community where all learners are ready to grow, explore, and succeed. Guided by our core values, we nurture respectful and resilient individuals who are ready to live lives full of choice and opportunity, in an ever-changing world.

Situated on the historic grounds of Rugeley Power Station, we draw inspiration from the energy of the past to ignite a passion for learning — a site once powered by energy, now a place where young minds are energised and inspired.

With state-of-the-art facilities and a curriculum designed to foster curiosity, innovation and creativity, we are committed to empowering young people.

Ms. Claire Powell
Executive Headteacher



Our Ethos and Values



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Our culture at Rugeley John Taylor School is driven by our core values – to be respectful, to be resilient, and to be ready – ready to learn, ready to take on new opportunities, and ready to make a positive impact.

WE ARE RESPECTFUL

We treat everyone with kindness and speak and act in ways that make others feel valued. We respect ourselves, each other, our school, and our wider community. We take accountability for our actions, not only to ourselves but to everyone around us. We use kind words, listen carefully, look after our environment, and celebrate differences. We are positive and show empathy, creating an environment where everyone can be the best they can be.

WE ARE RESILIENT

We face challenges with a positive mindset. We believe in ourselves, act with integrity, and keep going even when things are difficult. We persevere through setbacks and learn from mistakes, facing adversity with courage and confidence. We support each other to grow stronger and more confident every day.



WE ARE READY

We arrive on time, with all the equipment we need, and are curious and motivated to build our knowledge and learn new things. We ask questions, explore new concepts, and are eager to offer our own contributions. We understand that learning is not always working alone – it's also about thinking together, sharing ideas, and helping each other improve. Being ready now also makes us better prepared for future opportunities and goals we want to reach later in life.

Introducing Early Years



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We are delighted to be opening our Early Years provision from September 2026, with 26 Nursery places and 30 Reception places. We understand that a child's early years are a critical time for building the foundations of lifelong learning, and our Early Years team will guide and support each child to thrive.

In Early Years, our ethos is rooted in caring for each child's individual needs while providing the highest standard of early education. We are committed to fostering the growth of essential skills in a fun and engaging way, supporting early language development, and the social and emotional needs of every child.

Our primary phase will equip your child with an excellent education, important life skills, friendships and starts an educational journey which allows our children to progress through our primary phase and seamlessly into our secondary phase, providing an all-through education of the highest calibre.



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Wraparound Provision

Our wrap-around provision will ensure that working families can access care before and after school, giving you the peace of mind that your child is in a safe, caring and enriching environment throughout the day. Please email our office team if you are interested in applying for a wraparound place for your child: admissions@rjt.jtmat.co.uk.

Uniform

Rugeley John Taylor School is a 'uniformed' school, and there is a clear expectation that our pupils from our entry points in both Nursery and Reception will wear the full uniform appropriately, and that this expectation will be supported by parents. Below is the uniform list for Nursery and the primary phase, which is also on our website.

School Uniform

- Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan (with school logo optional)
- White polo shirt (with school logo optional)
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore or navy gingham dress in the summer
- White/grey/black socks
- Black school shoes (no trainers)

PE Kit

- Teal hoodie with (school logo optional)
- White PE T-shirt (with school logo optional)
- Navy joggers/shorts/cycling shorts/leggings
- Trainers



Nursery - an overview



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Our Nursery will open with 26 places in September 2026, and you can apply for your child to start at the beginning of the term after they turn 3 years old, which gives 3 entry points across the year; September, January and April.

You are able to apply for your child to do 5 morning sessions (9am-midday), 5 afternoon sessions (midday-3pm) or all day sessions (9am-3pm).

Please scan the QR code below to visit our Nursery page on our website which contains a link to the application form, as well as further information on our Nursery.

A typical day would look like this:

- 7.30 am Breakfast club (optional)
- 9.00 am Arrival time
- 11.30am Lunch for those staying all day
- 12.00pm Morning session ends and Afternoon session starts
- 3.00pm End of Afternoon session
- 6.00pm Wraparound closes (optional)

Scan here to apply
for a place:



