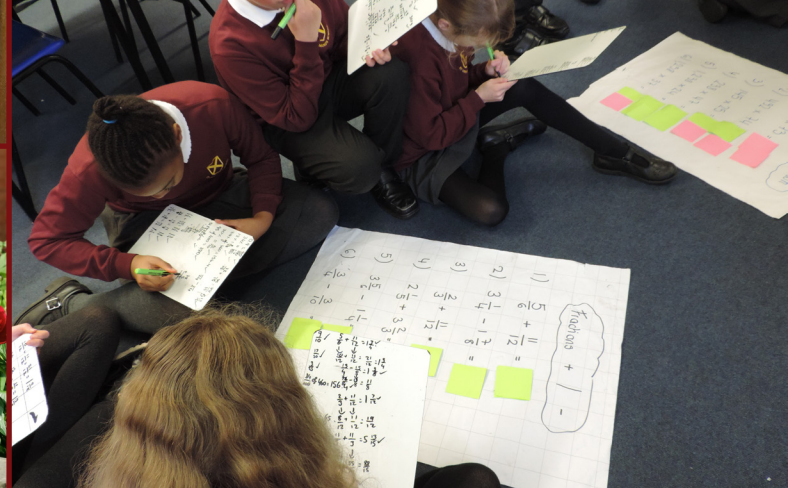
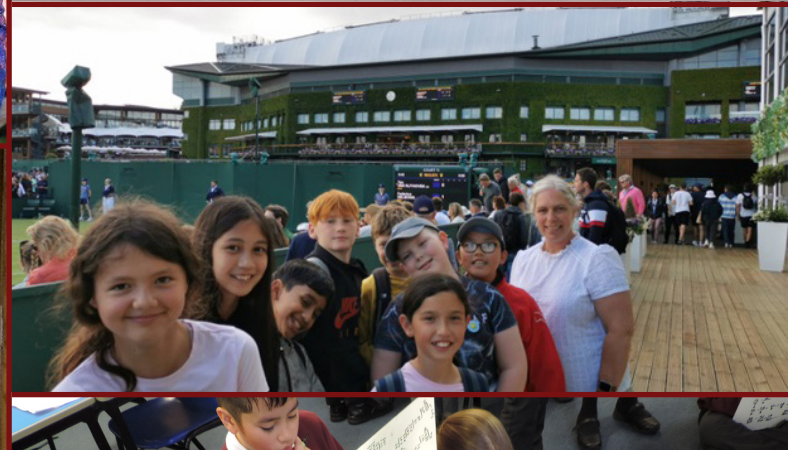


ST OSMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome

Welcome to St Osmund's. We are Wiltshire's most culturally diverse primary school and we are proud of that. Our families originate from many different countries giving the school a richness in that diversity. We celebrate the cultures of our children and the knowledge and understanding they can bring to all of us as we take our place in the multicultural Britain of today.

We believe that school should, first and foremost, be a happy place where children develop a love of learning and their sense of faith. We challenge our children to achieve the very best that they are capable of and we instil in them ambition and drive to succeed. The care and welfare of each and every member of our school community is integral to the Catholic ethos of the school.

All who come to our school comment on the calm and respectful, yet purposeful and industrious atmosphere created by the children and staff. Our children are thoughtful, independent, and well-behaved; if you were to come and work with us, I am sure you would agree that they are best ambassadors of what our school values.

With all best wishes,
Mr R Sanderson, Headteacher

Our Vision

*It is what we strive to achieve
and what we aspire to be*

As a Catholic school, we believe that all children have the right to an education which enables them to achieve all that they are capable of. We root this in Gospel – that 'I have come that you may have life, and life in all its fullness'.

Jn 10:10

As Christian educators we do all we can to provide the opportunities for our children to thrive, in all things. This is part of our drive to develop and embed a distinctive Catholic ethos at St Osmund's, rooted in academic, personal, and spiritual challenge.

