
ST. JOSEPH'S: A BRIGHT FUTURE



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WHERE EVERY CHILD CAN SHINE

We welcome you and your child to the St. Joseph's family

We provide a high quality education, founded on Catholic principles, recognising the needs of each individual and valuing the contribution of our whole community. Our aim is to develop the whole person – socially, emotionally, creatively, physically, academically and spiritually – in an environment that is safe, calm and challenging.

St. Joseph's lives as a Catholic family, bound by the values of care, respect, trust, responsibility and achievement. This means that every child really does matter: we have the highest expectations for all children and help each of them reach their full potential. We achieve this by delivering a broad and rich curriculum that provides children with opportunities to explore, enquire and reflect. Mirroring this, the school is rooted in its community, but pupils are highly engaged with the unparalleled opportunities our central London location offers for engagement with the wider world.

The school attains excellent results at KS2, with notable strength in Maths and English, and also delivers outstanding 'value-added'. In the words of our Parish Priest and Governor, Fr. David Barnes. "We strive for the highest possible standards because we want every one of our children to develop as much as possible". We look forward to welcoming you to our family.

ST. JOSEPH'S HAS BEEN CALLED
'A BRIGHT RAY OF SUNSHINE IN
THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY'.

THE FAMILY OF ST. JOSEPH'S

When parents and children talk about the St. Joseph's family they usually mean two things:

Our school family, which lives and learns together; and also our wider family, which wholeheartedly embraces our parishes and diverse local community.

We seek to live together daily as a loving Catholic family. This means constantly striving to put into practice core values such as respect and care for one another, the giving of trust and the acceptance of responsibility, and the desire to develop each child to their fullest potential. Living by these values has created a unique school environment which is calm, confident and happy.

Our life as a family is nurtured and supported by St. Joseph's outstanding leadership, recognised in Ofsted and Diocesan inspections: this includes the Head and Deputy's very active involvement with all children.

The school's excellent and caring staff ensure a continually improving quality of teaching and learning as reflected in standards achievement data, including Year 6 SATs and value-added from KS1 to KS2. Also critical to our success is strong parental engagement, the broadening and challenging of our children's horizons, and the spiritual life of the school, led and nurtured by our two parishes of SS Anselm and Caecelia, and Corpus Christi.



A sunny disposition

Our students are happy and comfortable at school. A Year 4 pupil said, "I like St. Joseph's because it feels like a caring family".



Bright prospects

At St. Joseph's we're committed to equipping pupils with the emotional, social, physical and intellectual skills they need to become happy, fulfilled individuals.



The light of learning

Our rewards-based philosophy develops children's desire to learn, and encourages listening, questioning, logic and comprehension.



Vibrant energy

We use a wide variety of classroom media, differentiated teaching styles and close personal progress monitoring to ensure that every child is fully engaged with our broad curriculum.



Rise and shine

We encourage both children and parents to join our early morning breakfast club, where we provide a warm welcome, a delicious breakfast and a range of activities – a great way to start the day.

A PERSONAL APPROACH TO EACH CHILD

St. Joseph's is a wholly inclusive school, a first principle of its Catholicity being that loving and valuing each child is an end in itself

The school seeks to ensure that 'Every Child Matters' every day. Our philosophy is reward-based rather than sanction-based, placing trust in the children and asking responsibility from them, with the result that pupils are proud of their school and feel uniquely valued. It is critical that we provide opportunities for growth for all children. Across a balanced curriculum, we seek to open children to a full range of experiences and challenges. Academic standards are high, our SATs results being well above national averages, with particularly strong results in English and Maths. Music is central to school life, with a third of pupils engaged in formal musical education, such as instrument lessons, our award-winning choir or our champion hand bell team. Art, theatre, literature and performance are also highly valued.

Lessons are marked by the challenge and high expectations set for pupils. All children are equally included through small group teaching, differentiation of learning styles, regular monitoring, reviewing and evaluation of all aspects of work. This includes frequent assessments and tracking of pupils' progress. Personalised target setting for all children with 'catch-up' programmes where needed, offers a uniquely personal education for every child. This is why St. Joseph's is a Lead School in Camden for APP (Assessing Pupils' Progress). All of these factors contribute to the excellent overall results attained by pupils, and support St. Joseph's enviable inclusion and SEN record.



