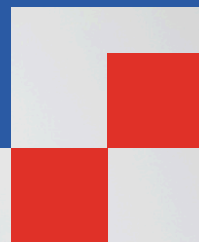


# Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bingley

Part of The Blessed Christopher  
Wharton Catholic Academy  
Trust



# Welcome



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School!  
We are delighted that you are considering joining our school family. At St Joseph's, children are known, valued and encouraged to flourish in a happy, caring and ambitious learning environment.

Our mission, 'Learning with Jesus, to be the best we can be', shapes everything we do. We combine high expectations for learning with a strong Catholic ethos, rooted in 'Love, Care, Share'. Our dedicated staff nurture each child's faith, character, confidence and talents, helping them achieve their very best.

We are proud of the trusting relationships across our school and of the kindness, enthusiasm and joy our children bring to each day. We would be delighted to welcome you to see St Joseph's for yourself.

*Louise Robinson,*  
Headteacher

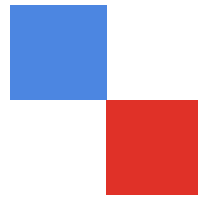
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# School History



St Joseph's is an outstanding Catholic school. The current school was blessed and opened by The Right Reverend William Wheeler, Bishop of Leeds in May 1971.

Prior to this building being purpose built, from 1880, the school was located underneath the Sacred Heart Church until the move in 1971. The school was quite small and had mixed aged classes. Due to rising numbers, the school was extended in 2011 under Mrs. McAndrew's headship. In 2017, a further extension was built at the school, the platform you can see through the hall windows along with a new classroom and prayer room.

In May 2020, the school joined the Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust, which now includes all of the other Catholic schools in Bradford and Keighley. In 2024, the area underneath the platform was developed into an indoor/outdoor learning environment, which the children named, 'The Nature Nook'.

The school continuously strives to improve itself - both the physical environment the children learn in as well as its exciting curriculum offer.

From its humble beginnings underneath the Sacred Heart Church to the school you see now, the school has grown through three centuries to be a thriving community where every child learns about and has the opportunity to build a relationship with God. It is a school where all of our children, regardless of their faith background, are welcomed, loved and cherished. We teach the children to 'love, care and share', and we continuously strive for excellence when we 'learn with Jesus to be the best we can be'.

# The school's Vision & Mission



## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School • Bingley

### Vision

Learning with Jesus to be the best we can be.

### Mission

In our school we live our lives through the Christian virtues, with God at the heart of everything we do. We grow in friendship with God through prayer. We aim to build a nurturing, thriving learning community, where everyone is valued as a child of God.



### Love



**"Do everything in love"** (1 Corinthians 16:14)

In our school, we see God in each other. We love and value everybody equally. We have a love of learning and are enthusiastic. We are lifelong learners, following Jesus' example.

**"Always treat others as you would like them to treat you."** (Matthew 7:12)

In our school, we care for and respect each other. We respect ourselves so we have the confidence to be the best we can be. We respect people of other faiths and all beliefs and care for the world in which we live.

### Care



### Share



**"Each of you should use the gifts God has given you to serve others."** (1 Peter 4:10)

In our school we share our gifts to serve others, without being asked. We share what we have with those in need. We try to make a positive difference to others' lives, working closely with our parish and local community.

# Our Virtues



*"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."*  
(John 10:10)

Jesus' words in John's Gospel remind us that the purpose of life is to flourish. Through developing virtues, we build positive character and become the best versions of ourselves.

At St Joseph's, virtues are central to school life. Children explore 12 virtues each year, learning to recognise, practise and reflect upon them in themselves and others. Virtues are embedded throughout the curriculum and school life through weekly worship, circle times, classroom displays, reflection and everyday interactions. Children are encouraged and celebrated for demonstrating these virtues in their daily lives.

Through character education, we aim to nurture compassionate, responsible—individuals who live out their faith, make positive choices and contribute to the common good.

## Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture and the teachings of the Church. It encourages us to follow Jesus' example by promoting love, justice, peace and respect for all. We are called to care for one another, protect God's creation and work towards the common good.

At St Joseph's, Catholic Social Teaching is woven throughout our curriculum, worship and daily school life. Children learn to put their faith into action, recognising how their choices can make a positive difference to others and the world around them. We use CAFOD resources and animal mascots to help children understand and live out these principles. These four are particularly linked to our school mission of 'Love, Care, Share':

### LOVE

**Human Dignity – Everyone is Special**  
**Solidarity – We Are One Global Family**



### CARE

**Stewardship –**  
**Caring for God's Creation**



### SHARE

**Preferential Option for the Poor –**  
**Putting Those Most in Need First**



# Supporting your child with their faith journey



**“Parents are the first and most important educators of their children.”**

*Adapted from Gravissimum Educationis, Vatican II (1965).*

At St Joseph's, we recognise and celebrate the vital role parents play in their children's education. By working together in a spirit of trust, love and mutual respect, we help every child flourish.

Whether your family is practising Catholic, belongs to another faith or has no religious faith, you are warmly welcomed into our school community. We provide opportunities for prayer, worship and learning about faith, and work alongside parish catechists to support children preparing for the sacraments, where appropriate.

Prayer and worship is an integral part of the school day. We teach the children prayers throughout their time in school. We provide lots of opportunities throughout the week to regularly worship together. The children take part in whole school, key stage and class worship. We have a graduated, developmental approach to child led worship, encouraging the children to plan and deliver their own acts of worship. We have Faith Leaders in upper KS2 who lead in worship across the year, for example, Harvest Liturgy. They also lead some key stage and class worships and enjoy setting a great example to the other children.

Our Mini Vinnies, part of the St Vincent de Paul Society, help organise our community and parish events and fundraising. For example, they have organised Beetle Drives and Bingo for our parishioners and grandparents. They raise money for local, national and international charities, such as Mary's Meals, Cafod, the Good Shepherd and local food banks.

We also welcome children and families of other faiths, or no faith. All of our children are loved and supported to develop into their best selves. The RE curriculum teaches children not just about Catholicism, but other faiths too.

# Other Faiths

Our RE curriculum is predominantly based upon the Catholic tradition. However, we believe it is vital that all children understand and appreciate our multicultural society and celebrate the similarities as well as the differences of belief and faith practice between each faith. We find out about Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism and Sikhism on a rolling programme. The children find out about aspects of the other faiths, their core beliefs and practices. They benefit from visiting speakers and school trips to other places of worship. The children especially enjoy hearing from children, staff and parents of other faiths sharing that faith with them and explaining their beliefs and practises.

Parents have a statutory right to withdraw children from Religious Education lessons and from Collective Worship. It is assumed that parents who send their children to St Joseph's Catholic School will be aware of the particular nature of the school and will have chosen it because they support its ethos and values.

## Valuing the individual

It is important to us that every child enjoys school and has a sense of belonging. Everyone is welcome and cared for here.

All pupils have equal access to all the benefits, facilities and services offered by the school regardless of religion, gender, disability, culture, colour, origin or ability.

We are proud of our inclusive ethos in which all contributions to the school community are valued. Children tell us they feel valued and they say St Joseph's is like a family.

By providing a broad curriculum we are able to develop each child's interests and recognise their individual talents.



# Teaching & Learning

**At St. Joseph's we educate, develop and prepare our children for life with first hand experience.**

At St Joseph's, we offer an ambitious, broad and engaging curriculum that helps children develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need for the future. High expectations, rich experiences and a love of learning are at the heart of our approach.

Our curriculum is enriched through practical activities, visits, visitors and opportunities to explore children's interests and talents.

