



St Richard's CE Primary School
Bold Bright Beautiful

Welcome to St Richard's CE Primary School

Siân Murphy,
Headteacher, says

I am very proud to welcome you to our wonderful school.

Wonderful facilities

We are so lucky to benefit from a large site with well laid out buildings, fantastic playing fields, a school allotment and our very own swimming pool.

Friendly and nurturing

We feel that what really sets us apart is not only our physical environment but the purposeful, friendly, nurturing atmosphere that all visitors to our school comment upon. This comes from our strong, inclusive Christian ethos and desire that every child should achieve their absolute best in a place where they are both valued and challenged in equal measure.

High aspirations

Our motto 'Bold, Bright and Beautiful' perfectly encapsulates the pupils in our school. They challenge themselves, try their best, have great fun and live school life to the full. We have high aspirations for all our pupils and believe that through stretching children we build their confidence and self-esteem.

Community spirit

The school is positioned in the centre of Ham and, with this in mind, we constantly look for opportunities to serve our local community, helping to shape its future through the children who attend our school. Central to my purpose is that the children here learn to give from the heart, in response to the needs of others, rather than out of obligation.

Our Christian ethos

The school gathers daily to reflect upon important issues, to worship together and to consider the Christian principles that are at the heart of our ethos. Within this loving, compassionate environment, we find that teaching and learning are all the more effective right across the curriculum.

I understand what an important decision choosing your child's primary school is, so I am always happy to meet parents in person to show them around and discuss what makes our school special. Contact us on tel: 020 8940 7911 or email info@srsa.richmond.sch.uk

School day: settling in

School hours

Our school day begins at 9.00am, with the gates opening at 8.45am and ends at 3.30pm. Nursery starts at 8.45am.

Wraparound

We run a breakfast club from 7.45am and after-school provision until 6.00pm.

Food in school

All our food is freshly prepared on site. Our menu is carefully planned to offer a main course, a vegetarian main course and lighter lunch options, plus a salad bar, dessert, fruit and bread.

Uniform

Our uniform policy is robustly followed. It is simple, affordable, practical and obligatory from Reception Class onwards (it is optional in Nursery). We want children to be comfortable, smart and to take pride in wearing our school logo.

Curriculum: memorable, inspiring and engaging lessons

Broad and balanced

We aim to foster a life-long love of learning through memorable, inspiring and engaging lessons. We have designed a bespoke curriculum that not only ensures that the children receive a broad and balanced curriculum but one that is also relevant to the children's interests and gives them not just the knowledge but the skills and understanding to become well-rounded and successful citizens.

Opportunities for success

At St Richard's we celebrate all subjects and provide the children opportunities to excel in all areas and passionately believe that a rich variety of learning experiences not only improves a child's cultural capital but also makes the learning purposeful and motivating.

We are passionate that all children feel successful and have the opportunity to succeed.

We aim to deliver our curriculum through:

- Creative, fun and memorable learning experiences which provide the children with opportunities that they may not have experienced before.
- A strong nurturing environment that enables all children to feel successful and safe to take risks.
- Putting their emotional and mental well-being at the heart of all that we do.
- Making excellent use of our extensive grounds as well as an abundance of trips and curricular activities.
- Establishing cross-curricular links, where possible, and giving the pupils opportunities to build on prior knowledge.
- Ensuring that the curriculum is accessible to all children and that successes are celebrated in all curriculum areas.
- Special enrichment days and weeks for the whole school and individual classes.
- Being flexible to enable learning to be guided by a child's interests.



Enriched curriculum: trips, visitors, clubs, music and PE

Trips and visitors

At St Richard's we aim to supplement the children's learning with a wide range of experiences, trips and visitors. These encompass a broad spectrum of areas. For example, over the course of their time at our school, children will visit local and London art galleries and museums, a West End show, local parks and outdoor spaces and will spend a day at the seaside. In Key Stage 2 they will have spent a night in our school hall, on the school field, in a tepee at Thames Young Mariners and will have been invited to attend a residential trip at an activity centre.

In addition, children will have had the opportunity to visit and sometimes perform in major concert venues such as The O2 and The Royal Albert Hall as well as performing at local singing events such as Ham Fair and local music festivals.

Clubs

Clubs are one way in which we continue to provide a rich, broad and holistic curriculum. There is a huge variety, some of which are free of charge and currently include:

- Choir
- Swimming
- Art
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Cricket
- Swimming
- Cookery
- Football
- Fun Sports
- Make and Create
- Gardening
- Athletics
- Long distance running

Music

St Richard's has a noble history of music at the school, dating back to the 1970's when the choir shared a stage with Cilla Black and Sir Harry Secombe and appeared on BBC's Pebble Mill and performed at the Royal Albert Hall. More recently, the choir performed at the O2 arena and the Royal Albert Hall. At Christmas time, the children participate in a number of local events including singing at local care homes, department stores and Christmas markets. The children very much enjoy performing and music plays a large part in our school life.

Music at St Richard's covers a range of musical skills within all year groups exploring the various musical elements including pulse, rhythm and pitch. Pupils will have the opportunity to learn at least one musical instrument and perform in a variety of settings. Music has no boundaries and is inclusive and accessible for all. We believe music can support positive mental health, provide a platform for expressing emotions and brings our community together.

P.E.

The intent of our P.E. (Physical Education) curriculum is to provide all children with high quality P.E. and sport provision which develops their skills in both the short and long term. Our vision is for every pupil to succeed and achieve their potential as well as to lead physically active lifestyles.

Through our teaching of P.E., we aim to provide opportunities for all pupils to develop values and transferable life skills such as fairness and respect as well as providing them with opportunities to take part in competitive sport.



Admissions and getting involved

Admissions

Applying for a place at school can be a little confusing and we hope this will be of help. There are four distinct phases for admissions:

1. Entry to our afternoon playgroup provision called Acorns, for children who are 2 - 4 years old.
2. Entry to our Nursery Class for children who have turned 3 years old by the start of the academic year in September.
3. Entry to our Reception Class for children who have turned 4 years old by the start of the academic year in September (even if your child is already in our Nursery Class you will need to apply via the local authority for a place in our Reception Class). Contact www.eadmissions.org
4. In year admissions from children once they have started statutory school either elsewhere in the UK or from abroad. Contact Richmond Admissions to apply. Email: richmond.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Website: www.richmond.gov.uk

Application for admissions to Acorns Playgroup and our Nursery are made through the school office.



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Getting involved

PTFA

Our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association helps create and support our school's unique sense of family and inclusivity among the children, parents and staff. The PTFA help raise awareness of our role in, and responsibility to, the wider local community. We also fundraise in order to support the school in a variety of different ways, as well as for charity. We hold a meeting at the start of every half-term. Everyone is welcome and when possible, a free crèche is provided. Every parent is automatically a member of the PTFA and their contribution is important no matter how big or small.

Governing Body

Governors contribute to the work of the Governing Board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children in the school. They do this by:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If you would like to become a school governor, please enquire at the school office.



Our Vision

In order to support our children in living out our vision, we have developed our Faith ID. This represents the practical application of our Vision in terms that resonate with children. We use it to promote positive behaviour and inspire courageous learning. Additionally, we have our own school song, which is based on the following principles:

Our Faith ID

- We stand shoulder to shoulder always ready to forgive
- We use our heads to make good choices and achieve our best in all we do
- We use our eyes and ears to learn what Jesus teaches us
- We open our hearts to trust and worship God
- We join our hands in love and friendship
- We use our tongues truthfully and responsibly
- We use our feet to share God's love with our community