

Our Mission Statement

"With Christ at the centre and children at the heart, we learn to love and love to learn"

Our Aims

- To educate and provide each child with high quality teaching and learning opportunities within a stimulating and interactive environment.
- To promote a philosophy of self-belief based upon mutual respect and collaboration within a caring, safe and stable environment.
- To celebrate the good news of Jesus on our journey of faith and understanding.
- To empower children to be responsible citizens enabling them to make informed choices and pursue a fulfilled and active role in school, at home, in the parish and in the wider community.



St Bridget's Catholic Primary School

We reach for the stars



Foreword: Ceri Dobson, Headteacher, says:

I am very proud to welcome you to our wonderful school, providing an environment where children can thrive and learn.

Development

We are dedicated to ensuring that personal and spiritual development, alongside a pupil's mental health and well-being, are just as important as educational achievement.

Foundations for success

A broad and balanced curriculum is crucial in developing a firm foundation for learning.

Learning is presented in a way which develops, and deepens, pupils' understanding in subjects with science and history as particular strengths in our school.

Reading above national standard

We are also passionate about reading, with our reading outcomes above the national expected standard. We have also adopted a whole school reading culture, encouraging all pupils to foster a genuine love of reading.

Igniting an interest in the world

Our teaching is stimulating and creative, and encourages our children to continue their education outside of school, and become lifelong learners. We want to ignite an interest in the world around them, and for that interest to lead to fulfilling and imaginative lives. Learning should be fun!



Pastoral care

Whilst academic achievements are an important part of life at our school, all our children also have the opportunity to also enjoy a wide variety of sporting and musical opportunities, as well as regular trips and residential visits. Our pastoral care is exceptional, ensuring all children are kept safe and are supported both inside and outside school.

Dedicated staff

I am also very proud of our exceptionally experienced and dedicated staff, who ensure that all our children are well supported to achieve their true potential, and work hard with families to overcome any barriers to learning.

If you wish to hear more about what we can offer your child, please contact us for more information or an appointment to meet me. Telephone on 01925 811873 or email sch_stbridgets_primary@warrington.gov.uk.



School day: settling in

Our school hours

The school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3pm.

Breakfast club

The school opens its doors at 8.30am for our free Magic Breakfast.

Uniform

At St Bridget's Catholic Primary School we are very proud of our school uniform. We hope that parents share our views and support the wearing of the school uniform which consists of:

- Grey trousers, white shirt, red tie, bottle green 'V' neck pullover with school logo, black shoes, grey socks.
- Royal Stuart tartan kilt, white blouse, red tie (optional), bottle green cardigan with school logo, black shoes, white socks or tights in school colours. Straight grey trousers may be worn in winter.
- In warm weather, green and white check dresses; grey shorts and, short sleeved shirts may be worn.

All items of school uniform can be purchased from Warrington School Wear, 50-54 Buttermarket Street, Warrington (01925 576868). School Jumpers, Caps and Book/PE Bags can also be purchased online from: My Clothing – www.myclothing.com. Ties, book bags and PE bags are available from the school office.

Food in school

We are proud to have achieved the National Healthy Schools Standard and are aware of the importance of children eating the correct types of food, in order to gain the maximum benefit from their learning experiences. The National Fruit Scheme provides free fruit each day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All pupils can also purchase toast and milk at morning break.

All KS1 children are entitled to a free school meal. This lunch will be a hot meal and the school catering services ensures that this is a well-balanced, nutritional meal. Allergies and dietary requirements will be accommodated. For our Key stage 2 children, the school has the facilities for children to bring either a packed lunch from home or pay for a school meal.

Applying for free school meals

We encourage all parents who think that they may qualify for free school meals to apply for them, even if your child does not intend to take the meal. Registering your child can make a big difference to the amount of money given to the school to educate your child.

Enriched curriculum

Trips and visits

Educational visits to places of interest, and visits into school from professionals, theatre groups etc are arranged regularly as they compliment and enhance our curriculum. Currently, these are on hold but we will endeavour to reintroduce such experiences as soon as possible.

After school clubs

At St Bridget's we believe that the school day should be enriched with as many experiences as possible. This is why we offer a broad programme of after-school clubs delivered by our Teaching Assistants and outside providers. These range from:

- Booster clubs for reading, phonics and maths.
- Cross country.
- Performing arts.
- School choir.
- Football.
- Guitar.
- Yoga.



PE, Sport and outdoor activities

We deliver a high-quality physical education curriculum that inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically-demanding activities. It should provide opportunities for pupils to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness. Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.



Creative curriculum: a firm foundation for learning

The ethos of St. Bridget's Catholic Primary school is a crucial element in the delivery of the curriculum, and our Catholic faith and Christian values are at the heart of our ethos. The Catholic school is essentially a community of faith, working in partnership with home and parish.

The curriculum is divided into three stages

1. Early Years Foundation Stage: from ages 4-5.
2. Key Stage 1: from ages 5-7.
3. Key Stage 2: from ages 7-11.

Forest School

The children love our Forest School and taking their learning outdoors within our stunning school grounds.

Music

We place great emphasis on music tuition and children have the opportunity to take part in our school choir as well as having an introduction to various instruments including guitar and keyboard.



At St. Bridget's, we aim to deliver:

- A curriculum that is ambitious for all pupils.
- A curriculum that is coherently planned and sequenced.
- A curriculum that is successfully adapted, designed and developed for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- A curriculum that is broad and balanced for all pupils



Admissions and getting involved

Admissions arrangements

St Bridget's is a Catholic School under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. It is maintained by Warrington Borough Council. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority.

Contact details for Warrington Schools Admissions Team

Warrington Borough Council
26-30 Horsemarket Street,
Warrington
WA1 1XL
Tel: 01925 443322

Website:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>



Getting involved

St. Bridget's PTFA

All our parents are regarded as members of this association, which organises a variety of social functions and fund-raising events. Throughout the year, they provide invaluable support that has enabled the school to purchase items that the normal government funding would not cover. The events also provide an opportunity for parents, friends and teachers to meet informally.

Volunteering in school

There are many areas of school life where we value the help of parents. If you feel you are able to spare some time to volunteer please ask for details at the school office.

Governors

St Bridget's is a Voluntary Aided Catholic School belonging to the Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool. The Governing Body consists of seven Foundation Governors, two Parent Governors, one LA Governor, one Headteacher and one Staff Governor. Teachers are appointed by the Governing Body.

Apart from duties, rights and responsibilities of the Governors and the Trustees, the school is in effect administered by Warrington Education Services, and the school is organised in accordance with the rules, regulations and standards of the Department for Education and Skills.

The Governors can be contacted through the school.



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