

St George's

Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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A warm welcome to St George's

St George's is a very special, friendly school with a close parent community. We foster Gospel Values in all we do with our children and offer them an exciting and stimulating curriculum that values the uniqueness of every child. Their uniqueness is embraced and celebrated as soon as our children start their journey with us in our purpose-built nursery.

We offer warm and nurturing surroundings for children to flourish and access all aspects of the environment. Our skilled and dedicated staff strive to develop individual talents and interests, through the curriculum and a broad range of extra-curricular activities. We also benefit from a strong partnership with the Maghull & District Community of Schools, developing the expertise from our local secondary schools.

You are always welcome to visit us at any time to see what makes our school, and pupils, so special. Please just contact the school and we will be happy to show you around. At St George's, every day is an open day.

Mr P. Chapman
Headteacher

“Your warmth and passion to do the very best for every pupil in school, shines out in all that you do. It is greatly appreciated by the whole school community.”

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Welcome from our Chair of Governors

Hello, my name is Pauline Davies and I'm the Chair of Governors at St George's Catholic Primary School & Nursery. I have been part of the St George's family for over 15 years; my daughter attended the school, I've chaired the PTA and been part of the Governing body for over 12 years.

St George's is a voluntary aided Catholic school, established to support Catholic parents in their responsibility for the academic, physical, spiritual, moral and religious education of their children in accordance with the teachings of the church. Our Governing Body is responsible for ensuring that pupils receive high quality education and that the conduct of the school reflects this aim.

As Governors, we work as a team along with the head teacher in the whole strategic planning and management of the school. Our responsibilities include consideration and agreement of our aims and policies of the school, discussion and approval of the targets for improvement, appointment of staff, setting and monitoring the budget and monitoring the performance of the school. We are the link between the school and the community, made up of representatives of all those with an interest in the well-being and reputation of St George's.



St George's is a wonderful school that we are all very proud of and we hope you'll see what a special place it is.

Mrs Pauline Davies
Chair of Governors

“Governors’ links with subject leaders are strong. As a consequence, governors have a clear understanding of the effectiveness of the school.”

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Our Mission Statement

To learn with kindness,
respect and friendship
through God's love.

Our School Aims

- 1) To enable every individual (made in the image and likeness of God) to learn, grow and reach their full potential.
- 2) We aim to be a loving Christian family living the values of the Gospel.
- 3) To seek to make a difference through developing caring relationships with the local and wider community.



Religious Education and Collective Worship

“The quality of teaching, learning and assessment in Religious Education is outstanding.”

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The aim of Religious Education at St George's Catholic Primary School is to help embrace and live out all elements of our mission statement daily. We aim to develop within our children, a trusting, loving and personal relationship with God by introducing them to the mystery of Christ through his teachings in the Gospel. St George's aims to foster the spiritual and moral development of all our children based upon Gospel values and the Catholic ethos which we endeavour to live out through our daily lives.

At St George's, school collective worship is the recognition, affirmation and celebration of beliefs, values and events, which are of central importance in our community. It is the coming together of children and staff for the purpose of worshipping, praising, thanking, celebrating and deepening our relationship with God. We explore a different theme each week and reflect on how this can contribute to our lives, the wider community, and our global community.



“The extent to which the pupils contribute to and benefit from the Catholic life of the school is outstanding.”

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“Collective Worship is given the highest possible priority in terms of planning, evaluating and resourcing; as a result, experiences of Collective Worship are of such a high quality that they are universally cherished by every member of the community.”

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Our Curriculum

Our school curriculum is ambitious, innovative and inspirational to encompass the all-round development of each child, taking due account of their emotional, physical, social, spiritual needs. We have high expectations of all our children and our aim is to provide a richness of experience and to develop a love of knowledge and learning.

Staff aim to deliver this through inspiring lessons that motivate our pupils with high quality resources that are enjoyable, creative and challenging. We incorporate the use of varied technology so that children will have the necessary skills to become digitally literate to participate fully in the modern world.

Our curriculum is not only the daily programme of work and learning - but a child's whole experience at school.

“In class, there are very positive relationships between pupils and staff. Your pupils work hard and appreciate the opportunities given to them to develop their learning.”

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"The curriculum is ambitious for all pupils, including those with SEND and children in the early years". Ofsted 2023

We want our children to enjoy an enriching experience at primary school. To that end, we encompass trips, visitors and parents as a key part of how our curriculum is planned and taught, bringing learning to life.

Our curriculum provides many opportunities for enrichment experiences, parental involvement and further learning at home. Throughout the year we arrange for specialist tuition, experiences and workshops in a variety of subjects such as ukulele and samba drums. We understand that music can inspire and motivate children, and help children develop a greater appreciation of the world we live in.

We are passionate about taking learning outside whenever possible. We are blessed with fantastic school grounds that enable us to enrich children's knowledge and understanding of the natural world. There are many resources within our school grounds which allow effective teaching of environmental science, including our wonderful Nature Nurture Nook and our Forest School woodland area.



The joy of learning is embedded in our culture at St George's, and as a family, we celebrate and share this with the local community wherever possible. Children are valued as unique members of God's family, and we nurture our children through spiritual, moral, social and cultural development that will guide and support them throughout their lives.



