

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Primary School

## Prospectus 2024



Empowering, Engaging, Inquisitive, Individuals

# Welcome to St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Primary School

Welcome to our school prospectus, we hope it provides you with an overview of our school. If you require any more detailed information then please visit our website or follow us on social media. You are always welcome to arrange a visit and the pupils would be delighted to show you around school and to show you why St. Mary Magdalen's is such a special place to learn.

We strive to provide high quality education for all the children in our care, recognising individual talents and ensuring that opportunities are provided so that all can reach their full potential.

As a Catholic school we follow Catholic values that seek not only to achieve excellence intellectually, but also spiritually and we strive to ensure that every child within school is nurtured so that they may grow to become confident, caring and compassionate young people. We welcome pupils of all faiths and all beliefs.

We believe that all our children have the potential to do amazing things and that if we work together with parents to support their learning journey, this potential can become a reality!

**Andrea Goodwin**  
Headteacher



# Our Vision



Our Vision for the education of all at our school is based on five core underlying principles:

- Search for excellence: all are given every opportunity to develop their talents to the full
- Uniqueness of the individual: all are valued and respected as individuals so that they may be helped to fulfil their unique role in creation
- Education of the whole person: preparing our children for their life as Christians in the community
- Education for all: a duty to care for the poor and those who are socially, academically, physically or emotionally disadvantaged
- Moral Principles: offering experiences founded on Gospel values so our children are prepared to serve as witnesses to moral and spiritual values in the wider world.

# Our Curriculum

## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

At St Mary Magdalen's, we passionately believe that children build strong foundations for learning through play and exploration. We provide opportunities for the children to learn from real-life experiences, in a context they can relate to, building on needs and next steps as we go. The use of Forest School is developing and our spiritual garden is used for times of quiet reflection. We strongly believe that EYFS is a vital stage in the development of the whole child and therefore ensure we give every child the best start we possibly can.

Children in the EYFS should mostly develop the three prime areas first. These are:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development.

These prime areas are those most essential for children's healthy development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in four specific areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive arts and design.

These seven areas are used to plan our EYFS children's learning and activities.



# Our Curriculum

## Key Stage 1 & 2

At St Mary Magdalen's, we are committed to providing a purposeful, engaging and empowering curriculum that fully prepares learners for the next steps in their school journey, as well as the challenges of the wider world.

As a Catholic school family, our curriculum is underpinned by our belief that Christ lies at the centre of all that we do and through this we are able to create inquisitive individuals who feel empowered to engage in the world in which they live.

Pupils study :

- Art
- Computing
- Design Technology
- English
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)
- Religious Education (RE)
- RSE
- Science



## Safeguarding

Safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority. We are a listening school and staff are trained in Safeguarding procedures. Our Headteacher and our Deputy Headteacher are our Designated Safeguarding Officers and all school staff have undertaken training in safeguarding and child protection. We work closely with Durham Council and Clennell Education Solutions Safeguarding teams.

## SEND

Staff are supported by a highly skilled SEND Co-ordinator within school who oversees the whole provision. We may also seek advice and recommendations from other professionals to ensure our pupils are getting the best support

Best practice involves clear communication between home and school. Parents/carers are involved in every stage as your voice is valued and is integral to how we support your child. The child's voice is meaningful and essential to ensure a happy school life.

## Our Community

Our Friends of St Mary Magdalen's fundraising group actively raise funds for our school, if you are able to offer time, ideas or support to help school then do get in touch. They are currently raising funds for playground equipment.

Our school supports a number of very worthwhile charities. Our children help to raise money to support the most vulnerable in our society and those who are less fortunate than ourselves. At St. Mary Magdalen's we all believe in being a helpful friend to others, where 'love underserved' is our mission, for more information please visit our website.



# The School Day

8:40 am - 3.15 pm Reception to Year 2

8.40 am - 3.20 pm Years 3 - 6

Every morning the doors are opened at 8:40am and children come into school, and go straight to their classrooms.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open daily from 8.00 am at a cost of £2.50 per day per child. Breakfast is served from 8.00 - 8.20 am. Breakfast Club must be booked via our booking system and payment is made via our online payment system ParentPay.

## Uniform

### Summer uniform (Easter - October 1/2 term) optional

- Light blue buttoned school shirt
- Navy tie
- Navy jumper or cardigan
- Grey or navy trousers/navy knee-length flared skirt or pinafore
- White/black or grey plain socks or navy tights
- Black shoes (no trainers)

### Winter uniform (after October 1/2 term - Easter)

- Light blue polo t-shirt
- Navy jumper or cardigan
- Grey or navy trouser or shorts/knee length flared skirt or pinafore or blue and white summer dress
- White/black or grey plain socks or navy tights
- Black shoes (no trainers)
- No tie required

**P.E. Kit** - On PE days, pupils should wear full school PE kit to come to school: light blue plain t-shirt, navy shorts/leggings or joggers, navy PE hoody and trainers (not school shoes). Children should wear trainers and keep plimsolls in school for indoor use. Outdoor trainers should provide support for pupils when exercising so trainers such as Converse would not be appropriate.





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