- Religious Education
- English
- Maths
- Science
- Computing
- Design Technology/ Art
- History
- Geography
- Music
- French
- Physical Education
- PSHE and RSE



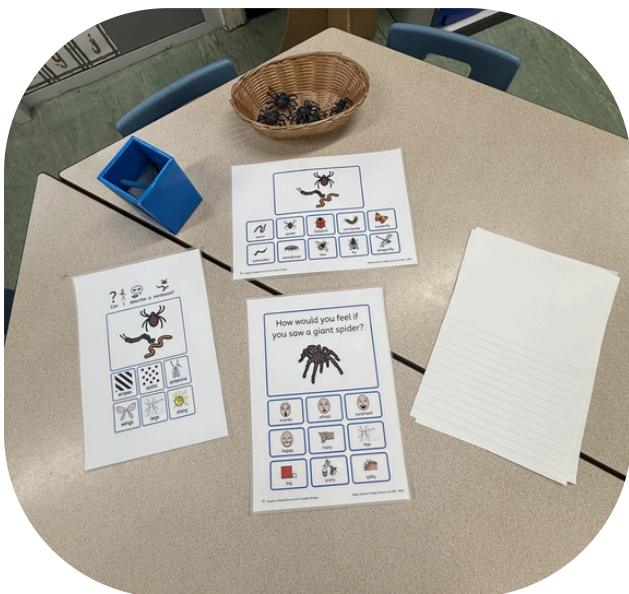
# Adaptive Teaching

## Learning and Growing Together

At St Joseph's, our mixed-age classes provide a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child is valued as an individual and encouraged to flourish. Our curriculum is carefully planned to ensure that all children receive the right balance of challenge, support and opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills. Children benefit from learning alongside others of different ages, building friendships, developing confidence and learning from one another. We celebrate each child's unique gifts and talents, ensuring that every child is supported to grow in faith, enjoy their learning and reach their full potential.

We recognise that every child is unique and learns in different ways. At St Joseph's, our teachers use adaptive teaching approaches to ensure that learning is accessible, engaging and appropriately challenging for all pupils.

We are committed to being a dyslexia-friendly school, we strive to create calm, supportive and inclusive learning environments, using visual resources, practical activities and a range of strategies to help every child succeed. We celebrate individual strengths, nurture confidence and provide additional support where needed, ensuring that all children have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We work closely with families, recognising the importance of a strong home-school partnership in supporting every child's learning and development.



# Pupil Leadership

**At St. Joseph's we are educating children not only academically, but socially, morally and emotionally too. We encourage leadership amongst our pupils to develop their confidence and sense of responsibility for others. We treat each other with kindness and respect, living our virtues.**

Some ways in which we develop this are:

## **Buddies**

One of the responsibilities most looked forward to in Y6 is being a 'BUDDY'! Each Y6 child is paired with a new reception child. They meet each other, play with each other and complete lots of activities with them throughout the year such as: reading together, sharing Santa's 'Elves' responses to the reception children's Christmas letters, going to the park and sharing Mass together. They develop a lovely, caring friendship throughout the year, which makes the reception children feel welcomed, cared for and safe.

## **Leadership Positions**

In upper KS2, children have the opportunity to apply for one of our leadership roles: Faith Leaders, Sports Leaders, Wellbeing Warriors, Laudato Leaders or Mini Vinnies. Here they have a job advert, an application form and an interview! They have lots of responsibilities throughout the year, e.g. helping staff with equipment, choosing elements of the trim trails, leading acts of worship, representing the school, leading play activities at lunch times, raising money for charity, working with our parishioners and local community etc.

## **School Council**

Our school councillors are elected by the children themselves. They meet regularly and also work with staff, other pupils and the local community to help make the school and local area even better! They have been involved in lots of different projects, have interviewed our local MP and were involved in the Bradford City of Culture local area events!



# Standards

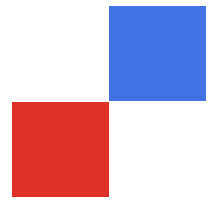
Standards are high at St Joseph's. We are always striving for excellence in all that we do and we work hard to help every child reach their potential. Our most recent Ofsted inspection, (October 2024) judged Behaviour and Personal Development as 'OUTSTANDING' and the Curriculum and Leadership and Management as continuing to be 'GOOD'. The Trust also regularly inspects the school's standards and these reports are shared with governors in order to support our continued journey of improvement. Our Trust has agreed with the school's own assessment and judgement that these areas are moving towards outstanding.