"Teachers offer pupils a broad range of opportunities to apply learning in mathematics to their own experiences. Most recently, your youngest children and pupils counted pumpkins, weighing them and paying for them as part of a wider school project."

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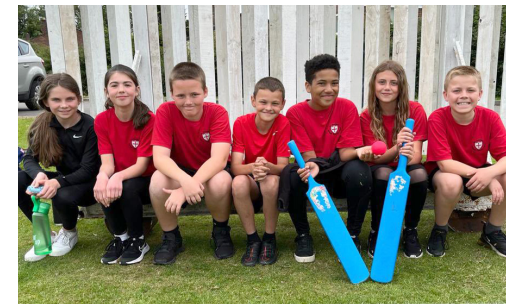


Our Curriculum

Extra-Curricular Activities

There is always a wide range of opportunities for our pupils to participate in extra-curricular activities. Children are encouraged to explore their physical, creative and academic interests through a variety of after-school clubs.

There are an increasingly wide range of clubs and competitive events, which our pupils are encouraged to participate in, including football, singing, cooking, art, cricket, cross-country, dance and homework club. St. George's also has its own Breakfast and After School Club, which provides excellent wrap around care for our children.



Sporting Activities

We are proud to offer a diverse range of sporting activities and a strong physical education curriculum to support healthy lifestyles and well-being.

Our sporting clubs participate in a range of friendly matches across our school cluster and throughout Sefton, always embracing teamwork. Our children have represented both Sefton and Merseyside in cross-country; we're sure our mile-a-day has been a huge benefit to their success.

We also provide a variety of coaching opportunities such as multi-skills, gymnastics, swimming, archery, judo, football and yoga. Every child has the opportunity to take part in sport at St George's.



Educational visits

Pupil Voice

Our pupils are the greatest aspect of our school so their voice is extremely important and valuable to us. We have a thriving School Council, and an Eco council, who support school development and ensure their peers' voices are heard.

We also have a Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) in Key Stage Two who are ambassadors for St George's both in and out of school. Their role is to work alongside the school Leadership Team to support our continued improvement, stand as role models and to support other pupil teams, such as our Year 5 Play Leaders.



Residentials and Trips

We know there are many different benefits for our pupils when taking them away on residential visits. Children develop greater personal and social skills during these opportunities, as they are encouraged to become more independent and develop their confidence.

Each year, our Year 5 children visit a local activity centre for a 2 night stay where they develop teamwork and resilience. They also take part in an array of art and craft activities.

In Year 6, our children experience two nights away where they conquer their fears with activities like rock climbing, zip lines, giant swings and a tree high obstacle courses. All these experiences bring such personal development and a lifetime of memories.

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Early Years Foundation Stage

At St George's, we pride ourselves on ensuring the best possible start for all of Nursery and Reception children, since we know that a child's development at this crucial stage has a fundamental impact on their happiness, school journey and shapes the young person they will become.

Our dedicated team of experienced Early Years Practitioners care deeply about the children in our school and form close relationships with children and families, instilling in them the values and attitudes that we foster through our school mission statement, which is to learn with kindness, respect and friendship through God's love.

We treat every child as a unique individual. Above all, we want our children to feel happy, secure and safe. Praise and clear boundaries contribute to building confidence and resilience of our children. We believe in praising effort and valuing the little steps that really make a difference to the children's progress and self-esteem, as well as involving children in recognising their achievements.

We believe that young children are intrinsically capable of amazing things and we develop this through having high expectations and promoting a strong sense of independence. Our children are proud to be independent in their learning, to collaborate with their peers and to never worry about getting things 'wrong'. We offer a safe learning environment, in which children learn together and support one another.

The 2021 EYFS Statutory Framework states that the development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. We are passionate about supporting children who may need extra support in their language development, as well as extending the use of language



in more articulate children. We have Elklan specialist teachers who carefully plan for children to develop their vocabulary, communication and language skills.

We also have an experienced and practising Speech and Language Therapist, who is available to support children and staff, so that children make maximum progress.

Our Early Years is defined into three key indoor areas, as well as an outdoor area. Our Reception and Nursery classrooms are separated with interlocking doors, so that classes can come together at special times, whilst also having their own distinct learning areas. This helps children who have joined our nursery, to ease into their Reception year when their time in Nursery is over. Likewise, we have a shared space between Reception and Year One, so that children are well prepared for when they enter Key Stage One.

We also offer Continuous Provision in Year One, so that children can continue to learn through play for the first term when they leave Reception. Play is valued across our school and we know that it is through meaningful and purposeful play, that children learn best. This commitment to transition and play all helps to keep our children happy and settled and part of our wider St George's family.

Our Early Years curriculum has been carefully planned to ensure that children develop the skills needed for when they start Key Stage One. Topics we offer are exciting and ensure that each child can make excellent progress from their starting point. We follow the fascinations and interests of our children and respond to their individual needs.

We want every child to enjoy coming to school and are passionate to instil a love of learning in our children to follow them throughout the rest of their school journey with us, here at St George's.



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Visiting our School

Potential parents and children are most welcome to visit us. Please telephone the School Office and speak with Mrs Jones to arrange a visit. We hope you will enjoy visiting our happy, and vibrant school.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our school family and to sharing your child's journey with us where we'll make many joyful memories together.



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