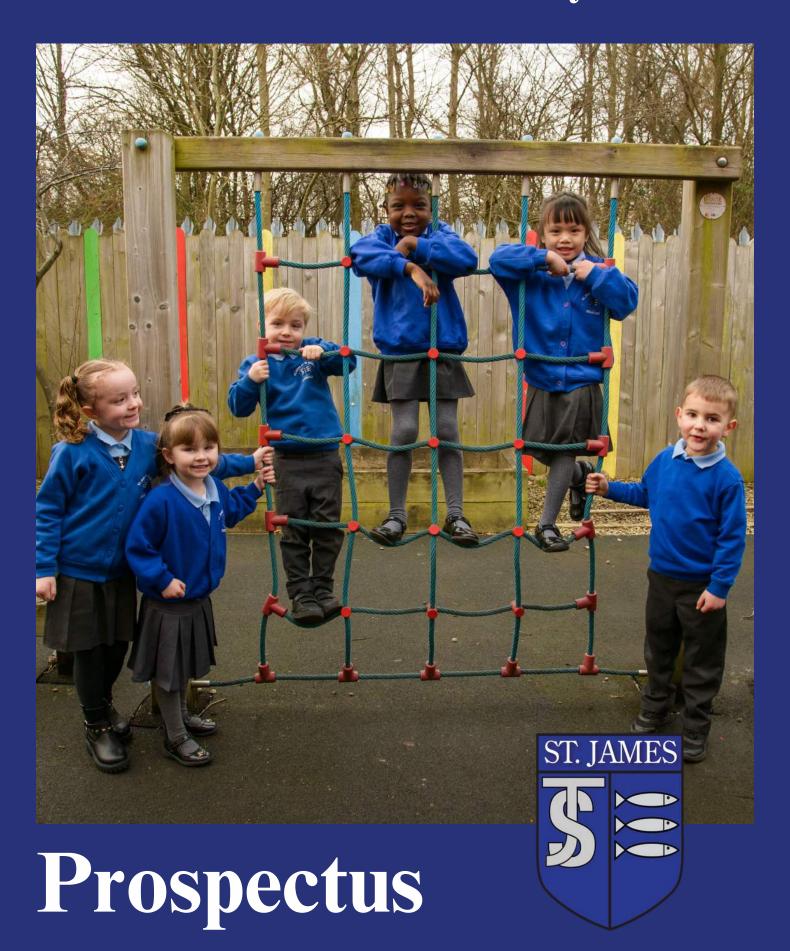
St. James Catholic Primary School



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' Catholic Primary School and 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.



Francesca Heslop Headteacher





* NEW * Nursery September 2025

Our nursery offers both 15 and 30 hour places and we welcome children of all faiths and beliefs. Do get in touch to arrange a visit.



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 4 years and 11 years. We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust having joined in October 2021.

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.

Our School Day

Our school day is 8.55 am – 3.25 pm (gates open at 8.45 am).

We offer a Breakfast Club which runs from 7.30 am each morning. This facility provides a really good start to the day for those parents who require extended child care provision. Contact the school office to book a place.

We don't have on-site After School Childcare provision but we do work closely with local After School Childcare providers who collect children from school. You can find more information on our website.



Our Curriculum

The curriculum is divided into three stages:

- Early Years Foundation Stage Reception ages 4-5 years
- Key Stage 1 from ages 5-7 years
- Key Stage 2 from ages 7-11 years

Reception

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

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

Key Stages 1 and 2

Areas of the curriculum are:

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- Religious Studies
- Information & Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Personal and Social Education/RSE
- Modern Foreign Language



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.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

At St James we offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs. These include Arts Award, Mini Vinnies, Little Dribblers, Sports Club, Chess Club, Film Club, Creative Arts Club, ICT Club and Crochet Club. All information can be found on our website.

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. The school website is also updated regularly.

A messaging service will also remind parents of up and coming events. You can also find us on Facebook.

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 trainers
- 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
- No tattoos

Our suggested supplier information is available on the School Uniform page of our website (under Parent menu).

Preloved uniform is also available. Please contact the school office.





Chadwick's Kitchen



Our award winning in-house catering team Chadwick's Kitchen, provide catering services across the Trust.

We use fresh ingredients to prepare healthy and nutritionally balanced meals each day. The majority of our menus are homemade by our chefs in our kitchens.

Staff are trained to accommodate medical diets and work in partnership with parents to ensure these needs are met. As part of the Trust's commitment to sustainability, we regularly review food miles and continue to work to reduce food waste.

Parents/Carers can pay for school meals using ParentPay, and can view meal choices and account balance online. This operates via a biometric (finger scanning) process, improving efficiency and removing the need for cash.

Students entitled to free meals are allowed to purchase food to the value of a free school meal allowance daily. Students also have the option to bring a packed lunch (nuts or nut-based products aren't permitted). Find out more: www.bccet.org.uk/chadwicks-kitchen/





Our Trust

We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust.

We are a catholic multi-academy Trust and currently have thirty schools, five secondary schools (four with sixth forms), and twenty five primary schools (16 have nursery provision).

The Trust covers the east part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, we have schools in East Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Our family of schools work closely together so that can pupils can flourish. As part of the Trust effective transition is supported by our close relationships, and pupils benefit from a shared, progressive curriculum and common expectations.

Find out more: <u>www.bccet.org.uk</u>



We have 30 schools in our Trust

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11,495 pupils in our family of schools

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1,338 staff in our Trust







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