



## The Rosary Catholic Primary School is an inclusive and welcoming community where Anne-Marie's boys are developing their individual passions.

Anne-Marie has Arthur age 11 in Year 6 and Alfred, age 9, in Year 4, they have an older brother who is now in high school.

### Following in their mum's footsteps

"I went to Rosary so it was very familiar to me when we came to looking at where to send the children for school. Initially, as my husband isn't Catholic, he was a little apprehensive but on visiting he soon changed his mind and could see the potential for the boys to thrive. We found the children to be polite and the fundamental Catholic teaching about forgiveness and treating others with kindness shone through. You want your children to learn kindness and respect for others and that's the environment at Rosary," says Anne-Marie.

### Developing individual passions

"Both the boys love Forest School and they love playing sport so they enjoy PE day. Alfred loves English and wants to be a children's author when he grows up so he enjoys reading and writing. Arthur enjoys Maths, that's his jam," says Anne-Marie.

### Inclusive parent community

"There's no specific catchment area for school, children and their families join the school community from all over the area. It's a town school and so parents come together for coffee mornings. I used to go when the boys were younger and it was very supportive, a place where parents could openly discuss the stresses and strains of parenting. The PTFA is inclusive, they try to get everyone involved and I volunteer a couple of times a month to listen to children read and I know other parents do it as well so there's lots of ways to be part of school life," says Anne-Marie.

### Science Fair and residential trip

"The boys have just enjoyed the Science Festival and then there is the "Parents Get Lost" residential trip later in the year which my eldest is excited for. They do everything from climbing to kayaking, all the fun outdoor activities. Arthur is very excited for that trip," says Anne-Marie.

### Getting ready for high school

"Arthur's embarking on his SATS so I think once they're out of the way he'll feel better. He's looking forward to heading to high school and being able to walk to school with his older brother. He's ready for what high school brings and he's looking forward to experiencing school with a wider group of people. He's ready for what high school brings because of the excellent foundations built at the Rosary and he's looking forward to experiencing," says Anne-Marie.

### Celebrating achievement

"There's a weekly assembly where everyone comes together on a Friday and achievements are celebrated. Children get an achievement certificate for anything that they have done that has stood out in the week, that can be for anything, being kind, working hard or producing an excellent piece of work. They have a system called "Gold Footsteps" and if you've been on the gold footprint five times for example in the week then you receive a sticker. It's a way of recognising good behaviour and effort with work in class. They can move down as well as up the footsteps so it's all about encouraging positive behaviours," says Anne-Marie.

### Supportive and positive for the future

"I've always found Rosary to be inclusive, it's a friendly community and everyone is welcome. There are people from different religions and I think that's important for children to see and be aware of. I've found school to be incredibly supportive, their pastoral care is excellent. I've had support for the boys in various ways over the years and I really can't stress how valuable that has been. The new Headteacher is making positive changes, she's a positive force and it's great to see how she's leading the school forward" says Anne-Marie.

### Children say:

**Arthur says:** "I'm looking forward to making new friends at high school."

**Alfred says:** "I like the books we read."