

Violet, Blossom and Rosa are all thriving at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

Janan and Tom live in Sidcup with their three daughters and son. Violet, is ten, twins, Blossom and Rosa, are nine, and Tommy, is three.

Good support

Janan and Tom have been very satisfied with the encouragement and help that their three daughters have had from the staff at Our Lady of The Rosary. Janan says: "I've had three very different children going through the school, and they have had three completely different experiences there. Violet and Rosa have been encouraged to make good progress, and Blossom has been well supported with her educational, medical and emotional needs. We are very pleased with the school."

Welcoming school

Janan recalls that when she first went to look round Our Lady of the Rosary she thought it was a really nice school. "It was our nearest school and a few people had recommended it to us. Although we are not a Catholic family, one of our friends, whose children attended the school, encouraged us to apply for it anyway. We were delighted that the children were accepted and Violet was able to start in Reception and I was able to put the twins down for the nursery."

Enthusiastic pupil

Violet settled in well in Reception, Janan says. "She loves to learn and has always enjoyed academic work. She has made some good friends and has never had any issues. She has had very good teachers and loves English and Maths, but is strong in all subjects. She is quite competitive and loves doing Times Table Rock Stars."

Fulfilling potential

"She enjoys going swimming with the school and is in the top group. Violet is now in Year 5 and when she takes tests, she loves getting full marks and is disappointed with herself if she gets just one thing wrong. The staff can see she has a lot of potential and encourage her to succeed and put her forward to take part in things," Janan says.

Caring staff

Because Blossom, who is nine and now in Year 4, was born with cardiac issues, she has a care plan in place at school, Janan explains. "She has to have more time indoors in the winter and has to have rest breaks during PE lessons. Each time she moves into a new year group we have meetings with her teacher to explain her situation to make sure all her needs are met. The SENCO is fully on board with us and we have always found everyone at the school has been helpful and understanding about Blossom's needs."

Friendly teachers

Blossom's twin sister, Rosa, has no health issues and her last school assessment showed that she is exactly where she should be educationally, Janan says. "All the staff know Blossom and work well with her and she is now being given extra help with Maths at school."

Lovely environment

"All three of the girls used to sing in the school choir and Violet was part of the group sent by Our Lady of the Rosary to take part in the Young Voices event at the O2 Arena in London. We attend services at the school and never feel that the school is over religious. I like the fact there is a prayer garden and the children have a nice place to commemorate Remembrance Day," Janan says.

Excellent values

"We like the values that Our Lady of the Rosary promote and that the children are considerate towards each other. The discipline and high standard of uniform are also very good. We have been very satisfied with everything about the school."

Children say

Violet says: "I like Mrs Tomlinson's teaching style since it makes it more fun and that everyone in my class is very supportive of each other!"

Blossom says: "I like that we learn new things."

Rosa says: "I like making things in DT."