



Prospectus

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School



Trinity Row, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford CM3 5JX

Create Lasting Memories

“We are a welcoming school and Pre-School who endeavour to ensure that the pupils reach their academic potential and have varied enrichment opportunities that build self- confidence, resilience and create lasting memories.”

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**Headteacher's Message,
Vision and Values.**

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our wonderful, friendly school and Pre-School, providing exemplary education for children aged 3 – 11 years old.

We pride ourselves on being a school that sets high standards of academic achievement and behaviour, and places great value on the personal development of all our individual children.

We are a forward thinking school that aims to enable all children to achieve their full potential whilst providing many enrichment opportunities to complement their learning journey.

God is at the heart of all we do. We place great importance on the gospel values of humility, compassion, kindness, justice, forgiveness, integrity, peace and courage.

Our guiding framework includes:

Ambition

We are very ambitious for our children and have high expectations for them. Through our creative and broad curriculum, our children learn about the world around them. The children develop academic skills and are equipped for successful, life-long learning.

Gospel Values

- **Humility** – seeing life as gift.
- **Compassion** – having empathy.
- **Kindness** – gentleness.
- **Justice** – working for a fairer world.
- **Forgiveness** – reconciling with self and others.
- **Integrity** – do what you say.
- **Peace** – committed to peace making and non-violence.
- **Courage** – standing up for the truth.

We believe these values will enable our children to be well prepared for their life in school and in the wider community.



Proud



We are proud to have achieved an **OFSTED** rating of '**Good**' in our most recent inspection where inspectors stated:

"Pupils love coming to school. They are attentive and resilient learners. Pupils talk excitedly about what they have learned and remembered. Pupils rise to the high expectations of achievement set by the school. Therefore, most pupils achieve highly."

Vision

Our vision is to create a school and pre-school of excellence for Catholic and Non-Catholic families in our locality. All our children achieve their full potential in their academic, social, moral and spiritual selves. Guided by our Gospel values, children are prepared for and are able to cope with the challenges they may face in their future lives.

Warm regards,

Headteacher, Ms. Tracy North

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
& Pre-School



About Our School

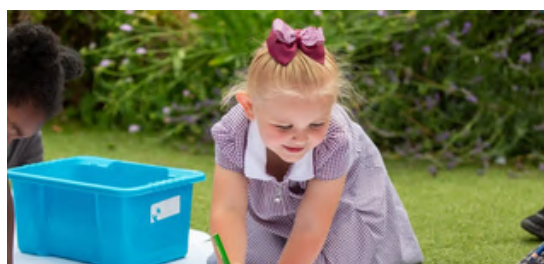
Shaping Bright Futures

Pre-School

We are proud of our Pre-School, which sets the foundations for learning in our school community. The children enjoy learning through interactive experiences and are guided by skilled adults. The children join in key stage activities, such as weekly assemblies and early years themed events.



St Joseph's is a Catholic school with a true Christian ethos. We welcome applications from children of different faiths and no faith. By attending St Joseph's Pre School, children have continuity in their educational experience and establish good friendships with their peers.



St Joseph's Pre-School, Reception Class and Year 1 Class all follow the learning style as recommended by Early Excellence.

Our Pre-School runs from 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. term times. Pre-School children can also access Breakfast Club from 7:15 a.m. and After School Club from 3:20pm.



Curriculum and Academic Excellence



Our latest OFSTED report described our curriculum as, '***carefully constructed to ensure that pupils are able to build on key parts of knowledge as they progress.***' We ensure that all children have a broad and balanced curriculum that provides opportunities to deepen and expand their knowledge in all subject areas.

Broad and Balanced Curriculum

Our curriculum emphasizes a strong foundation in:



**Mathematics
and Sciences**



**Social
Studies**



**Language and
Literature**



**Technology and
Computer Science**



Music & PE

Through our curriculum, we ensure that children have the opportunity to explore music and physical education (PE) in greater depth.

Science and Technology Labs

We are fortunate to have a specialist music teacher who works with all year groups, a dedicated guitar teacher, and, starting in January 2025, a piano teacher. Additionally, our students participate in both the Infant and Junior Music Festivals, providing them with valuable performance experiences. Parents enjoy the RockSteady performances that the children and their teacher put on termly.



Library and Digital Learning Hub

We have created a fantastic environment for physical education! Having three different PE specialists really enriches the quality and variety of the lessons. The opportunity to apply learned skills through weekly competitions and various sports events keeps the students engaged, develop teamwork, and foster a love for physical activity.





Extracurricular and Global Opportunities

Designed to Inspire
Learning and Growth

SCHOOL TRIP!

Each term, the children have a trip or workshop to complement their learning in school. Year 2 went on the public bus to Danbury Park to extend their science learning. We also provide additional opportunities for enrichment – our choir took part in the Barnardo's Imagine' concert at the Royal Albert Hall! Places that the children have been to on trips to are: The Science Museum, The Tower of London, Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hampton Court

Enrichment – Trips and Residential Experiences



Year 5 attend Bradwell Outdoor Centre for a 3 day/2 night residential. Year 6 go to the Isle of Wight for bespoke activities for 5 days/ 4 nights. Both Year 5 and Year 6 have the opportunity to go skiing in Italy.



