



*Welcome to*  
**St. Mary's**  
Catholic Primary School

**Prospectus**  
2024/25



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## *A very warm welcome to* **St. Mary's Catholic Primary School**

St. Mary's is a school where children are at the heart of everything we do. The whole staff team are fully committed to providing our children with the very best education. We pride ourselves on our excellent relationships with all members of our school community and we believe that pupils achieve their very best when school and home work together in partnership.

Children at St. Mary's are nurtured and encouraged to be the very best they can be. As a Catholic school our fundamental mission, 'Called by God', is to promote the Gospel values and virtues within a school community where every person is respected as an individual, made in the image of Christ. We encourage children at St. Mary's to live out the Gospel values and this can be seen every day in their work and play; they show respect and care for each other through their words and actions.

High expectations of behaviour are lived out through our school by following the school rules 'Be ready, be responsible, be respectful'.

**All are welcome in our wonderful school. Please contact the school office so that we can arrange for you to come and look around.**

*Mrs Emily Millward*  
**Headteacher**



# Why choose our school?



At St. Mary's, we pride ourselves on delivering a high-quality education through an extensive and enriching curriculum that caters to the diverse needs and interests of every student. Our commitment to excellence extends beyond academics; we offer strong pastoral support within the school, ensuring that every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

We understand that every child is unique, and we celebrate and nurture their individuality. Through our inclusive approach, we foster a supportive environment where students are encouraged to embrace their differences and excel in their own way.

Additionally, we instill in our students the importance of making a positive impact in the community, encouraging them to contribute and give back. Join our school and be part of a community dedicated to empowering every child to reach their full potential and make a difference in the world.



'Personal development and welfare are central to the school's ethos and are managed well across the school'



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# Our school day

School gates open 8:40am  
and registration finishes at 8:55am.

Early Years and KS1 finish school  
at 3:10pm and KS2 is 3:15pm.



# Wraparound care

## Breakfast Club:

Breakfast club is available from 8am each morning – must be booked in advance.

## After School Child Care:

We offer a variety of clubs available throughout the year but not fixed to a year group.

After school care is also available until 4:30pm.



# Our school uniform



The school uniform can be purchased from either our school uniform supplier, School Trends, or in any supermarket

School uniform is symbolic of a community to which we all belong, and our children are encouraged to feel pride to wear it.

## Our uniform:

- Royal blue school sweatshirt.
- Grey trousers / skirt / shorts.
- White polo / shirt / blouse.
- Black shoes.
- Gingham blue dress (Summer term only).

## PE uniform:

- Plain white T-shirt.
- Plain black shorts.
- Plain tracksuit.
- Black plimsolls.
- Outdoor trainers.

To order our school uniform please scan the QR code.





# Our curriculum



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School is a community where all are provided with the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We are committed to providing a purposeful, progressive, and inclusive curriculum with Christ at the centre and children at the heart. We value our pupils and celebrate diversity of experience, need, interest and achievement.

Our curriculum celebrates our local heritage and nurtures pupil's understanding of the communities in which they live. It fully prepares pupils for the next steps in their learning journey and opens the doors to the wider world as life-long learners.



To find out more about our curriculum please scan or click the QR code



“The school provides a good education for all pupils”  
Ofsted





**“Parents and pupils agree that behaviour is good”**  
Ofsted

## Special educational needs and disabilities



As an inclusive school, all teachers are teachers of pupils with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND). We deliver a curriculum and create an environment that meets the needs of every pupil within our school.

We ensure that every pupil with SEND makes the best progress possible. We foster and promote effective working partnerships with parents, carers, pupils, and outside agencies. We consider the ‘whole’ child and strive to ensure that all our SEND pupils are prepared for adulthood.



**Key Contact**  
Mrs Victoria Stewart  
SENDCo

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please scan  
the QR code







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## Our Trust

**Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust** is a family of 35 schools across County Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool, and Stockton-On-Tees.

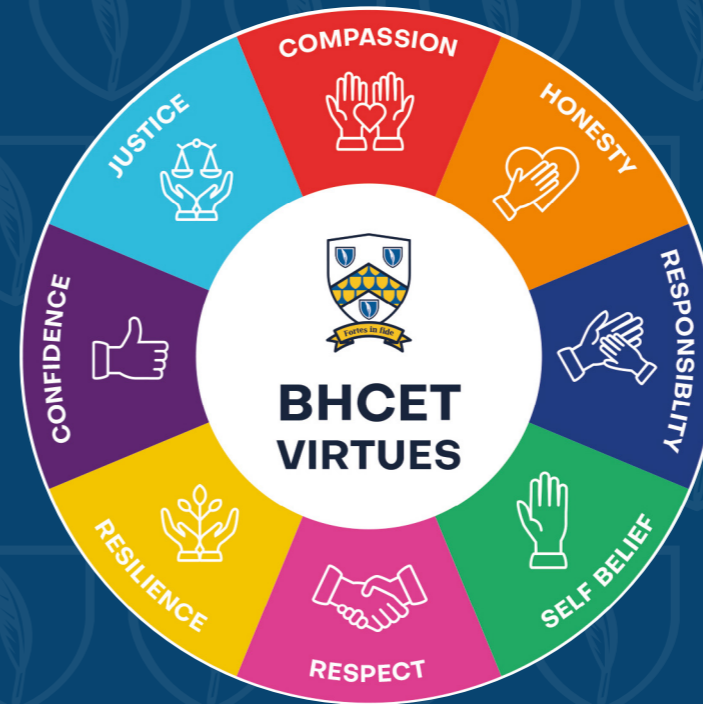
Our mission is to provide the highest quality education, fostering a collaborative environment where resources and best practices are shared among our schools.

We are committed to the educational welfare of our pupils. This is why we place Christ at the centre and children at the heart.



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### JUSTICE & COMPASSION

We value fairness and empathy, treating others with kindness and understanding.

### HONESTY & RESPONSIBILITY

We prioritise truthfulness and accountability, taking ownership of our actions and decisions.

### CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE

We foster courage and adaptability, empowering individuals to face challenges and overcome setbacks.

### RESPECT & SELF BELIEF

We embrace diversity and individuality, fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and confident.



[WATCH OUR VIDEO](#)





## *Apply for a place* at St. Mary's



Starting primary school is a very important time for you and your child, and at St. Mary's we aim to make this a happy experience for everyone. Children can start school in our Reception class in the September of the academic year in which they will be five years old.

To gain a place at St. Mary's, you will need to apply through Durham County Council's website. Please click the link below for more information or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can contact the school office. [stmarysna.bhcet.org.uk/key-information/admissions](https://stmarysna.bhcet.org.uk/key-information/admissions)



If your child is not already attending our school Nursery, they will be invited to spend some informal sessions with their new teacher and other children from the class in the summer term in order to familiarise themselves with the school environment. An information evening for our new Reception class parents is also held in the summer term.

For mid-year admissions, at other times of the year or for year groups other than Reception, please go through Durham County Council (<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2197/Apply-to-change-school-during-the-school-year>). We highly recommend contacting the school in the first instance for a visit.



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