

St Michael's Easthampsted KS2 Stationery Guide 2026-27

Please take a look at this short stationery guide which includes the items you will need for the start of the new school year. **Please ensure each item is named or initialled** as this will help items from becoming lost.

You should check with your child regularly to see if any items need replenishing or replacing.

Bags, Folders and Pencil Case Guidance

You will need a pencil case large enough to contain the items below in, but this does not need to be too large! A plain coloured or translucent, flexible plastic-style pencil case is sufficient.

Be realistic about the size of the bag you bring in to school as our cloakrooms are restricted! You only need a bag big enough for your pencil case (which could stay in your tray), lunch, a water bottle and an A4 plastic folder to hold your reading record and book.

Whilst bags and pencil cases from stores such as Smiggle look attractive, they are very expensive, large and take up a lot of desk space. Please avoid pencil cases from stores such as this and avoid large pencil cases with multiple pop-out or zipped storage areas.

Please make sure that pencil cases, bags, folders and as much equipment as possible (particularly Glue Sticks) are all NAMED – children will be responsible for their own belongings!

What Not To Bring In

Some items, such as these below, we will provide for you:

- Protractors
- Scissors
- Tippex/ Correction Fluid
- Calculators, as these are not required
- No keyrings or toys to be fixed to bags or to come into school

What You Should Bring In

Your pencil case should contain the following items, named or initialled:

- Plain Colour or Translucent Standard Pencil Case
- HB Writing Pencils
- Blue Ink Handwriting Pens – **NOT BLUE BIROS OR BLACK INK – see separate sheet**
- Glue Sticks
- Black Ink Whiteboard/ Dry wipe Pens
- 30cm Ruler (or folding version)
- Sharpener
- Purple Ink Biros
- Colouring Pencils and Felt Tip Pens*
- Yellow and Green Highlighter
- You should also have an A4 plastic folder to hold your Reading Record, Reading Book and Home Learning in. Letters can also come to and from school in this.

**You may want to bring in a separate set of colouring pens in your bag, but you do not need to bring them into the classroom.*

Cost Estimate

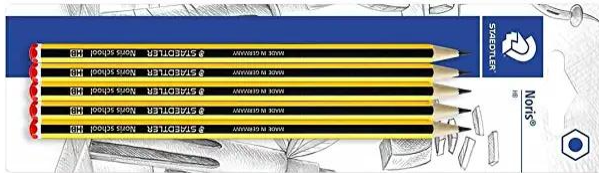
Based on prices for similar items on Amazon (as of July 2025 and assuming free Prime delivery), the total cost for a pencil case and all of the above contents was between circa £10-15, and £5 for the Y5 & 6 Mini School Dictionary. However, it is worth noting that many stores will often run promotions during the summer for 'Back to School'.

Examples

- Pencil Case:



- Writing Pencils:



- Purple Ink Biros:



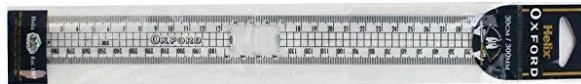
- Colouring Pencils:



- Sharpener:



- 30cm Ruler



- Glue Sticks:



- Highlighters:



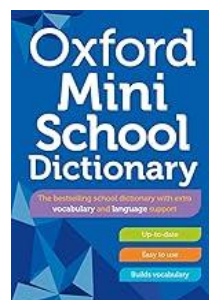
- Black Ink Whiteboard/ Dry Wipe Pens:



- Plastic Folder:



- **For Year 5 & 6:** Oxford Mini School Dictionary



Blue Ink Handwriting Pens

Once agreed by their class teacher, children in Years 3 to 6 may complete their written work using a pen. Children may also continue to write in pencil if they wish.

Where pens are used, they should be either:

- a handwriting pen, or
- a pen with a smooth, free-flowing ink/ gel-like, such as a Uni-ball Eye style pen.

Biros (ballpoint pens) are not permitted. This is in line with best practice in handwriting development, occupational therapy guidance and our school's expectations for presentation.

All pens must use **standard blue (royal blue) ink**. Lighter blues, bright blues, turquoise or other coloured inks are not permitted.

The school stocks handwriting pens, which are available to purchase from the school office for 50p each should you wish to buy one.

Some examples (not an exhaustive list) of acceptable pens are below:

