

ST MARY'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



2026-2028 PROSPECTUS

Every child can benefit from a Catholic education



Welcome to St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to St Mary's Catholic Primary School:
Inspiring Excellence, Fostering Growth

At St Mary's, we are dedicated to nurturing each child's potential and fostering a love of learning. Our passionate staff create a supportive environment where children thrive academically, socially and emotionally. We aim to inspire excellence, build confidence and equip our pupils with the skills for lifelong success.



Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust welcomes you to St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust is a family of 38 schools where learning takes place in communities inspired by Christ. We celebrate the individuality of each school within our Trust and our Catholic and Christian values form the foundation of our identity and purpose. Rooted in our ethos, our vision is for every pupil to leave us empowered to use their unique, God-given talents to make a positive and lasting impact on the world. All our schools promote the dignity, self-esteem and full development of each person and are places of inclusivity and respect for all. Whether you are visiting for the first time or are already part of our community, you will be met with a warm and genuine welcome.



VISION OF THE SCHOOL

Our vision at St Mary's is to provide an inclusive, vibrant learning environment where every child is valued and inspired to reach their full potential.

We are committed to fostering creativity, curiosity and resilience, ensuring our children are confident, compassionate and prepared for the challenges of the future. At St Mary's we live our motto:

'Love Conquers all'

We do this by following Christ's teaching to love God and love others, in the words of the scripture: *"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8*

MISSION STATEMENT

At St Mary's we strive to Follow in Jesus's Footsteps
by living out His teachings every day.

Through love, faith and service, we aim to grow as individuals and
as a caring, unique community.



STARTING SCHOOL

Starting school at St Mary's is an exciting and supportive journey.

From the moment your child joins our community, they will be welcomed with care and encouragement.

Our dedicated staff work closely with each child to ensure they feel safe, confident and inspired as they begin their learning adventure. Parents and carers are also welcomed into our school throughout their child's educational journey.



ADMISSIONS

At St Mary's, we are pleased to offer a PAN (Published Admission Number) of 30 for each year group. Our school provides a 15-place 2-year-old provision and a 26-place nursery to support early years education. We also welcome in-year applications, in line with our admissions policy, ensuring every child has the opportunity to join our vibrant community.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

You do not have to be from a Catholic background to be eligible. For more details contact the school office via email: enquiries@smr.npcat.org.uk or telephone **01748 822365**

LOCAL AUTHORITY

North Yorkshire County Council processes all of the school's admissions. Details about applying for admission to North Yorkshire primary schools can be found at www.admission@northyorks.gov.uk or you can contact them on **01609 533679**.

SUPPLEMENTARY FORM

[DOWNLOAD](#)

MID YEAR ADMISSIONS

There may be occasions when families need to move schools mid-term or outside of the usual admission dates, whether due to relocation or seeking a different educational environment. We would be delighted to discuss your needs at any time of year. To learn more or arrange a visit, please contact our main reception. At St Mary's, every day is an open day!



CURRICULUM

CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF THE CURRICULUM

At St Mary's, we provide an inclusive education where every child is valued, regardless of ability, gender, race or religion. We offer a nurturing learning environment that supports the holistic development of each child. While academic excellence is a key focus, we also celebrate and nurture the unique qualities that make every child special. Our aim is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, helping children become engaged learners and responsible citizens for life.

Our curriculum, which challenges and inspires our children, aligns with our teaching and learning procedures and feedback policy. This curriculum places a strong emphasis on developing global citizenship, preparing children for the world they will work in as adults. We encourage children to reflect on their choices and the impact they have on themselves and others, with the teachings of the Gospels at the core of our values. We believe that the primary years are crucial for instilling a love of learning, building on strong foundations to ensure future success.

LIVING OUR VALUES

At St Mary's, our aim is not only to impart knowledge but to nurture the development of the whole child, so they can actively contribute to their communities. We focus on helping children grow closer to God, while also preparing them to live and work in a diverse, multicultural society.

Our Catholic mission is to live our values in everything we do - values of forgiveness, respect, tolerance and love. We recognise that we are all God's children and we strive to reflect the spirit of the Gospel in our school community, sharing these values with the wider community. Through our vision, ethos, curriculum and teaching, we promote respect and tolerance for all cultures, faiths and communities.

British values are actively incorporated into our daily life through collective worship and school systems such as the school council. We also ensure that these values are woven throughout our curriculum, offering children real opportunities to explore them.





SCHOOL DAY

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

The Compulsory School Day (Reception to Year 6)

8:45am | School starts (gates close at 8:55am)

10:30am | Morning break

11:50am -12:50pm | Lunch break

3:15pm | School finishes

(Total time in school per week-32 hours 30 minutes)

NURSERY SESSION TIMES

(including 2-year-old provision)

8:45am – 11:45am | Morning session

12:15pm – 2:45pm | Afternoon session

(option to extend to 3:15pm)

WRAPAROUND CARE

Wraparound Provision

7:30am | Breakfast provision starts

6:00pm -| After school provision finishes

(5:45pm on Friday)

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club opens each morning at 7:30am and runs until the start of school day at 8:45am. The cost is £5

which includes breakfast (breakfast will be served until 8:15am). We offer a range of cereals, toast, croissants, waffles, yogurts and fruit with juice or water. The children have a chance to get involved with a variety of activities, including: arts & crafts, Lego and board games.

After School Club

After school club opens Monday – Thursday 3:15pm -

6:00pm and Friday 3:15pm - 5:45pm

Three options are available:

3:15pm - 3:40pm (25 minutes)

3:15pm - 4:30pm

3:15pm - 6:00pm (5:45pm on Friday)

(for prices see our website)

We have a range of after school snacks which include dips, vegetable batons and breadsticks, soup with a slice of bread, beans on toast and tomato pasta. Our snacks change to suit the seasons.