Nursery - a typical week



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	9.20-9.30	9.30-9.40	9.40-10.15	10.15-10.35	10.35-10.55	11.05-11.20	11.20-12.20	12.20-12.30	12.45-1.00	1.00-1.45	1.45-2.05	2.05-2.30	2.30-2.45	2.45	3.00
Monday	Registration, feelings check-in and morning activity	Phonics	Free flow	Snack	KP time - T4W	Whole class story	Lunch	Registration and feelings check-in	Phonics	Free flow	KP time	Free flow and tidy	Whole class story	Prep to go home	Children dismissed
Tuesday		Phonics	Forest School		KP time	Songs			Phonics	Free flow	KP time	Free flow and tidy	T4W		
Wednesday		Phonics	Free flow		KP time	Whole class story			Phonics	Free flow	KP time	Free flow and tidy	Whole class story		
Thursday		Phonics	Free flow		KP time - T4W	Songs			Phonics	Free flow	KP time	Free flow and tidy	Whole class story		
Friday		Phonics	Free flow		KP time	Whole class story			Phonics	PE	KP time	Free flow and tidy	Whole class story		

Reception - an overview



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We are delighted to open our primary phase with a Reception class with 30 spaces in September 2026. All admissions to Rugeley John Taylor School are through Staffordshire County Council - the easiest way to do this is to apply online and details of how to do this can be found on the next page.

We know that transitioning to a school setting from pre-school or Nursery is a new experience for young children, so our Early Years staff team will visit your child's existing setting as well carrying out home visits in the summer term of 2026, for those children who have a confirmed place. We also plan to hold a welcome event for our new families in the Spring time when primary places are confirmed.

A typical day for our children in Reception would look like this:

7.30 am	Breakfast club (optional)
8.30am	School opens
8.45am	Registration – school starts
12.00pm	Lunch
3. 15pm	End of school day
6.00pm	Wraparound closes (optional)

Admissions to Reception



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The following information has been taken from the Staffordshire County Council website to provide information to help you when applying for a Reception place for your child.

Important dates in the admissions process

- **1 November 2025:** The online application service will open for Staffordshire admissions.
- **15 January 2026:** The closing date for receipt of completed applications. Applications received after this date will be considered in line with the 'late application' process.
- **16 April 2026:** National offer Day, where you receive the offer of a school place. Online applicants will receive an email. Others will receive the offer in writing, posted second class on this date.
- **Summer term 2026** - admission appeals heard by independent appeal panel.

Please scan the QR code below to visit our Rugeley John Taylor School primary phase admissions page, where you will be able to click directly through to the Staffordshire admissions portal.



Scan here to
apply for a place:



Reception - a typical week



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Day	8:30 - 9:00	9:00-10:00		10:00- 10:15	10:15-11:15	11:15- 11:25	11:25- 11:45	11:45- 11:50	11:50- 12:45	12:45-1:45	1:45-2:00	2:00-3:00	3:00 - 3:15
Monday	Registration, Morning activity and intervention Guided Reading group (10 mins)	Literacy	Reading Group 10 mins	Snack, milk and circle time	Maths	Tidy	Phonics	Toilet	Lunch	Expressive Arts and design		Music	Story time, Show and tell, get ready to go home.
Tuesday		Literacy			Maths	Tidy	Phonics	Toilet		Forest School		PSE	
Wednesday		Literacy	Reading Group 10 mins		Maths	Tidy	Phonics	Toilet		PE	Drawing Club	RE	
Thursday		Literacy	Reading Group 10 mins		Maths	Tidy	Phonics	Toilet		Understand- ing the World	Drawing Club	Reading groups and intervention	
Friday		Literacy	Reading Group 10mins		Maths	Tidy	Phonics	Toilet		Understand- ing the world	Drawing Club	Reading groups and intervention	

Background and support from John Taylor MAT



The Trust was founded over a decade ago in John Taylor High School – an outstanding secondary school in Barton-Under-Needwood, and the first in Staffordshire to convert to become an Academy. We have grown steadily over time and currently serve 14 infant/primary schools, and 7 secondary schools across Staffordshire and Derbyshire. We are proud to have Staffordshire Research School and John Taylor Teaching School Hub as key parts of our Trust also.

We have a strong track record of Free School success; we opened John Taylor Free School in September 2018, Fradley Park Primary & Nursery School in September 2022 and Branston Locks Primary & Nursery School in September 2024. We are delighted to have added Rugeley John Taylor School to our family of schools in September 2025.

As part of John Taylor MAT, Rugeley John Taylor School will be able to have access to a wide range of additional expertise. This includes an Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist, a Trust-wide SEND Expert and Attendance Support Manager who are part of the Central Team but who attend each of the Trust schools on a rotational needs basis.

I hope that this prospectus is valuable in assisting with your decisions and gives a greater understanding of what a secondary education within John Taylor MAT means for your child and your family.

We look forward to continuing to develop a strong community at Rugeley John Taylor School and working with all the schools together across the Trust.

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CEO, John Taylor MAT



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