

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

**Prospectus**  
2024/25



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

I am privileged to be the headteacher here at St. Wilfrid's. This is a very special and vibrant community, and it is a delight to have the opportunity to serve here.

St. Wilfrid's is a wonderful school, because of our staff, our families, our parish, our community and of course, our wonderful children! We aim to provide excellent opportunities and care for our pupils from our Early Years Unit through to Year 6.

We are a warm and friendly school where the staff, governors and parish community work together to provide a caring and safe environment in which our children thrive. Our school mission statement 'A school family growing together in love, friendship and faith' fully describes our school as we are a family, and all are welcome.

We are thankful for the talents and gifts God has given each member of our school community, and we all work hard to use them to make sure we make our school, our local community and the world a better place.

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

*Miss Joanne Sands*  
**Headteacher**

# Why choose our school?



Joining St. Wilfrid's means becoming part of a community where every pupil is cherished and supported. Our inclusive environment fosters a strong sense of unity, with all year groups interacting harmoniously and building lasting friendships. Our friendly staff create a welcoming atmosphere, ensuring that every child feels seen, heard, and valued.

At St. Wilfrid's, we take pride in the exemplary behaviour of our pupils, who exhibit positive attitudes towards learning and demonstrate respect towards each other and adults alike. Relationships are built on a foundation of kindness, mutual respect, and openness, creating a nurturing environment where our pupils feel safe to express themselves.

Our strong links with St. John's Catholic School & Sixth Form College provide unique opportunities for our pupils, including access to facilities such as their swimming pool, enhancing their overall educational experience. Our curriculum is designed to engage and inspire, our pupils eagerly embrace learning and look forward to coming to school each day, confident in knowing that they are part of a caring and dynamic learning community.



'Teaching is outstanding. Lessons have a range of highly interesting activities and pupils work at a brisk pace'



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# Our school day

Our school day commences at 9:00am for all pupils and 8:50am for nursery.

	Teaching Starts	Break	Lunch	Teaching Ends
<b>Nursery</b>	8:50am	-	11:50am – 12:20pm	15:20pm
<b>Reception</b>	9:00am	-	12:00noon – 1:00pm	15:30pm
<b>KS1</b>	9:00am	10:30 – 10:45am	12:00noon – 1:00pm	15:30pm
<b>KS2</b>	9:00am	10:30 – 10:45am	12:15 – 1:15pm	15:30pm

# Wraparound care

### Breakfast Club:

Breakfast club is from 7.45am and costs £1 per day

### Afterschool Child Care (September 2024):

We are hoping to offer after school teatime club until 5pm. We are still looking into firm numbers and costs but hope to have it in place by September 2024. Please contact the office for more information.



# Our school uniform



The school uniform can be purchased from either our school uniform supplier, Cre8tive Design, or in any supermarket.

### Our uniform:

- White polo shirt.
- Maroon sweatshirt, cardigan or tank top.
- Grey trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Blue checked summer dress.

### PE uniform:

- Plain white t shirt.
- Black shorts.
- Plimsolls or trainers.

### First Steps (Foundation Stage)

In First Steps we wear a white polo shirt and maroon school sweatshirt with black jogging bottoms and velcro fastening shoes.

Warm weather uniform consists of white polo shirt, black shorts/leggings/cycling shorts and maroon cardigan or sweatshirt.

To order our school uniform please scan the QR code.



# Our curriculum



At St. Wilfrid's, at the heart of our curriculum, and all aspects of school life, we ensure that our children feel loved, as part of a school family, and know that their God given talents are valued and celebrated. We endeavour to develop within our children, a faith that will grow and inform their choices and sustain them into adult life.

Our curriculum incorporates the following subject areas:- English, Mathematics, R.E., Science, Computing, Design Technology, Geography, History, Music, Art, Physical Education, and French.

We make links across subjects and widen children's understanding through class excursions and visiting experts, as well as learning about our local history and heritage in Bishop Auckland.

We encourage children to become independent learners by nurturing and developing their investigative and problem solving ability, so that they gain learning skills that will be of value throughout their lives.

Children are regularly assessed to ensure their individual targets are appropriate and they are continually challenged to achieve their best.



**“Pupils’ achievement is outstanding.”**

**Ofsted**



**“Pupils’  
behaviour is  
exemplary and  
they say they  
feel extremely  
safe.”**

**Ofsted**

## Special educational needs and disabilities



At St Wilfrid's, we are committed to equality. Our school is committed to anti-discriminatory practice to promote equality of opportunity and valuing diversity for all children and families.

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 R Shaw: SENDCO  
Mrs C Roxborough: Deputy SENDCO  
Miss J Sands: Headteacher  
Ms J Shaughnessy: Designated SEND Governor

**To find out more  
please scan  
the QR code**





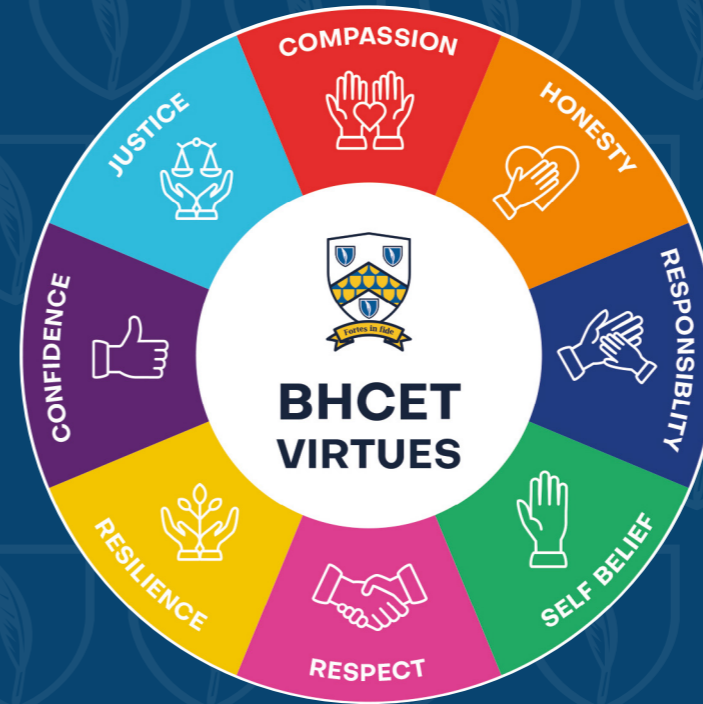
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# Our Trust

**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

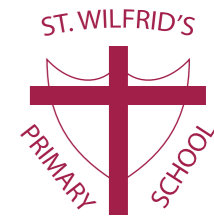
We foster courage and adaptability, empowering individuals to face challenges and overcome setbacks.

### RESPECT & SELF BELIEF

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



# Apply for a place at St. Wilfrid's



Starting primary school is a very important time for you and your child, and at St. Wilfrid'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. Wilfrid's, you will need to apply through Durham County Council's website. Please follow the link for more information or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can contact the school office.  
<https://stwilfrids.bhcet.org.uk/about-us/school-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.

If your child is looking to join our school mid-year, please apply through Durham County Council's website (<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.

## Nursery Admissions

At St. Wilfrid's, we offer a wonderful nursery setting for three year olds. The nursery is open from 8:50am – 3:20pm (term time only) and can be a mix of both government funded hours and private payment. Please visit our website for more information.



*Growing together in love, friendship and faith*



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