Our most recent S48 (Catholic Inspection) judged the school to be 'OUTSTANDING' in all areas.

We are proud of our attainment record. Results are generally well above local and national averages, and children make very good progress during their time with us. Trends over time show that our outcomes at the end of each key stage are strong. Please see the school's website for our last three year's data and further details.



# Opportunities for all



We are proud of the range of opportunities we provide for our children, both within the timetable and as extra curricular activities.

We have a busy programme of events and often have visitors in school to give children a variety of first hand experiences, e.g. Zoolab, theatre productions, visiting speakers, birds of prey etc.

We also think carefully about their future and encourage businesses to speak to the children and widen their horizons, such as The Royal Navy, Royal Aeronautical Society, Community Rail, Financial experts etc.

Children can further their interests in after school clubs. The timetable and availability varies across the year and age groups. It can include:

- Football
- Tag rugby
- Choir
- Multi skills
- Dance
- Cheerleading
- Karate
- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Drama
- Dodgeball
- Art
- Science Club



# Working with others

## Home

Parents and carers are their children's first and most important educators, and we value working closely with families throughout each child's educational journey. A school newsletter is available for parents weekly. All newsletters are emailed to parents and posted on the school's website. We also text parents to remind them of events and what is happening in school. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Parents can also receive messages on class Dojo about their child's learning.

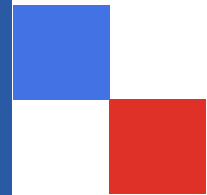
In Reception, we have a system whereby the teacher can share photographs and descriptions of the children's activities on Tapestry and dojo to keep parents informed of what they are learning and how they are getting along. We love it when they email us back with comments!

We also have a variety of opportunities for families to get involved in the daily life of the school and their children's learning. For example in 'Meet the Teacher' events, Phonics information evenings, SATs preparation meetings, Fayres, Parents & Friends events etc.

## Parish

We have a strong commitment to developing home, school and parish links and we value the contributions made by parents and members of our local communities. Parents and parishioners are always welcome at school liturgies, Masses and acts of worship. Our school is at the heart of our parish. The parish and the school work together to support Sacramental preparation. The children are regular visitors to the church and join in parish Masses.





The BCWCAT, of which we are a member, was established to promote and provide excellent Catholic education in Bradford and Keighley from 3 -18 years of age. Our Trust was established in July 2014 and now comprises of all of the 19 Catholic primaries and secondary schools in Bradford and Keighley.

As a Trust we work as a family to serve our school communities, families, staff and most of all our pupils to ensure that all our children and young people have a first-class Catholic education.

We help each other to become stronger in our faith. Our schools, our families and local parishes work together to ensure the Catholic identity of the Trust is a lived reality, following the example of Jesus Christ.

We are committed to providing all pupils with a school experience that is rich and happy. We work together to ensure that they fulfil their potential in all aspects of their school life. We help them with their spiritual, academic, social and emotional development to ensure they are ready to contribute to their community and be successful in life.

Every child and young person in our schools matters to us. As leaders and teachers, we strive to ensure teaching is of the highest standard so that pupils achieve well throughout their time at school. We know that it is important to come together as schools to share and celebrate the success of the pupils. We are also committed to ensuring that members of our staff are happy. Each one makes a unique contribution to our success and we want to make sure that they feel valued.

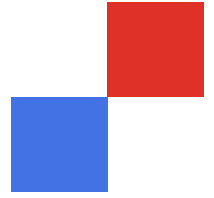
Please see the Trust website for further details: <https://www.bcwcat.co.uk/> Here you will find details about the Trust's Mission and Vision, the member schools, Trust policies and much, much more!