Catholic Life and Mission

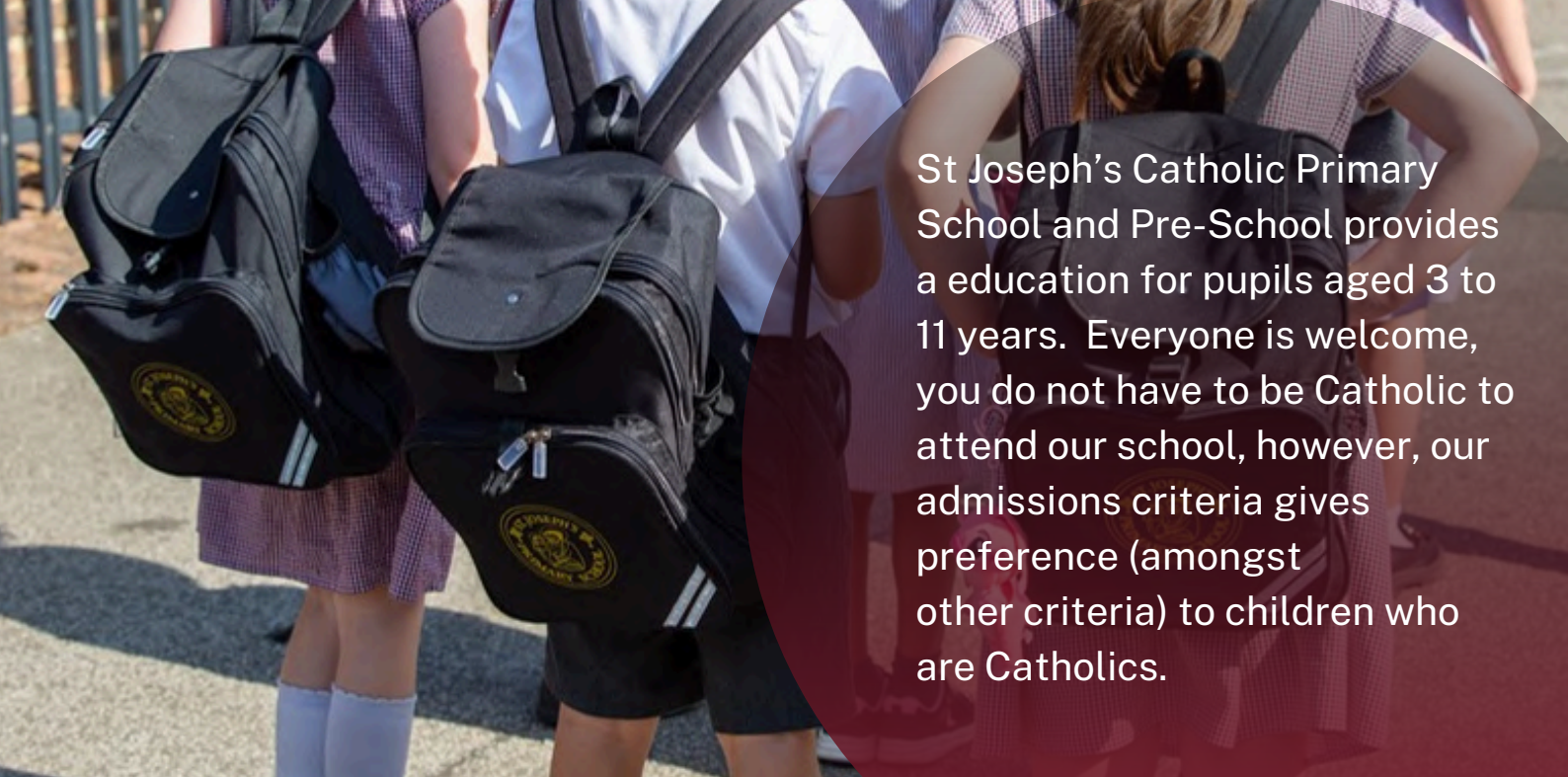
We are a voluntary aided Catholic primary school. As such our faith is central to our school ethos and philosophy. We interweave our faith through the Gospel values which align with British values. Our mission is to inspire and guide children to emulate St. Joseph's example of humility, faith, and service which is a powerful foundation for young hearts. St. Joseph's silent strength and dedication to others make him a perfect role model for nurturing these qualities. Children are taught RE through the 'To Know You More Clearly' curriculum provided by Brentwood Diocese.

All our assemblies are based around our religion – they will relate to the readings in Church at the weekend, be song based – Hymn Practice, be child led worship or be linked to specific stories in the Bible or events in the news. Our Faith Leaders, hold a Bible Club session weekly which the children can choose to attend and which they really enjoy!



Admissions Process

Join Our Community
of Learners



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Pre-School provides a education for pupils aged 3 to 11 years. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be Catholic to attend our school, however, our admissions criteria gives preference (amongst other criteria) to children who are Catholics.

