

ST KENTIGERN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS 2026

"Treat others as you would like to be treated."

Luke 6:31



Faith • Learning • Love • Service

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Welcome to St Kentigern's

A message from Mrs C Murray, Headteacher

Welcome to St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School, the oldest Catholic primary school in Blackpool. We are a small, busy and friendly school where children are at the heart of everything we do.

As a Catholic school, we help children to grow in faith and to develop a closer relationship with God in an atmosphere of mutual love and respect. Our school motto, inspired by Jesus' words in Luke 6:31, reminds us each day to treat others as we would like to be treated.

We aim to provide a safe and happy environment in which every child can flourish, enjoy learning, make good choices and take part in a rich range of experiences. We value our partnership with parents, our parish and the wider community, and warmly welcome families to visit us and experience the special St Kentigern's community for themselves. Please visit our website to view our school in more detail <https://st-kentigern.blackpool.sch.uk/>

Our school at a glance

Age range	4–11 years
Published capacity	210 pupils
Admission number	30 children per year group
Headteacher	Mrs C Murray
Deputy Headteacher / SENCo	Mrs S Brooks
Academy trust	Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust (BEBCMAT)
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Our Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School, as part of our parish community of faith, is dedicated to nurturing each child as a unique and sacred gift from God. Guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church, we seek to develop the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical potential of every child.

Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, we promote dignity, love, justice, compassion, service and care for creation. We are committed to educating the whole child in a safe, welcoming and inclusive community where every person is valued and respected.

Vision

We want St Kentigern's to be a vibrant community where children flourish in faith, hope and love. Inspired by St Kentigern and the Gospel, we nurture compassionate young people who can make a positive difference to the world around them.

Values inspired by the Beatitudes

- Faithfulness and Integrity
- Dignity and Compassion
- Humility and Gentleness
 - Truth and Justice
- Forgiveness and Mercy
 - Tolerance and Peace
- Service and Sacrifice

Catholic Life, Prayer and Religious Education

Our Catholic faith shapes the life of the school. Children are encouraged to pray, reflect, serve others and put Gospel values into action. Prayer and liturgy are part of school life, alongside class and whole-school celebrations and links with the parish.

Religious Education has a central place in our curriculum. Our current school policies include an RE Policy for 2024–2027 and a Prayer and Liturgy Policy. Catholic Social Teaching is woven through our curriculum so that children can connect their learning with faith, justice, stewardship and service.

Pupil leadership and service

Children are encouraged to take responsibility and contribute to the life of the school through roles such as prayer leadership, faith ambassadorship, ministers of the Word, creation care, School Council and other pupil leadership opportunities.

Our PSHE and HRSE provision follows the Life to the Full programme from Ten:Ten Resources. It supports children to develop healthy relationships, resilience, responsibility, respect and an understanding of how to live safely and positively in modern Britain.

Learning at St Kentigern's

Our curriculum is designed to develop knowledge and skills progressively across all subjects. Learning is organised so that links can be made across subjects and children's understanding of Gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching can deepen throughout the year.

English	Mathematics	Science
Religious Education	Art and Design	Computing
Design and Technology	Geography	History
Music	Physical Education	Languages
PSHE and HRSE		

We want children to become confident, curious and independent learners. The curriculum is enriched by visitors, educational visits, sport, music, creative opportunities, community links and extra-curricular activities.

Inclusion, SEND and Pastoral Care

St Kentigern's is an inclusive school. We work with children, families and external professionals to identify and support additional needs. The Deputy Headteacher, Mrs S Brooks, is listed by the school as SENCo.

Our SEND Information Report, SEND Policy, Accessibility Plan and Local Offer information are available through the school website. Parents who have concerns about their child's learning or development are encouraged to speak first with the class teacher so that support can be discussed promptly.

Family support

The school offers practical support to families. This includes a school food bank with weekly food parcels and a pre-loved uniform bank. Mrs Long is the school's Family Support Worker and Learning Mentor.

Pastoral support is an important part of school life. Children are supported to develop confidence, resilience and positive relationships, and the school works with families when additional help is needed.

Safeguarding, Behaviour and Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of children are central to our work. The school maintains current safeguarding, child protection, online safety, anti-bullying, attendance and behaviour policies, which are available on the website.

We expect children and adults to treat one another with respect and to live out the school motto in daily life. Positive behaviour, kindness, responsibility and care for others are promoted throughout the school.

Working with parents

Strong relationships between home and school help children to thrive. Parents and carers are encouraged to take an active part in school life through meetings, assemblies, trips, stay-and-play opportunities, PTFA events and other community activities.

The school values open communication. Families are encouraged to contact school when they have a question, concern or need support.

The School Day and Wraparound Care

The school provides a 32.5-hour school week, with wraparound care available before and after the school day.

Time	Activity
7:30am	Breakfast Club opens
8:30am	Playground gates open
8:40am	School day begins / registers open
8:55am	Registration closes; late arrivals report to the office
11:50am	Reception lunch
12:00pm	KS1 lunch begins
12:15pm	KS2 lunch begins
3:15pm	End of school day / Kids Club opens
5:30pm	Kids Club closes

Admissions for 2026–2027

St Kentigern's has capacity for 210 children from Reception to Year 6, with 30 places in each year group. Families are warmly encouraged to visit the school before applying.

Applications are made to the Local Authority in which the family lives. Families seeking consideration under Catholic faith criteria should also complete the school's Supplementary Information Form and return it as directed. The full Admissions Policy 2026–2027 and supplementary information are published on the school website.

For in-year admissions, families who have moved into the area or who are considering transferring from another primary school should follow the current Local Authority process.

New Reception children

The school provides transition information for new starters and a Welcome Admissions Pack. Transition arrangements are designed to help children and families become familiar with the school before September.

Because admissions dates and procedures can change, families should always use the current admissions page and Local Authority guidance when making an application.

Governance and Our Academy Trust

St Kentigern's is part of Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust (BEBCMAT). The Trust works with the school and its Local Governing Body to support Catholic life, educational standards, safeguarding, financial oversight and school improvement.

Chair of Governors: Mrs Maura Leyland

Chief Executive Officer, BEBCMAT: Mrs Helen O'Neill

The school website provides current governance information, including the membership and responsibilities of the Local Governing Body.

Ofsted

The school website links to its Ofsted provider page and published inspection information. Families are encouraged to read the latest official report directly from Ofsted for the most up-to-date inspection record.

Contact Us

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Come and visit us

Choosing a school is an important decision. We warmly invite prospective families to contact the school to arrange a visit and experience the welcoming, faith-filled community at St Kentigern's.