# Welcome to St Mary's Catholic Primary School



# Today we would like to give you the opportunity to:

Learn more about our school St Mary's.

Learn about our EYFS.

Ask any questions you may have.



Understand the admissions process for Nursery and Reception places for 2026.

#### About our School

St Mary's has been federated with St Charles since January 2021.

Both schools remain separate entities by are managed together by a single governing board and unified leadership team.

Both schools share an ethos and a foundation that stems from our Catholic faith and gospel values that flow from it.

#### Our School Mission Statement

At St Mary's we encourage everyone to learn, grow and flourish in Faith and Love.

The Catholic faith permeates every aspect of the school's activity.

The school's mission statement 'Learning together in Faith and Love' recognises and celebrates the links between home, school and parish.

## Our School Values at St Mary's

These values underpin all areas of our school life and school community:

- Kindness
- Respect
- Tolerance
- Honesty
- Responsibility (for ourselves and our world)
- Co-operation









## Learning should be enjoyable!

We ensure that all children have the chance to engage in very real and meaningful learning experiences that will help deepen their understanding.

By the time your child leaves St Mary's Primary School, they will have had the opportunity to:

Watch a duckling hatch Learn a new language

Visit London Landmarks e.g Tower of London, Royal Albert Hall Take part in a celebration for another faith/culture a concert/production in school

Have a piece of your artwork displayed for all to see Regularly invite your family into school to share your learning Meet an author and famous sports person Learn a sport and engage in physical activity e.g. dance, gymnastics.









"The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six."

Maria Montessori



#### Our EYFS

Qualified staff that are passionate about Early Years. Indoor and Outdoor Environment Updated Funding Approved

Large classrooms with covered areas for providing opportunities to learn through play in all curriculum areas

Children have lunch at school

Wrap around care with breakfast club onsite and after school care located at school opposite Aktiva.

Opportunities for Parents to come in with Open Mornings and Workshops.

#### What our School Achieved

Good Level of Development at end of Reception 75% Children in Year 1 passing the Phonics Screening in June is 79% and Year 2 children 80%.

KS2

2025 Key Stage 2	English & Maths	Readin	g Writing	Maths	Punctuation, Grammar & Spelling
Percentage achieving expected standard	70%	78%	82%	82%	82%
Percentage achieving expected nationally 2025	62%	75%	72%	74%	73%
Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard	26%	48%	30%	52%	56%
Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard nationally 2025	8%	33%	13%	26%	30%
Science – percentage achieving expected standard	School 93%		82% Nationally		

#### Curriculum

R.E.
English
Maths
Science
Computing















History
Geography
P.E and Music
Art/D.T.













#### Ofsted

"Leaders have high expectations for every pupil's academic achievement and behaviour"

"Leaders, staff and pupils are proud to be part of this school. Pupils are happy and safe"

"Pupils treat one another kindly"

"Leaders and staff put pupil's best interests at the heart of everything they do"

February 2022

#### RE Inspection





- "Staff are positive role models and are committed to the implementation of the mission statement in every aspect of the life of the school"
- "Pupils actively engage with opportunities to develop the Catholic life and mission of the school"
- "Pupils are developing good knowledge, understanding and skills that reflect the learning required from the Religious Education Directory"
- "Pupils respond well to the experiences of prayer and liturgy offered by the school"
- "This is a school that has moved beyond doing prayer to being a school of prayer"

February 2023

## Applying for a Nursery Place

DOB between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 31 August 2023 (the September after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday)

Please complete the Nursery application form which can be downloaded from our website under 'admissions' and return the form along with:

- 1.Two documents proving current address
- 2.Child's birth certificate

Return to the school office or email to <u>info@st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk</u> (admissions)

Forms to be returned by 15th January 2026

The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to this school and intends to admit the published admissions number of 26 pupils to the Nursery Class in the school year, which begins in September 2026.

There is no automatic progression from Nursery to Reception Classes. Please remember that a separate application must be made on behalf of ALL children seeking admission to Reception Classes including those currently attending the Nursery.

Please read carefully the application procedures outlined in our Admissions policy and our order of priority for OVER SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

## Nursery classes

We have a Nursery which is open during school hours and is

term time only. We offer a variety of sessions times FREE!

Mornings 8.45am – 11.45am

Afternoons 12.15pm – 3.15pm

30 hours 8.45am - 3.15pm

When you are offered a place you then can find out if you are eligible for 30 hours funded place

## How does the funding work?

All nursery aged children are entitled to 15 free hours.

**Funding 30 hour places –** Working parents may be entitled to a further 15 hours/week (30 hours/Extended Entitlement). To check if you are eligible, please see the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility

The extended finding does not cover childcare over the lunch break. This will be charged at £3.00 a day. Please provide a packed lunch as lunch is not provided.

Parents who are not eligible for Extended Funding have the option to pay for the extra 15hours at £7.00 per hour and £3.00 for lunchtime, which equals £24.00 per day.

### Applying for a Reception Place

DOB between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – 31 August 2022 (the September after their 4th birthday)



















### How to apply for Reception

All applications are made online centrally to the London Borough of RBKC on a **Common Application Form (CAF)**. <a href="https://www.eadmissions.org.uk">https://www.eadmissions.org.uk</a>

The CAF must be completed online via the eadmissions portal above.

You may choose up to six schools.

Write down your choices in order of preference and submit the form online before deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

You must also complete the school's **Supplementary Information Form** and return it to the school.

This can be downloaded on our website or ask the office for a copy.

You <u>must</u> fill out both forms to be considered for a place for your child in Reception.

For information hints and tips follow this link below: <a href="https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/children-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school">https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/children-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school</a>

## Additional supporting documents

Our school will need to see two proof of address letters:

A Council tax letter

A Utility bill

Please note:

Original Birth Certificate and Original Baptismal Certificate (if applicable) must be presented to the office.

## What happens if I miss the 15<sup>th</sup> January deadline?

Your application will be given lower priority than on-time applications

In previous years, some children did not get a place at their older sibling's school because their applications were late.

Some late applications may be treated as 'on-time' if there is an exceptional reason (for example you have just moved into the borough)

You must let the Admissions Team know your reason by (Reason for Late Application Form is available online).

#### How will places be allocated?

If the school is over-subscribed, the published oversubscription criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place. Each school listed on the application form will be considered against the individual school's oversubscription criteria and your order of school preference is not passed to the individual schools.

#### Q: Will I be offered more than one school place?

Where the applicant qualifies for a place at more than one school, a place will be offered at the school that was ranked as the higher preference on the application form.

Any lower preferences will be withdrawn and offered to other children

No child will be offered more than one school.

## When do I know my child's school?

All applicants will receive the outcome of their application via email on the date of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Following this you will receive a letter from the school to confirm your place and an invitation to attend a meeting in June.

You must accept your offer within 2 weeks of this date.

### School Application Pack

- Head teacher's letter
- School Prospectus
- Admissions Policy
- Supplementary Information Form
- Admissions letter from RBKC including a leaflet on how to apply on-line

#### Governors' Fund

As a Voluntary Aided school the governors must contribute to the upkeep of the school.

Despite the recent financial climate we remain committed to improving facilities at St Mary's and with the help of parent contributions, we have been able to help finance a number of projects within the school including our outstanding outdoor playground and pitch across the school.

#### Thankyou

Please join us now in a tour of our school