How to Apply



01

Submit Your Application

Complete the online contact enquiry application form available on our website:

<https://www.stjosephscatholicprimaryschool.uk/>



02

Contact the School Office

Contact the school office for a tour on:
01245 321828

email: admin@st-josephspri.essex.sch.uk

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What Parents Say About Our School

- Parents are regularly invited into school – some parents help as part of the PTA and others come for specific sessions such as ‘Come and Celebrate’ which is held half termly.
- ‘The children are cared for.’
- ‘The school has high expectations for my child.’
- I would recommend this school to other parents.’

Our Legacy

We are lucky to have lots of help from parents regularly. Some parents come and hear children read, others help with class learning such as sewing. Parents readily help with swimming and school trips.



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School Information

Daily Highlights

Morning 8:40am – school opens, parents accompany children in Pre-School, Reception and Year 1 to their classrooms. Children in Years 2 – 6, walk into school themselves. School starts at 8:50am.

Midday Enjoy a variety of meal options at the school cafeteria, offering international cuisines.

Afternoon 3:20pm – the school day finishes.

Breakfast Club

St Joseph’s Breakfast Club runs from 7:15am to 8:50am each morning for children in Pre-School – Year 6. School staff who know the children run Breakfast Club. Children have a range of foods to choose from for their breakfast and they have the opportunity to make friends with children of all ages in a safe, secure and relaxed environment. All children are taken to their classes ready for learning.



School Information

School Meals

St Joseph's has a healthy school award, this means that the food the children have throughout the day needs to be of good nutritional value. School meals are prepared on site and managed by Dolce. There is a range of four different meals daily which the children can choose from, including vegetarian options.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically have their cooked dinners provided free of charge through the Government's Universal Free School Meals offer.

If your child would prefer a packed lunch, they can choose this option in any year group. We ask that children do not bring in any items that contain nuts, and that there is no sweets, chocolate or glass bottles/cans of fizzy drinks. As a healthy school, we promote packed lunches that contain proteins, carbohydrates, vegetables, fruits and dairy products.

Break Times

At morning break time, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have access to pieces of fruit, free of charge. All children may bring in their own fruit or healthy snack.

After School Club

After School Club runs from 3:20pm – 6:00pm for children in Pre-School to Year 6. The children play together, access a range of resources for fun and make new friends in our nurturing provision. All children attending the After School Club, are provided with a light snack of wraps, toast, fruit, and yoghurt.

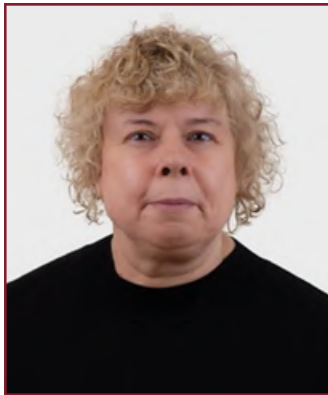
Forest School

We have the Branch Out company provide Forest School sessions for all children from Pre-School to Year 6. On Tuesday afternoons, the children get to explore, learn, make and create within the sessions. Children wear non-school uniform when attending Forest School, as they enjoy the sessions in all weathers!



Senior Leadership Team

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Miss North

Miss North is our Headteacher, SENCo and Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you have any questions about special educational needs or safeguarding issues, she is your first port of call. Miss North is available for quick chats on the school gate each morning or by appointment for longer discussions.



Mrs. Hillier

Mrs. Hillier is our Acting Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. You can make an appointment to see her at an arranged time or have a quick chat at the end of the school day. In the absence of Miss North, all safeguarding concerns are dealt with by Mrs. Hillier.



Mrs. Huish

Mrs. Huish is our Senior Leader and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs. Huish is available for quick discussions at the beginning or end of the school day and by appointment. In the absence of both Miss North & Mrs. Hillier, all safeguarding concerns should be referred to Mrs. Huish.

The Senior Leadership Team are supported by the newly formed Governing Body. School governors play a crucial role in the leadership and management of schools. They are volunteers who are part of the governing body that works alongside the school's headteacher and senior leadership team to ensure the school runs effectively.

Classes

Pre-School: Mrs. Collins
Reception: Mrs. Huish
Year 1: Ms. McGonagle
Year 2: Mrs. Webster & Mrs. Railton

Years 3 & 4: Mrs. Hillier & Ms. Heckroodt
Year 5: Mr. Minton-Branfoot
Year 6 Mr. London



Parent & Teacher Association (PTA)

We have an active PTA, who have supported the school in being able to purchase workshops and make improvements to the school grounds and building through their fundraising. The PTA aim to provide opportunities and resources that would otherwise be impossible to offer. If you would like to help the PTA in any way, please email: admin@st-josephspri.essex.sch.uk.



Contact Information

Get in Touch with Us



Contact Us

We're here to answer your questions and guide you through the journey of joining St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Pre-School. Whether you're a prospective student, a parent, or a partner, feel free to reach out to us.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Closed on Weekends and Bank Holidays

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