



Tanya Marie's boys have just started St Teresa's School and are making wonderful progress already

Tanya Marie has two boys one in Reception and one in Year 1.

Each child is an individual

Tanya Marie's boys started St Teresa's in the preschool and have had a promising start to life at school. "They love going to school. The teachers are passionate about what they do, they are caring and look after the children so well. They look after each child as an individual and try to support them as best they can. The boys have never said that they don't want to go to school, even on a weekend they ask if they can go to school," says Tanya Marie.

Part of the church community

"My husband and I are both Roman Catholic and we attend Corpus Christi Church which is the church attached to St Teresa's. We wanted a school in Wokingham and we wanted a Roman Catholic school so St Teresa's was an easy decision for us. We feel part of the school community. The boys see their teachers at church on a Sunday and everyone always says hello. The priest is involved with school life and they see other pupils at Sunday school during church," says Tanya Marie.

Making memories

"The boys enjoy Stay and Play which is when parents are invited into school and we all get to see what the children have been doing. They always look forward to Christmas and the Nativity. They enjoy going to school every day and they love to see their friends," says Tanya Marie.

Learning through movement

"They have started learning Phonics. They do a lot of hand movements and singing which they come home and show me. The teachers incorporate a lot of movement with their learning which is great for my older son as he has quite a short attention span. The teachers know how to engage him and keep him focussed. The children don't realise they're learning. My younger son only started Phonics in September and already he's reading books and blending his words," says Tanya Marie.

Excellent communication

"The communication with the school is excellent, I can't fault them. We always know what's going on. They email, call and on occasion have to schedule meetings so we're always up to date with what's happening and how the boys are doing. The teachers are always on the playground and available informally to chat to. We're very open with school and I think that helps, the more you put in the more you get back and I believe that's important. They want parents to be informed and feel part of school life. The school newsletter shares whole school news and the emails and updates on the app help you keep informed about your child. School is very welcoming in terms of communication, from the receptionist to the head teacher, everyone is approachable and ready to help," says Tanya Marie.

Reaching their full potential

"I'm looking forward to seeing how the boys grow and develop at school. We have support from school and they go above and beyond. I have no concerns as to the boys reaching their full potential, the school knows exactly how to encourage them. They haven't been at school for long but the foundation they are building is very good," says Tanya Marie.

School feels safe

"School feels very nurturing when you visit. In Pre-school and Reception it is child led learning and the interests of the children lead the way. There is a fantastic indoor and outdoor play area. There are lots of activities for the children to do. The playgrounds are separated by age groups and are age appropriate so the children feel safe and secure," says Tanya Marie.

A great team

"St Teresa's is a fantastic school. The team at school is brilliant and well established and the head teacher gets involved at every level and sets a great example. It has a great ethos," says Tanya Marie.