

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Sunderland

## Prospectus 2024



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# Welcome

Welcome to St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is a warm, friendly school where the staff and Governors work together to provide a caring and safe environment in which children thrive.

We encourage the children to be independent, responsible and enthusiastic learners. We enjoy working in partnership with parents to achieve the best outcomes for all our children and enable them to develop spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally and creatively.

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School exists to serve the families of St Mary's, and St. Cecilia's and St Patrick's parishes in Sunderland.

At St. Mary's we recognise that we are all part of God's wonderful creation and therefore are all special. We learn to respect one another as we prepare for the life in the wider world.

Our school community is united by our faith. We recognise, respect and celebrate our diversity.

**Martin Clephane**  
*Headteacher*



# Our School

## Our Mission Statement

'Growing, Loving and Learning in the arms of Mary'

The mission of St Mary's Catholic School is to provide for each child, a warm and secure environment where the values, beliefs, practice and knowledge of the Catholic faith are fostered and nurtured. This is achieved by learning using four key curriculum drivers: Belief, Rights, Environmental and wellbeing (BREW).

Our 3 school rules are:

'Be Kind'  
'Be Safe'  
'Believe'

By following these 3 simple, easy to remember rules, children can learn in a happy school environment.

Establishing and maintaining good behaviour is necessary for the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. We expect the children to be well behaved and so bring credit upon themselves, their parents and the school. Our older children are asked to support the younger children in the school but also to act as excellent role models for the younger children.



# Our Curriculum

Our rigorous, well planned curriculum combined with high quality teaching ensures that children are supported to be well rounded, empathetic young people who have a genuine thirst for learning. Children develop a strong sense of moral purpose in addition to a respect for and understanding of people.

Pupils in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) learn in seven areas:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Pupils in Key Stages 1-2 study the following areas of the curriculum:

- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Science
- Religious Education
- Information and Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Personal and Social Education
- Modern Foreign Language



# Our School Day

## Nursery

8.30 am – 11.30 am Morning session  
12.30 pm – 3.30 pm Afternoon session

## Main school

9.00 am – 3.30 pm

Classroom doors are open from 8.45 am and we start promptly at 9.00 am.

School runs a successful Breakfast Club each day 8.00am – 9.00am catering for up to 30 children from Y1-Y6.

We also offer clubs both at lunch time and after school usually finishing at 4.30pm. After school clubs should be booked at the school office these are available for Y2 to Y6 in a wide range of activities catering for all interests.

All Reception Class children are required to have a school meal or go home for their lunch. Applications for Free School Meals should be made by parent/carer using the Family Portal:

**[www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals](http://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals)**



# Our School

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority. All staff are trained in Safeguarding and our Headteacher and our Deputy Headteacher are our Designated Safeguarding Officers. As a school we work closely with Sunderland Council and Clennell Education Solutions Safeguarding teams.

We follow the guidance of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. We regularly update our safeguarding procedures ensuring our school is a safe and secure environment for all. All staff are DBS checked before they can work in school.

## Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

St. Mary's School welcomes all children in the community. We ensure that all children have the same opportunity to fulfil their potential and to participate in all areas of school life including access to the National Curriculum.

St. Mary's endeavours to ensure that all children in the school are fully included in school life and recognises the importance of working in partnership with families and outside agencies where applicable. We have a SEND Co-ordinator in school who is the main point of contact for any queries.



# Our Uniform

## Nursery and Reception

- Royal blue sweatshirt
- White polo shirt
- Royal blue school joggers
- Black or white velcro fastening trainers
- School uniform shorts in summer (royal blue or blue gingham)

## Year 1 to Year 6

- Grey trousers, pinafore/skirt, (shorts/gingham dress in Summer)
- Royal blue sweatshirt
- White polo shirt
- Black shoes



## PE Kit

We prefer that your child comes to school on PE days in their PE kit:

- Royal blue tracksuit bottoms/royal blue shorts,
- Training shoes (black or white)
- White t-shirt

Parents are asked to clearly mark all uniform with their child's name. Tracksuit bottoms, football shirts, jeans and trainers (except for P.E.) are not permitted.

Polo shirts, sweatshirts and PE kits embroidered with St Mary's School badge, can be ordered from Little Gems High Street West Sunderland or ordered on line at [www.theschooloutfit.co.uk](http://www.theschooloutfit.co.uk)

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