



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School



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Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Foreword: Mrs Jan Holden, Headteacher

It is with great pride that we welcome you to our wonderful school.



'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

We are a Catholic Primary and Nursery School where our values, beliefs and practice permeate every aspect of school in line with our mission statement 'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'. The Catholic ethos and values of the school are strong, caring and nurturing. We have strong links with the Church and other Catholic Schools in the area.

Our achievements and projects

Our happy and successful school is only made possible with the support of our dedicated team of hardworking staff and Governing Body. Some of our upcoming initiatives include:

- We have been awarded the Arts Mark Silver Award, celebrating art, design and music.
- We are a Talk 4 Writing School.
- We are an ELSA School.
- OFSTED Good.

Everyone matters

Our aim is to promote the best interests of each child and celebrate their individuality and uniqueness so that they are able to meet their full potential by working in partnership with parents as a community united in faith. All members of our school community are respected; parents, children and staff. We all take care of each other.

Every child is provided with the foundation to become a life-long learner growing in confidence and self-esteem as well as developing a positive attitude to learning.

Igniting an interest in the world

Our teaching is stimulating and creative, encouraging our children to continue their education outside of school, and become lifelong learners. We want to ignite an interest in the world around them, and for that interest to lead to fulfilling and imaginative lives. Learning should be fun!

Parent partnership

Our school also values the school-home partnership as essential in helping pupils achieve their best. By working and communicating effectively with parents and carers, we ensure students' achievements and needs are recognised, celebrated and met in a positive, inclusive learning environment. We have established an environment that is welcoming and accepting of parents and work very hard to involve you in every step of your child's time here and increase your child's enjoyment of learning.

Get in touch

I hope that our prospectus gives you an insight and understanding of our core values of ambition, responsibility, citizenship, creativity, empathy and faith. We would be delighted to welcome you to our school. Please call the school office on 01628 661886 to arrange a visit and see why our school is so special.



School day: settling in

Our School day starts at 8:55am and the school day ends at 3:25pm EYFS/Lower Key Stage and 3:30pm Upper Key Stage.

Extended school provision

Our extended school provision comprises a Breakfast Club and an After School Club. Children have a hot meal and enjoy a range of creative activities.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am - 8.45am. The daily charge is £4.00.

After-School Club

Our After-School club runs from 3.15pm - 6.00pm. Snacks are provided. The daily charge is £12.00 (Siblings £10.00).

Uniform

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform. Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to the school community. The school uniform is kept as simple and practical as possible. The colours are:

- White blouse, shirt (not polo shirts)
- Tie (Cyclamen Pink)
- Grey trousers or pinafore or skirts
- Grey (with cerise stripe) cardigans and jumpers.

Nursery children wear a similar uniform but have white polo shirts without ties.

Where to buy

Uniform items can be bought from School Days Direct, 20a Buckingham Ave, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 4QA, they can be contacted on 01628 665353.

School meals and snacks

Children have the choice of either a hot nutritious school dinner or bringing a healthy packed lunch into school. Our school lunches are provided by Taylor Shaw. Their menus use high quality, healthy and nutritious ingredients.

Free school meals

For children in the Foundation Stage, and Years 1 and 2, the government provides free school meals. Children in Year 3 and above can qualify for free school meals if their family are in receipt of certain income related benefits.



Break-time and drinks

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 classes have a morning break time snack of fresh fruit or vegetables. Older children can bring their own fruit or join our fruit club for which a termly charge is made. Chewing gum, sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed in school. We encourage children to drink water regularly during the day. Children should bring a bottle of water each day.

We are a nut free school.



Curriculum: foundations for success

Broad and balanced education

We aim to provide an excellent, broad and balanced education to help our children grow to their full potential. We offer every child equality of access to the Foundation Stage and the Primary National Curriculum. We also support each child on their spiritual journey as well as promoting and developing their physical wellbeing and academic achievements.

Confidence, communication and physical development

We believe that a happy child is a successful one, so we work together to present a curriculum that is exciting, challenging and enjoyable. We plan the curriculum based on our knowledge and the ongoing observations about how each child learns best. We look in depth at each learner's needs, interests and developmental stages.

Encouraging creativity

Learners are provided with a range of rich, meaningful first-hand experiences in which they are encouraged to explore, think creatively and be busy and active within a range of environments.

The curriculum is divided into three stages

1. Early Years Foundation Stage: from ages 3-5
2. Key Stage 1: from ages 5-7
3. Key Stage 2: from ages 7-11

Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on seven areas of learning:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
2. Communication and Language.
3. Physical Development.
4. Literacy.
5. Mathematics.
6. Understanding the World.
7. Expressive Arts and Design.

Key Stages 1-2

Areas of the curriculum are:

- Mathematics.
- English.
- French (Upper Key Stage only).
- Science.
- Design Technology.
- History.
- Geography.
- Art and Design.
- Music.
- Physical Education.
- Religious Education.
- Computing.
- Relationship and Sex Education
- Personal Social, Health and Education (PSHE).