Our Ethos



We Can

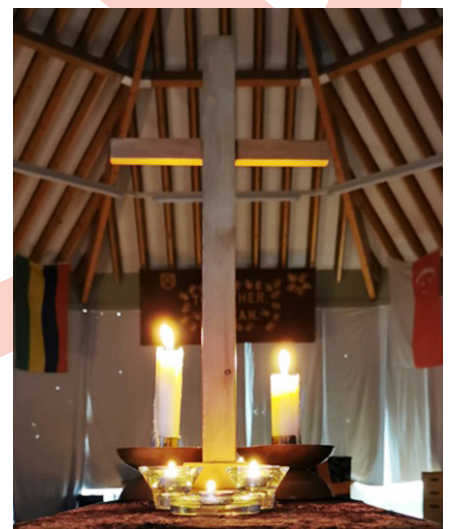
*"I have come that you may have
life, and life in all its fullness"*

Jn 10:10

As teachers, we are committed to nurturing the potential that lies within us all, so our children not only achieve highly, but thrive and flourish once they fly the St Osmund's nest.

We always believe that:

***Our children
'can...'***



St Osmund's Catholic Primary School

Love for God – Love for Each Other – Love for Learning

Mission Statement

It is what we do – what we value – every day

Curriculum

Love for God

Life within our school is governed by the Christian values embodied in the Catholic Faith. We develop these Christian values all through the school based on the teachings of Christ as told in the Gospels.

We develop a Love for God through prayer, faith and fundamental respect for all that God has created in our role as missionaries of Catholic social teaching values.

Love for Each Other

Children learn best when they are happy, safe and settled. We ensure that their emotional and spiritual needs are always at the forefront, and that underpins our success.

In our family-orientated, supportive and nurturing environment, children show their Love for Each Other as they feel secure and loved in a school where positive relationships are rightly seen as key to success.

Love for Learning

Good... outstanding... these are not words we use to describe our children, outcomes, or school. What we pride ourselves on knowing is that St Osmund's **stands out**.

We have the highest expectations of our children and our ethos is clear – every child can. We do all we can to help our children be the best they can be. The results the children gain in their end-of-stage assessments are exceptional but more than that, when our children move onto their



next destinations, our secondary colleagues say that St Osmund's children **stand out**. They are ready and well-equipped learners.

Our staff believe that continual development is necessary to ensure we are at the forefront of pedagogical practices and what works best for our children. As a school, we ensure that our staff have their CPD treated as a priority. This year, all teachers have received 20% release time to ensure they have the opportunity to reflect, innovate and truly explore what makes effective teaching.

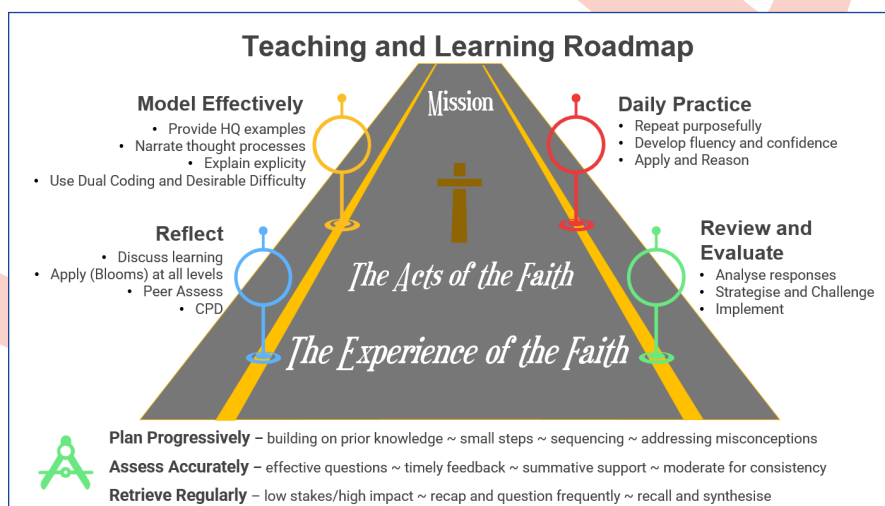
We aim to provide a broad, knowledge rich, inspiring and challenging curriculum for all our pupils which is underpinned by our

experiences, development and acts of the faith, so that our children are equipped with the skills, qualities, resilience and attributes to succeed as global citizens.

