

St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School, South Shields Prospectus 2024/25



Welcome

Welcome to St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School.

Thank you for your interest in our school. We are a Catholic School for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years. We serve the Whiteleas, Biddick Hall, Holder House and Boldon area.

We aim to provide an education within an environment which is a living example of Gospel values. We welcome children of all faiths and beliefs.

We provide pupils with a full and enriching curriculum and give our children the skills and enthusiasm to pursue learning for the rest of their lives. We also provide pupils with many opportunities to visit local and regional places of interest.

We hope to welcome both your child and your family to become part of our school community. Sharing in the excitement of your child's education is a wonderful gift.

If you are new to the school please we hope this prospectus will provide you with an overview of our school. Please visit our website for detailed information and don't forget to follow us on social media.

We hope that your association with our school is a long and happy one.

Warmest wishes

Mr D Woodhouse
Headteacher



About Us



We are very proud that our school is named after St. Oswald, he set a very good example to all of us in the way he followed his faith.

Saint Oswald was King of Northumbria in the 7th century and as a local saint, it is particularly relevant that we know the story of his eventful life and his enduring faith.

Our School Day

Nursery

Sessions are split in to morning and afternoon or 30 hours care. Extended provision for nursery children is available for those parents who wish to take the offer.

8.45 am - 11.45 am Morning nursery session
12.25 pm - 3.25 pm Afternoon nursery session

Key Stage 1/2

8.55 am - 3.25pm

Children can enter school from 8.50am, a member of staff will be on duty in the yard.

We run a number of after school clubs during the year including:- Hockey Craft Club, Multi-Skills, Athletics, Cooking, Outdoor Games Football and Dance and Choir. Pupils sign up at the beginning of the term and there is a charge for these.

Our Curriculum

Pupils in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Learn in seven areas:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



Pupils in Key Stages 1-2

Study the following areas of the curriculum:

- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Science
- Religious Education
- Information and Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Personal & Social Education
- Modern Foreign Language



Our Uniform

School Uniform

- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers
- Royal blue sweatshirt
- White polo shirt
- Blue and white dress
- Black school shoes/ plain black trainers

School sweatshirts can be ordered from BE Uniforms or other local uniform shops.



PE Kit

- White polo shirt
- Navy/black shorts
- Trainers or plimsoles
- Black/blue tracksuits (winter use)

In the interest of safety jewellery must not be worn in school at anytime. We encourage the children to have appropriate hair styles for school, therefore tramlines in hair, shaven haircuts or dyed hair is not permitted.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority. All our staff are trained in Safeguarding procedures, our Headteacher and our Deputy Headteacher are our Designated Safeguarding Officers and all school staff have undertaken training in safeguarding and child protection. We also have a link governor for Child Protection and Safeguarding.

As a school we work closely with South Tyneside Council and Clennell Education Solutions Safeguarding teams. We follow the guidance of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. We regularly update our safeguarding procedures ensuring our school is a safe and secure environment for all. All staff are DBS checked before they can work in school.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

We believe that all children have an equal right to a full and rounded education which will enable them to achieve their full potential.

We have a SEND Co-ordinator in school who works in partnership with parents/carers, to ensure these needs are identified and plans developed to meet them. We also have a link governor for SEND.

Parents/carers will be fully informed and encouraged to be actively involved in a working partnership with School. We will liaise effectively with all outside agencies necessary to further address the needs of the child.



Character Formation

School Council

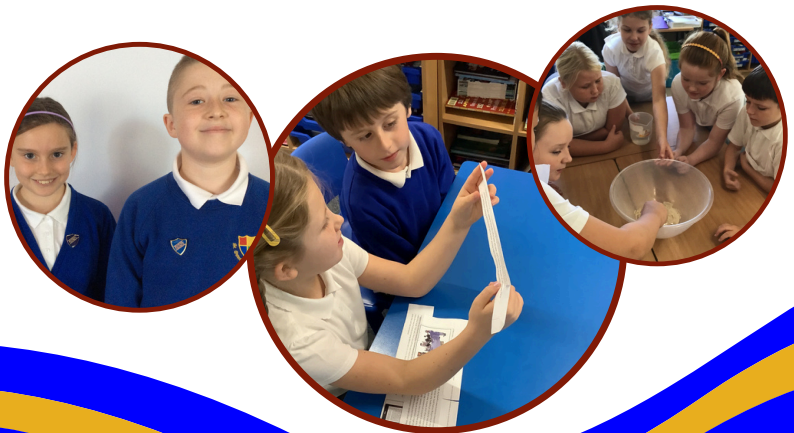
Our School Council meets regularly to discuss matters of interest to the pupils and the wider school community. Two representatives from each class are voted as councillors by their peers.

They have a responsibility to attend regular meetings, collect opinions from their class and then report back to the class on outcomes from the council meetings. We welcome the school councillors' input in to our school.

Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies are a junior section of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). This worldwide organisation works in most Catholic parishes promoting Christian love in action. It supports families who experience difficulties and those people who are sick or elderly.

St. Vincent's life is a great reminder for us all to find ways to help those around us. As Mini Vinnies, the children have their own "treasured" Prayer, Pledge and Badge, a dedicated website (www.minivinnies.org.uk) and a range of documents which guide them in their formative steps – helping them to become in every sense, "Mini Vinnies".



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