Helping children sparkle

"Catholic education at its best has a very personal approach to each child" Fr Barnes.



Radiating energy

At St. Joseph's we believe in developing children as individuals and in helping them to express themselves creatively.



The ability to shine

The importance St. Joseph's places on music, the arts and sports helps children develop a more rounded personality, giving them interests and skills that will last a lifetime.

ROOTED IN OUR COMMUNITY

St. Joseph's has particularly strong community roots, with many children being the third or fourth generation pupils from their family to attend St. Josephs

The school celebrates this closeness with families, and the sense of community and care offered to all pupils. We are also highly engaged with our community and especially blessed by strongly supportive parents.

Our open door policy encourages parents to come into the classroom and stay and work with the children until 9am. This supports parent-teaching staff communication, as well as extra-curricular learning initiatives such as 'I can do maths'. A range of literacy and numeracy workshops involve parents directly in their children's learning, including 'Crescent Literacy' 'Ocean Maths' and 'Supported Reading'.

We enjoy very high levels of parental support for, and engagement with, activities such as school Christmas discos, Sports Day, sponsored walks, staff/parent events, Pizza in the Park, school choir concerts and EYFS/KS1 Nativity.

Being a one form entry school, our smaller physical footprint helps children at St. Joseph's get to know one another across years, as well as within their classes. Older children take great pride in accepting responsibility for helping younger ones.

St. Joseph's is well known for its high levels of pastoral care; developing strong school-home partnerships, and, if needed, facilitating support from external agencies. We enjoy very active parish links, with regular and lively collective worship. We have a strong commitment to continuing to earn our status as a Safe and Healthy school, and we would love to welcome your family into our extended community.



On a lighter note

Our passion for music is unrelenting – with an award winning choir and regular school concerts, the children are able to develop their confidence, whilst engaging with the parish and local community.



Brilliant prospects

We'll bring out the best in your child, nurturing their talents and encouraging them to try something new – such as joining our champion hand bell team.



A sunny outlook on life

Because St. Joseph's is concerned with the whole child, generosity, emotional intelligence, spirituality, playfulness and inquisitiveness are among the life skills we aim to instill.

ENGAGED WITH THE WIDER WORLD

Pupils at St. Joseph's are uniquely fortunate in being able to engage with the incredibly rich life of our Covent Garden location

This engagement, supported by the world-class resources on our doorstep, includes:

- Regular trips to and visits from local arts organisations such as the Royal Opera House and the National Portrait Gallery;
- Class walks to local parks, nature reserves and museums;
- Our artist in residence programme;
- The year 5 and 6 film-making project;
- The 'Pop-Up' Bloomsbury and Holborn literacy and performance project;
- Regular concerts by the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust;
- The school's successful charitable fundraising initiatives;
- EAP, St. Joseph's child-led Ecology Action Project;
- The annual residential school journey for older children.

We believe that this engagement, while celebrating our strong community and family roots will also help our children to understand, gain confidence about and flourish in the wider world on our doorstep.



Connected to the wider world

St. Joseph's has strong cross-cultural, community and international links, and a commitment to helping children understand what it means to be a citizen of the wider world.



Golden opportunities

St. Joseph's pupils benefit from the outstanding opportunities offered by Covent Garden's incredibly rich cultural life.



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A BRIGHT BEGINNING

Under here you'll find additional information about our school. Please do get in touch with us: we'd love to hear from you.

To arrange a visit, or discover how we could help launch your child's bright future, please get in touch:

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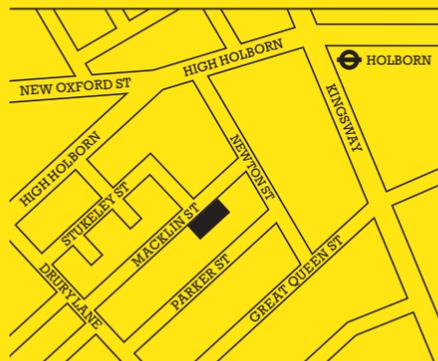
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