



**Charlotte says that Rosary Catholic Primary School is welcoming to everyone and a place where children work hard and have fun.**

**Charlotte's older boys attended The Rosary and now William, the youngest, age 9, is in Year 4.**

## Moving to a new school

Charlotte and her family moved to the area and chose The Rosary for its great location. Charlotte says, "William always rushes to get into school every morning which I think is a good sign. He's been there since Reception; my older boys were also at The Rosary but started part way through primary school. We liked how welcoming the school felt when we first visited. It felt like everyone was excited to be there."

## Outdoor space

"One of the other things that impressed us about school was the outdoor space. Coming from London it was lovely to find a school with such fantastic green space for the boys to use. William loves Forest School, which takes place every three weeks; he's always counting down to it being his week to do it," says Charlotte.

## Everyone is welcome

The Rosary is a Catholic Primary School and families of all faiths are encouraged to join the school. Charlotte says, "I've always found the school to be inclusive. While there is a Catholic element to school life, you don't have to be Catholic to appreciate the moral values that are upheld at The Rosary. Being kind to others, and being polite, understanding and forgiving are what any parent would want for their child. I'm a Christian, not Catholic, but it's interesting hearing what William is learning about faith in general. I like that the pupils learn about different faiths and ask questions about them; they can then decide for themselves what they believe."

## Lots of activities

"William loves being hands on, so his favourite things are Forest School and Science experiments. He loves creating things and working as part of a group. He loves PE and they've been playing Dodgeball recently which he has really enjoyed. School brings in external specialists to teach the children different activities. Sometimes it's a sport, other times it could be Music or something else creative.

They had someone come in and teach them fishing in the school hall - not with real fish, it was with magnets - but William thought that was great fun. It's fantastic that they can experience these different activities ahead of moving to high school," says Charlotte.

## Teaching styles

"The school has both male and female teachers, which I think is important for the children. At The Rosary there is a healthy balance of discipline and freedom, so that the pupils have a lot of fun within fair boundaries," says Charlotte.

## Great school

"The Rosary feels like a well-balanced school, with pupils from a variety of backgrounds. It is also small enough for William to have friends across the year groups.

The school offers wonderful trips every year, such as the Cheltenham Jazz and Science Festivals and the Stroud Book Festival. The pupils visit local farms and there is a residential trip in Year 6 that everyone looks forward to. There's always something exciting happening. It's a lovely school," says Charlotte.

## Children say

**William says:** "I love History, PE, Forest School and Science experiments."