Throughout the year, the Trust and our wider community host lots of competitive and non-competitive events such as Swimming Galas (winners three times in a row!), chess tournaments, tennis competitions, football tournaments to name but a few. We are proud of all of our teams that join in!



# Admissions Process



We welcome and care for all of our children, whether Catholic or non-Catholic and all are welcomed into our school family.

Full guidance regarding the admission criteria for St. Joseph's Catholic Primary can be found in our Admissions Policy which is on our website. Please do telephone us to enquire about admission to the school and discuss your circumstances. You are most welcome to come and look round our lovely school, please telephone for an appointment.

We consider all applications and do have places cropping up during the school year as pupils move between schools and locations. We offer places to pupils against the admission criteria and are pleased to talk about your application with you at any time. In year applications should be submitted directly to school through the form on the website. In addition to this, a supplementary information form should also be completed and given to school.

There is a timetable for the admissions process and more information is available on Bradford Schools Online (<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/content/admissions>).

All policies and further information is on the school website:

<https://sjb.bcwcatt.co.uk/Admissions/>



# Safeguarding

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The designated safeguarding Leads are: Mrs Robinson (designated safeguarding lead) Miss Lister and Miss Leach. For all St. Joseph's Safeguarding Policies - please go to the school policies page.

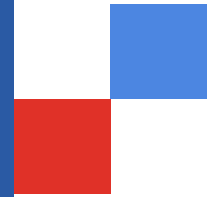
## **Feeling Safe, Feeling Secure**

Keeping children safe, happy and secure is our highest priority. All staff and volunteers share responsibility for safeguarding and promoting children's welfare. We listen carefully to children, take concerns seriously and work with families and other professionals to ensure that children receive the support they need.

We also recognise the importance of emotional wellbeing and can help families access appropriate support.



# Behaviour



## ***'Love, Care, Share'***

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is committed to providing a safe, fair and happy environment for the children in our care. All Staff offer strong moral guidance and promote positive attitudes and respect for one another.

**Behaviour and Personal Development at St Joseph's is outstanding.**

A high standard of behaviour is expected from the children. They are expected to:

Be a disciple of Jesus

Be a true friend to others

Be kind and respectful

Be sensible around school

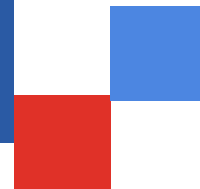
Be a good listener

**Be the best you can be!**

As mentioned, a Christian atmosphere and attitudes are striven for, supported by our virtue curriculum, and this approach to behaviour works successfully. The behaviour in school is exemplary. If any problems arise with individual children, we are happy to discuss this with parents to ensure that all children feel safe and happy in school. Please see the behaviour policy which explains our rewards system and gives further details of our expectations.



# Other information



## **School Uniform**

All children are strongly encouraged to wear the school uniform.

### Daily school uniform

Red sweatshirt/cardigan with the school logo

Pale blue polo shirt with the school logo

Navy blue skirts/pinafore dress, shorts or trousers

An optional red checked Summer dress can be worn in warmer weather

Black sensible school shoes (NO trainers).

### PE Uniform

Indoor: Navy shorts, red crew neck T-shirt (logo optional)

Outdoor P.E. lessons: Red crew neck T-shirt (logo optional), navy shorts or plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, red school jumper or plain navy blue hoodie with the school logo.

For suppliers and further information, please see the school website.

## **School Meals**

Very good school meals are cooked on the premises. Parents can pay for their child's meal, and many other items such as school trips, via Parent Pay.

All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to 'universal free school meals'. If you do not wish your child to have a free school meal, please inform the school. For those children who prefer to bring their own packed lunch, tables are set out in the dining hall.

## **Parents and Friends of St Joseph's**

We have a very active Parents and Friends Association who work extremely hard to raise money for the school. In the past they have raised money which we have used to purchase many items of equipment that could never have been bought out of the capitation budget. As well as raising money, they organise some excellent social functions for both the children and their families/parents.

