



*Welcome to*  
**St. Williams**  
Catholic Primary School

**Prospectus**  
2025/26



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*A very warm welcome to*

### **St. William's Catholic Primary School**

St. William's is a very welcoming, family community where the wellbeing and personal development of each child is central to our mission. We provide exceptionally well for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Pupils' behaviour is exemplary, and children are safe and cared for in our school.

We have highly skilled and knowledgeable staff who deliver fantastic lessons, classes have a range of highly interesting activities and pupils work at a brisk pace. Teachers make it extremely clear to pupils what they need to learn and they ask questions which stretch pupils. Teaching assistants are exceptionally skillful at supporting and teaching pupils of all abilities.

There is a vibrant learning atmosphere in school; pupils are excited by their learning and enjoy school immensely. Our excellent curriculum helps children to see the links between subjects and offers them many opportunities to practice their writing and mathematics.

We have close links with the parish of Blessed Edmund Duke and our school is a prayerful community where worship is a regular and meaningful part of the day.

We have an incredible offer for physical education and sport and ensure that every child can represent the school no matter their ability.

Prospective parents and pupils are invited to visit school and discuss aspects of school life in more detail.

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

*Mr Michael Tiplady*  
**Headteacher**



# Why choose our school?



Joining St. William's opens the door to a world of opportunities and support, ensuring every child thrives both academically and personally. With excellent wraparound facilities including a breakfast club and after-school childcare, families can rest assured that their child's needs are met beyond the school day.

Our commitment to holistic development is further exemplified through our exceptional sports and activities provision, where every child has the chance to shine and represent St. William's with pride.

Behind it all are our highly dedicated, creative, and caring staff, who form a fantastic team focused on supporting children's learning and wellbeing. In our kind and nurturing environment, students feel valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Join us and become part of a community where every child is cherished, encouraged, and celebrated their unique talents and contributions.



"St William's is a small school at the heart of a small community, where everyone is made to feel valued and special."



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## Our school day

**Infant Children** have morning lessons from 8:55am to 12:00pm. Lunch is 12:00pm – 12:45pm and afternoon lessons start at 12:45pm and finish at 3:10pm.

**Junior Children** have morning lessons from 9am to 12:15pm, with lunch at 12:15pm – 1:15pm. Afternoon lessons commence at 1:15pm and finish at 3:10pm.



## Wraparound care

### Breakfast Club:

We offer a breakfast club to our parents from 8am to 8:55am each day. Children can have a healthy, nutritious breakfast while enjoying some social time with their friends. There are a range of educational activities available for children attending breakfast club. The cost of breakfast club is £3 per session.

### Afterschool Child Care:

Teatime club is available each day for children from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Teachers and Teaching Assistants lead teatime club and offer a range of activities such as cooking, art, dance, chess and computing. Teatime club is £2 per session.



## Our school uniform



The school uniform can be purchased from either our school uniform supplier, Elizabeth's Embroidery, or in any supermarket.

### Girls' uniform:

- Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore.
- Pale blue polo shirt.
- Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Plain tights/socks.
- Black school shoes.
- Blue/white or red/white school dress (summer).

### PE uniform:

- Maroon/ dark shorts.
- White T-shirt.
- Plimsolls.
- Track suit/trainers for outside use only.

### Boy's Uniform:

- Grey trousers.
- Pale blue polo shirt.
- Maroon sweatshirt or jumper.
- Black school shoes.

To order our school uniform please scan the QR code.





# Our curriculum



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 community 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.

## Our curriculum is purposeful and responsive, it aims to:

- Create a positive and supportive environment for all pupils without exception.
- Build an ongoing, holistic understanding of our pupils and their needs.
- Ensure all have access to high quality teaching and access all areas of the curriculum and school day.
- Ensure that the fundamental skills of reading, writing, oracy, listening and numeracy are well established in all subjects from EYFS with academic rigour that challenges all.
- Give exposure to the richness of English language so that pupils can access the pleasure of reading, the excitement of writing and to explore new learning concepts.
- Take a metacognitive approach to learning to reduce cognitive load and provide opportunities across the curriculum to engage in debate and critical thinking.

**"Pupils are happy and safe and they enjoy attending school enormously"**

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“A number of parents and pupils describe the school community as being like ‘one big family.’”

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## Special educational needs and disabilities

At St. William's, we follow a 'whole school approach' and have extremely dedicated staff members, who are committed to providing for all children, regardless of their level of need. Through clear communication with families, as well as with a range of agencies, we identify and meet each child's needs on an individual level. Through quality first teaching, staff members are highly motivated to working towards the most positive outcome for each individual child.

### Key Contact

Head teacher: Mr Tiplady, 01429 880 348 or [admin@stwilliams.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:admin@stwilliams.bhcet.org.uk)

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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.

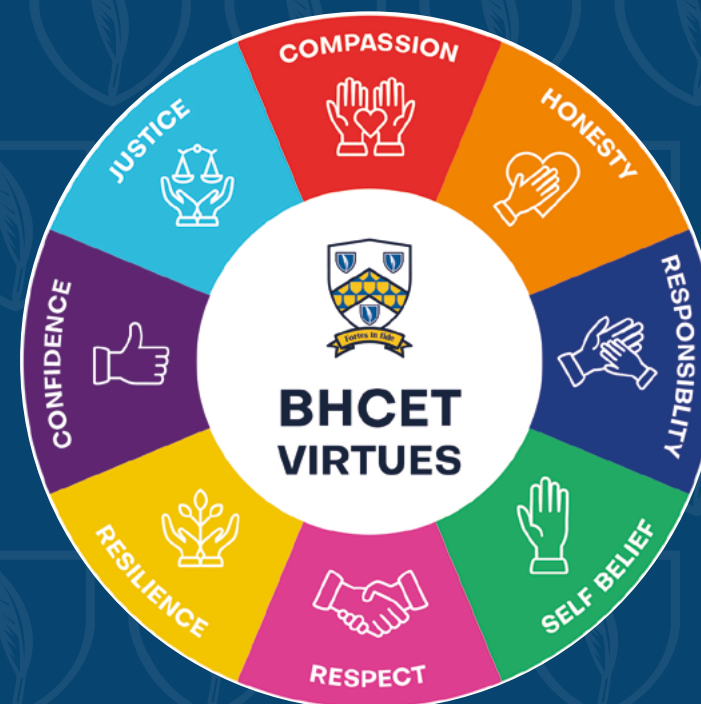
Our mission is to provide the highest quality education,  
fostering a collaborative environment where resources  
and best practices are shared among our schools.

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. William's



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

## Nursery Admissions

At St. William's, we offer a wonderful nursery setting for three year olds. The nursery is open from 8:55am – 3:10pm (term time only) and can be a mix of both government funded hours and private payment. Please visit our website for more information.s



*We love and learn together in the light of the Lord*



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