Our curriculum prioritises core skills – Reading, Writing, Mathematical Fluency, Reasoning and problem Solving – which underpin the children's access and enjoyment of the full curriculum.

Spacing, repetition and useful assessment are key pedagogical principles underlying our curriculum implementation.

More information about our school's curriculum offer can be found on our school website.





History

Our school started out in 1867 in a building which is now the Parish rooms, next to the church, where two nuns taught 75 children aged between 5 and 10 years old. Shortly afterwards, the nuns, who were based in St Elizabeth's Convent on Exeter Street, also opened an Industrial School nearby, at 131 Exeter Street which is the older part of the school building we use now. The Industrial School, a 2-storey building in flint and stone with a brick extension, was established to train over 100 orphan girls to be domestic servants. Their single upstairs dormitory is now partitioned into the Year 5 and 6 classrooms, while the orphans' classrooms are now used by Reception and Year 1.

In 1918, the school leaving age was raised to 14 years and Industrial Schools were phased out. The nuns decided to form one school, known as St Osmund's Parish School, of

nearly 200 children. The older children were taught beside the church and the younger ones were educated in the current school building. By the end of WW2, St Osmund's Parish School had doubled in size to over 400 pupils in 15 classes scattered over five different sites and the orphanage had been phased out.

It was only in the early 1960s that the older, secondary-aged pupils moved to a new school in Laverstock, St Joseph's. The juniors and infants remained at the Exeter Street site which became known as St. Osmund's Catholic Primary School.

As improvements have been made over the years, various relics of bygone days have been discovered. The gravestones against the far wall of the garden area are a reminder of the school's past as a convent. Victorian finds like slate pencils, marbles and a thimble revealed something of the toys and items used by children in the Victorian school.

The school of today has far greater aspirations for its children than those Victorian children had enjoyed. The original building is now Grade II listed and is a recognised landmark on Exeter Street. Many of our children's parents and grandparents still remember the school as it was when the main entrance was through an ancient wooden door. The fabulous key to this door is still in use and would seem just as at home in a fairy tale as in a modern school. Past pupils have visited from as far away as Australia.

Today we have pupils from all over the world – a reflection that a Catholic School is a global school. As well as our English families, we have families from the Philippines, India, Ghana, Nigeria, Poland, St Lucia, Brazil, Ecuador, Hungary, Ukraine, Portugal, China and many more! We consider ourselves fortunate in the richness and variety which our different communities bring to our school and our church.



Our Catholic Life

St Osmund's is a Catholic School with a Christian ethos, and this is our reason for being, the heartbeat of a Catholic school. Catholicity runs through the intent and implementation of the curriculum; it guides everything that we do.

We provide a caring and supportive environment in which our children can learn and grow spiritually, emotionally and academically, surrounded by the love and faith of others. In addition to a weekly liturgical assembly which sets the direction for our daily Prayer & Liturgy in classes, our children attend a weekly Class

Mass at St Osmund's Church, enjoy weekly Prayer & Praise in joyous song, and have an active Chaplaincy team who lead prayer, fundraising and faith development among their peers.

For Curriculum RE, we follow the 'God Matters' scheme of work as a scaffold for planning and coverage which we supplement with a wide range of resources including Caritas in Action for our Catholic Social Teaching.

We recognise that parents are the first and most important teachers of their children, particularly in the handing on of the faith. We aim to be

supportive of that fundamental commitment and encourage as much parental involvement in meetings, celebrations, assemblies and Masses as possible. Sacramental preparation takes place in the parish but is complemented by the RE programme. In line with Diocesan policy 10% of curriculum time is given to Religious Education.

Our Catholic faith can be seen all around us, from the songs and hymns we sing, to the colourful displays on our walls and our beautiful statue of Mary at the centre of the school. At the heart of our faith is our love of God and each other.