



St Joseph's Catholic Infant School

Welcomes you
Rated "Good" Ofsted 2019



"The glory of God is
a human being fully alive!"

Part of the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust

Our Mission



We are a welcoming school with Christ at the centre of all that we do, where everyone is recognised as special.

We Love to *LEARN TOGETHER*

When we make mistakes *WE ALL LEARN*

We are a *HAPPY* school, we are a *LOVING* school

Everyone is
SPECIAL IN GOD'S EYES

“Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. Because you are precious in my eyes, because you are honoured and I love you.” Isaiah 43:2



"This is a happy school. The Headteacher emphasises the importance of positivity and praise. This runs like a connecting thread through the school. Pupils respond well to this ethos. They thrive and grow in confidence."

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How is our mission lived out...

- everyone we meet is valued and respected.
- We strive for every person and child to be the best that they can be - learning together
- Being happy and loving through careful planning, a strong behaviour curriculum and high expectations.
- Through building self-confidence and social skills in a meaningful and inspiring way.
- working together to achieve the best for children.

What do we offer....

A rich education for children from Reception to Year 2 that develops the whole child and prepares them well for their next steps

Spacious classrooms each with outdoor learning facilities and extensive outdoor space

The opportunity for each individual to be valued and celebrated and be a part of our school family



- Dedicated staff at all levels
- The option of free hot meals for all pupils
- Before and after school care
- An on-site Pre-School for 2, 3 & 4 year olds
- A friendly relaxed atmosphere where children get to know each other and staff know all the children



How well do children achieve at our school?



At the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage 2024:

- 82% reached the expected level
(68% National 2024 72% Local Authority 2024)

Phonics Screening 2024 (Year 1)

- 83.3%
(80% National 2022 81% Local Authority)

At the end of KS1 2024 (Year 2):

- Reading 84.5% reach expected level or above
(63% national 2022 73% Local Authority)
- Writing 67.2% reach expected level or above
(58% national 2024 63% Local Authority)
- Maths 87.9% reach expected level or above
(73% national 2024 71% Local Authority)

Children also achieve well in self-confidence and independence, as well as growing spiritually and in a range of areas such as PE, dance, music and singing.

Why we think
children do well
here...





As a small infant school
our children have the
opportunity to develop
as individuals.



Our whole school
provides an environment
suited to developing the
the age and stage of our
children

We get involved early

- Before joining

- Individual Parent Meeting for families new to the school, and Pre-School handover meetings
- Drop-in play session for families
- Visit day for children (transition)
- Those attending our Pre-School have the benefit of additional opportunities for getting to know the school.

During your child's time here

- Talk to you as soon as we have any concerns
- Listen to you as soon as you have concerns
- Work with you to address any needs your child has soon as they are identified
- Involve other agencies as soon as possible to support you or your child's learning



We are a welcoming school

In September

- Class Introduction Meetings – routines and expectations
- Settling-in drop-in session
- Open door approach



We have a Strong Progressive Curriculum



- We strongly believe in providing a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Topics such as Dinosaurs, Beside the Seaside, Explorers and Rainforests are used to teach subjects such as geography, art science and history.
- Learning is brought to life through special days and trips.

Catholic Life & Religious teaching is central to all we do

- Children develop a strong sense of justice, and respect of others
- We follow a structured RE programme (Diocesan Religious Education programme)
- Religious knowledge and beliefs are developed through active prayer and worship.
- Understanding and knowledge of other faiths and communities is key to a cohesive community
- We foster the belief in helping others through good deeds and charitable works



We involve Parents...

- 'Stay and Play' sessions in Reception and 'Stay and Learn' sessions in Year 1 & 2.
- Give parents and carers ideas as to how they can support their child at home.
- Class led assemblies
- Parent helpers
- Friends Friday – encouraging parents to drop in meet each other and chat
- Open door – opportunity to chat to staff each day



And keep parents informed

- We have Weekly Snapshot updates on our website so you can enjoy looking at key highlights in learning for the week.
- Teachers will speak to you at the earliest opportunities when they have concerns





We are an Active School

We encourage children to be active and healthy in a variety of ways too.

Olympian visits

Mile a day

Active lessons

Sports Clubs



We have strong Early Years provision

- Learning through playing and exploring, being active, and creative and critical thinking
- Indoor and outside learning
- Equip children with the skills to become effective learners.
- Strong Focus on learning to read – Read Write Inc Scheme





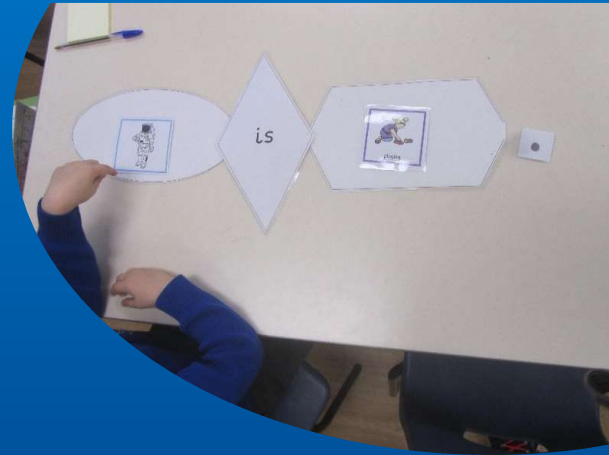
Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Communicating needs and feelings appropriately





Literacy



Being able to read, write, speak, and listen in a way that allows children to communicate effectively and understand the world around them.



Mathematics

Making Maths real and enjoyable – growing early mathematical skills



Literacy

A high focus on early reading skills



Physical Development





Understanding The World

A strong focus on developing skills to be able to observe, predict and discuss their first hand experiences.



Creative Development



We have carefully planned transitions at all stages to make school a success for your child



Starting Pre-School

Pre-School into Reception

Reception into Key Stage 1 (Year One and Year 2)

Infant school into Junior school

Don't just take our
word for it!





A Tour of Our School

Take your time to look at our online tour or come and visit us