# St. James Catholic Primary School, Hebburn Little Shells Nursery Prospectus 2025



#### Welcome

On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I would like to welcome you to St. James' Catholic Primary School. As a school community, we look every day to follow our school mission statement "We care for each other and treat each other as Jesus teaches us."

Our dedicated and passionate staff team work hard to provide a safe and stimulating environment where our children can feel secure and excited about learning.

We nurture the uniqueness of every child and respond to their individual strengths and needs. Our aim is to equip our children with the tools for future learning and the confidence to follow their dreams.

Our school aims to develop close links with parents, parish, governors and the community; value the uniqueness of each child by helping them to realise their full potential spiritually, morally, academically, physically and socially; maintain and build upon the mutual support of the teaching and non-teaching staff at the school; and provide a Catholic Christian setting in which Gospel values can flourish and develop in all areas of school life.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of St. James' Cand I very much look forward to welcoming you into our school community. If you would like to visit us or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs. Francesca Heslop Headteacher



#### **Our Mission Statement**

At St. James Catholic Primary School we aim to provide a variety of lessons for every child in a happy, caring and welcoming school.

Every member of our school is a gift from God and we want everyone to do their best. As a Catholic School, we care for each other, and treat each other as Jesus teaches us, in all areas of school life.

#### **School Information**

St. James Catholic Primary School opened in 1972. At present, we are a one form entry, taking in children between the ages of 3 years and 11 years. We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust having joined in October 2021.



#### **Our Vision**

Our whole school vision is to provide a strong Foundation for all of our children as they move through school. We believe that our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision will improve children's learning experience as a whole.

# The EYFS curriculum is divided into stages:

- Little Shells Nursery ages 3-4 years
- Reception ages 4-5 years

# **EYFS Provision Little Shells Nursery and Reception**

The EYFS Curriculum is based on seven areas of learning we share topics and themes based around each area with the whole of EYFS:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Learning
- Physical Development
- English
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

# **EYFS Literacy and Numeracy**

Literacy and Numeracy will be delivered separately to our Nursery children and Reception children by a Key Worker of the EYFS team this is to ensure that there are no gaps in learning.

# **The Nursery Day**

#### **Little Shells Nursery 30 hour entitlement**

• 8.45 am - 3.15 pm Monday to Friday

#### **Little Shells Nursery 15 hour entitlement**

• 8.45 am - 11.45 am Monday to Friday

# **Nursery Meals and Snacks**

Our Nursery children who are attending all day should bring a packed lunch brought from home. Children can then enjoy this in school. Please provide the children with healthy and nutritious food that is similar to food served in schools, which is now regulated by national standards.

Children who attend a morning session may bring a healthy snack.

# Meet our EYFS team



Miss Guthrie is our EYFS Class Teacher and EYFS Lead for our school



Miss Capot is our EYFS Class Teacher



Mrs Watson is our Senior Early Years Practitioner

#### **After School Provision**

Although we don't have on-site After School Childcare provision at St. James we do work closely with local After School Childcare providers who collect children from St James which you can find more information about on our website.

#### **Pastoral Care**

The staff of St. James school place a great emphasis on the welfare and well-being of all children in their care. Academic achievements are an important part of school life, however we also place a great emphasis on children having opportunities for curriculum enrichment experiences as well as educational and residential visits.

We are proud of the pastoral care at St. James where children feel supported inside and outside of the classroom.

#### **Parental Involvement**

As soon as your child starts at St. James you are a member of our school community. We believe that the education of a child is a partnership and we aim to support you in as many ways as possible. We value the contributions of parents and family and actively encourage you to help.

Letters concerning various activities taking place at school are sent out to parents via their children. A messaging service will also remind parents of up and coming events. Our website and Facebook are also regularly updated.

#### **Our Uniform**

Our School Uniform consists of the following:

- Royal blue sweatshirt with the school logo
- Royal blue cardigan with the school logo
- Light blue polo with the school logo
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore (blue and white check dress for Summer)
- Black sensible shoes (no trainers)

#### P.E. Uniform:

- White polo shirt, navy blue shorts and black plimsols
- Hooded sweatshirt with the school logo
- Jogging bottoms with the school logo

# **Uniform Policy**

- No patterned, dyed or shaved haircuts
- No jewellery
- No high heels
- No nail varnish



School uniform can be ordered directly from our suggested supplier. The automatic link is available in the school uniform section of our website.





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