They are always looking for enthusiastic parents and friends to come along to their informal meetings to share ideas. Please give them your support – you will be supporting the school and your child. For further details, contact school or look out for their regular newsletters about forthcoming events and meetings via newsletters and the parents' noticeboard.

# School Facilities



- High-standard classrooms and learning spaces which create a calm learning environment
- Modern library with an extensive collection of books
- Fully mobile computing facilities with 45 chrome books, ipads, laptops and class based computers
- Outdoor learning spaces in EYFS, Y1 and Y2
- Sports areas including a 4G football pitch, basketball and cricket posts, two trim trails, outdoor exercise equipment and plenty of space for children to play!
- Music taught in KS2 by music specialists, including a choir developed by the Leeds Diocesan Music Service and peripatetic lessons
- A newly developed indoor/outdoor learning space
- \*Under development: A Forest School area

# Wraparound Care

Our Rainbow Club offers a welcoming, fun and flexible environment for children before and after school.

Open Monday to Friday from 7.30am, with after-school care until 6.00pm (5.30pm on Fridays), the club offers games, arts and crafts, outdoor play and quieter spaces to relax. Children can enjoy our Rainbow Room as well as outdoor facilities including the Nature Nook, trim trails and 4G pitch.

We offer flexible booking options and aim to help families with last-minute childcare needs wherever possible. Please contact the school for current availability, prices and booking details.



**RAINBOW CLUB!**

**FREE TRIAL!**

**Where Fun Meets Learning Under the Sun**

**IN-SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE**

**MON - FRI**  
7:30am - 6pm

**Activities Include:**

- Playing outside
- Arts & Crafts
- Projects
- Team Sports & Games
- Water Fun Days
- Baking
- Jigsaws & Games

**Special Features:**

- Experienced staff, employed by the school
- Healthy Snacks and tea provided
- Flexible Scheduling Options
- Free trial places
- Discounts for siblings
- Childcare vouchers accepted

**CONTACT:** [office@sjb.bcwcat.co.uk](mailto:office@sjb.bcwcat.co.uk)

**TEL:** 01274 564883

# Parents' Testimonials

"We were highly impressed that the pupils showed parents around the school and confidently and candidly answered our questions. They were amazing. We chose St Josephs because it felt very organised, a bright, open and inviting place to learn in. We also felt it excelled in nurturing children to become their best selves. The children are impeccably behaved, confident and importantly very happy. We felt Esme would be treated more as an individual at St Josephs and would become confident because of this. We felt she would be allowed to excel more in the areas she wants too. We are really pleased we made this decision and we continue to be really impressed by the school. Thank you so much for all your hard work. We are really looking forward to the future."



"A very friendly, welcoming school who provide children with a high standard of education and foundation for every day life. It is a lovely school with fabulous staff."

"An excellent school, with all teachers extremely welcoming. A well thought out transition process with a welcome letter from his Year 6 'buddy' in advance of the first day. My son loves going to school and we are really pleased with the choice we made."



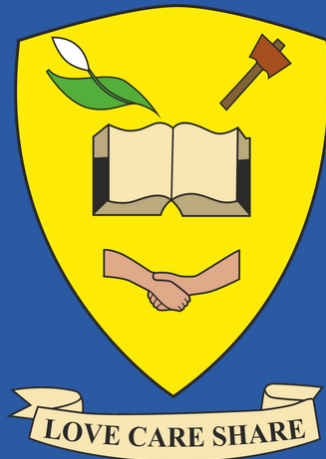
"Thank you to all at Saint Joseph's for a fabulous start to our son's education. He comes home enthused every day after his daily experience. You truly do live the values, love, care and share. Thank you."



"Fantastic school really nice transition for the kids into school. My little girl settled in beautifully."



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bingley



‘Learning with Jesus,  
to be the best we can be!’

**The best way to discover what makes St Joseph's special is to come and see us. We would be delighted to welcome you and your child for a visit**

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