The children will enjoy a wide variety of games and activities. Some of the fun things we offer are: playing outside with sports equipment, crafts, board games, baking and watching a film on a Friday.

To book your child a place please login to ParentPay and book the sessions you require. You will pay as you go.



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for your child's academic success and overall development.

Consistent attendance ensures that pupils don't miss out on vital lessons, activities and opportunities to engage with their peers. It helps children stay on track with their learning, build strong relationships with teachers and classmates and develop important social skills.

At St Mary's, we believe that every school day is an opportunity for growth and regular attendance supports your child in reaching their full potential. We encourage families to prioritise school attendance and work with us to foster a positive learning experience.



PE

At St Mary's, we inspire children to participate and compete in a variety of sports and fitness which they look forward to and love.

All children, at all levels, can take part in collaborative and competitive activities. We believe Physical Education has a huge impact on wellbeing, social and learning behaviours. Being active and maintaining a healthy lifestyle is fundamental to children's education. Children at St Mary's are given opportunities to learn a variety of sports and activities, learning life skills such as teamwork, perseverance, respect and self-belief.

We encourage children to take part in competitions and events in collaboration with other local schools, which gives an invaluable opportunity to develop social skills and sportsmanship. We aim to develop a passion for Physical Education that will stay with the children into adulthood. We train and support our sports leaders, encouraging them to lead our younger children both at play times and during after school clubs.

Children also complete a daily mile and are involved in many after school clubs which are on offer to them. These clubs range from football, cricket and archery to chess, sewing, art and many more.



UNIFORM

We ask parents and carers to fully support our school uniform policy and to ensure that pupils look smart for school.

Uniform helps to unite the children as members of St Mary's Catholic Primary School; encourages them to be proud of the school they represent; helps to avoid peer pressure and distractions relating to clothing and accessories; enables children to look the same regardless of their socio-economic backgrounds; and helps families have a smooth start to the day with no debates about what children are going to wear. Uniform can be bought from any retailer and we do have some second hand uniform in school. Uniform embroidered with the school logo can be purchased online using the link on our website.

Uniform for all:

- Grey pinafore dress, skirt, culottes, shorts or trousers
- Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan, with optional school logo (order through school shop)
- Sky blue polo shirt with collar, with optional school logo (order through school shop)
- Grey socks/tights

(An alternative summer uniform is a blue checked gingham dress and white socks)

Footwear

- Suitable black school shoes – NOT trainers
- In wet/snowy weather, pupils who choose to walk to school in wellingtons or boots should change into their school shoes once in the school building

PE Kits

- White t-shirt, with optional school logo (order through school shop)
- Navy blue shorts or navy blue tracksuit bottoms (no logos)
- Royal blue sweatshirts/hoodies, with optional school logo (order through school shop)
- Trainers suitable for PE lessons

Additional information:

- No earrings or jewellery to be worn at any time in school
- Watches may be worn (no smart watches)
- Hair must be tied up if long enough



PUPIL OFFER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is part of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust. This is a family of 38 schools, including two sixth forms and a football academy.

The Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust (NPCAT) is committed to providing a comprehensive and enriching educational experience for its pupils. The Trust's pupil offer encompasses several key areas:

Academic Excellence

NPCAT emphasises high academic standards, aiming to ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential. Every NPCAT school delivers a rich and ambitious curriculum that ensures all pupils receive the knowledge and cultural capital to succeed in life. The school curriculum provides a range of experiences and opportunities to develop our pupils' spiritual, emotional, social and physical development.

Spiritual and Moral Development

Rooted in its Catholic identity, the Trust focuses on the spiritual and moral growth of pupils. This is achieved through

various programmes and activities that encourage pupils to explore and deepen their faith, fostering a sense of community and ethical responsibility.

All of our schools are communities of faith, service, prayer and worship. Within our schools we have a culture of tolerance, where people of diverse identities are recognised, welcomed, respected and cherished.

We seek to ensure that every pupil and their families feel a true sense of belonging and are welcomed and accepted in their school community.

Inclusive Learning Environment

NPCAT is dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive atmosphere where every child can thrive.

Enrichment

Beyond the classroom, our schools provide a range of extracurricular activities, including sports, arts and cultural programmes, to promote character development and encourage pupils to explore their interests and talents.



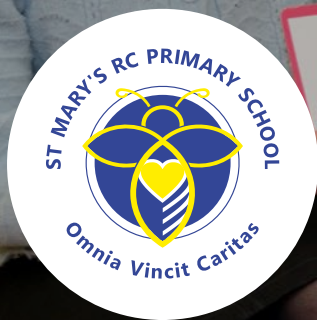
SCHOOL LUNCHES

The midday meal is cooked on the premises in our own kitchen and it forms an integral part of the school day. It is in fact a good opportunity for social mixing within the school.

Care is taken to ensure that the food is healthy and wholesome. We currently rotate meals on a three weekly basis (paper copies of the menu are available from the school office and on our website). Specialist diets can be catered for on request. Please contact the school office for a Special Diet Request Form. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a 'Universal Infant Free School Meal'. Lunch will be charged on parent pay weekly. For more information on this facility or password resets – please contact the school office. As an alternative to the main dish of the day there will be a vegetarian option or a jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna. We also offer a selection of sandwiches and a self service salad bar.

Please Note – The menu may be varied slightly, depending on the availability of produce. We will also try to ensure that no meat is served on a Monday and offer fish on a Friday.

FOLLOW IN JESUS'S FOOTSTEPS



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