Music

Music is an important part of school life. We often find it easier to learn through songs, sounds and rhythms and music forms an integral part of our curriculum. We also teach music as a discrete subject which has lots of benefits for our pupils.

Singing

The children enjoy a regular singing session where hymns, carols, traditional and new songs are learnt and enjoyed by all. Our pupils use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

Instruments

They will also play a range of musical instruments and listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music.



Enriched curriculum: trips and visitors, P.E and clubs

Trips

Every year group has an opportunity to undertake educational visits which complement their learning in school.

Visitors

We regularly have a wide range of visitors to the school.

Visitors provide our learners with real life experiences that can help them relate what they learn at school to the world around them and develop their confidence.



Sport and P.E.

We believe that physical development is a key component to success across the whole curriculum and we have excellent PE provision. Children at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School take part in a varied range of sports within class PE lessons, as well as clubs. We strive to provide new and varied physical activities for children as we believe that PE and sport enhances academic learning and leads to healthier, happier and more productive lives. We also develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through gymnastics and performing dances using a range of movement patterns. Our aim is that all children participate in physical and sporting activities for two hours each week. The P.E. programme includes gymnastics, rounders, football, swimming, multi sports, games and more.



Clubs

The school offers a wide range of extracurricular activities and clubs.



Our aims:

We aim to implement education through a Catholic Christian Curriculum which is based on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, in which the values of the Gospel underpin all aspects of school life.

To develop a bespoke curriculum that aims to create learners who will succeed in the 21st century.

To create an atmosphere where the aspirations and expectations for all children are valued.

To encourage children to give their best in all they do.





Admissions...and getting involved

Admissions arrangements

The Governors hope to offer places to every child baptised into the Roman Catholic faith, who applies. Applications for the school can be made to Slough Local Authority from the 1st September every year.

Where the admission number is reached or exceeded in any criterion, distance from the school will be the deciding factor when offering a place. Proof of residence will be required and where two children meet the same criteria, the shortest distance from the school will be the deciding factor when offering a place. Proximity to the school will be by using the Slough Geographical Information System from the Local Authority. Distances are measured from the map reference of the child's home to the front gate of the school, using a computerised Geographical Information System. All measurements must be consistent and fair. Therefore, the Governors will not accept any other measuring device such as Google Maps. In the event of two or more children being equally qualified for a single vacancy, a random allocation tie breaker will be used, supervised by a person or persons, completely independent of the school.

There are 60 places available in Reception and 60 in Nursery 30am and 30pm. If places are available, children are normally admitted to nursery at the start of the term following their 3rd birthday. Applications must be made via the schools own application form. Late in year applications will only be considered after those received by the due time, subject to availability and the standard Admissions Criteria. In the event of over subscription, priority will be given to applicants in the following order:

- 1 Catholic looked after children and previously looked after children.
- 2 Other looked after children and previously looked after children
- 3 Baptised Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application.
- 4 All other Baptised Catholic children.

In the event of there being vacancies after all the above applicants have been admitted, the Governors will admit children, whose parents wish their children to be educated in a Catholic environment. Priority will be given to applicants in the following order:

- 5 Children of Christian denominations.
- 6 Children who have brothers and/or sisters in Our Lady of Peace Primary School at time of application.
- 7 All other children.

Getting involved

Voluntary helpers

We always welcome parent volunteers from our school and the wider community to help with activities such as school visits, helping in the school library or supporting children in class etc.

Governorship

We have a full and active Governing Body, which includes Parent Governors as well as representatives from staff and the local community. The primary responsibility of the Local Governing Body is to act as 'Champions for the Children' and it is their educational experience that is paramount. We discharge this responsibility by supporting and challenging every aspect of school activity from the highest academic aspiration to everyday housekeeping to ensure there is overall improvement, progress and achievement and that each child is encouraged to realise fully their individual potential.



Our School Ethos and Values

Our Catholic faith, which is lived out in our daily lives, will be taught by example and explicitly through the "Come and See" programme and supporting resources. The children also will be helped towards an awareness and better understanding of other faiths and cultures.



Our Ethos and Values

Through meaningful and relevant collective worship appropriate to the age and understanding of the individuals, in partnership with the Chaplaincy team, Father Joseph and the local church.

We offer a wide range of spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, aesthetic, emotional and social activities which will develop respectful, loving, confident, well balanced individuals, who are enabled to reach their full potential.

We ensure that every member of our school has respect for self, others, all living things and their environment.

We welcome every visitor to our school and every member of our community will have a sense of belonging and pride and act as ambassadors for our school.

Our School Creed

This is our school,
let peace live here.
Let the rooms be full of happiness.
Let love be all around,
love of one another,
love of all people,
love of life and living.
Let us remember,
that as many hands build a house,
so many hearts make a school.



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