

Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Admissions - November 2021



Aims

- To give parents information about the school.
- To give parents information about the admissions process and how it affects parents applying for a place at Holy Cross.

Key Staff

Miss Cotter - Executive Principal

Miss Crowley - Head of School

Mr Hunt - Class Teacher and Early Years/KS1 Lead

Mr Kevin Grady - Chair of Governors

The St John Paul II Multi Academy Company



Archdiocese of
Birmingham



St Nicholas

Our partners



Bishop Walsh



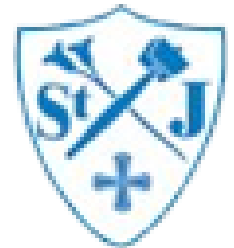
SS Mary and John



The
Abbey



Sacred
Heart



St Joseph's



St Edmund
Campion



Ss Peter and Paul

Why choose Holy Cross Catholic Primary School for your child?

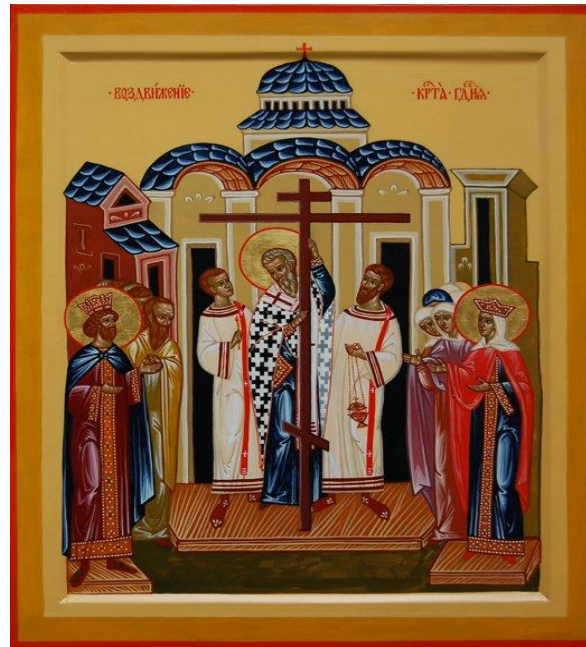
- We know and treasure each individual child
- Strong Catholic ethos and values developing a range of skills and attitudes
- Academic achievement
- Quality of education and breadth and balance in curriculum
- Active PTA
- Effective working relationship with Bishop Walsh and other Academy schools
- Close family atmosphere with effective home, school, parish partnerships
- The school environment: forest school, prayer garden, outdoor gym, outdoor huts, local park and Stephen's pond

At Holy Cross Catholic Primary School the **teachings of the gospels** is at the centre of **everything we do**. Pupils are taught to treat each other with respect and to support each other in their learning. Our aim is to ensure that pupils enjoy learning and feel prepared for life after school. Therefore we have designed our curriculum with pupils' learning at the centre with the aim of ensuring that all pupils make progress. We recognise that a curriculum has to be broad, balanced and offer pupils opportunities to grow as individuals as well as learners. As a Catholic School, we offer our pupils new and exciting experiences that are designed to build resilience, confidence and self-esteem both in the classroom and through extra-curricular activities. The recognition that pupils should be challenged; learning from failures and celebrating successes is a key focus of our school. Our curriculum enables pupils to develop their interpersonal skills, creativity and independence. We are committed to the aim that pupils leave Holy Cross Catholic Primary School with a sense of belonging to a community where they have the confidence and skills to make decisions, self-evaluate, make connections and become lifelong learners. It is our intention to provide a Catholic education in which our children are informed and empowered to effectively contribute to and transform society.



Our Mission Statement is at the heart of everything we do:

We share in Christ's life so that He can guide our thoughts, words and actions.



Key Achievements and Successes

Achievement and attainment

Achievement and attainment at Holy Cross has continued to remain above the National and Local Authority averages in all areas of English, Maths, Phonics and Early Years development at all key points in the school.

RE and Catholic Life

- Child led worship
- Christian Meditation
- Charitable work. The pupils of the school continue to put their faith into action through charitable outreach. CAFOD, St Chad's Sanctuary, Mini Vinnies, NSPCC, Erdington Foodbank, Homeless charities both locally and globally, MIND and Harvest collections
- Weekly Gospel Liturgies



Other activities and achievements

- UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School award.
- Schools of Sanctuary award.
- As part of the Academy:
 - Regular updates on best practice
 - Professional development for teachers
 - We provide support for other schools
- Mental Health Ambassadors



School Sports

- *Inter-school sports:*
- Cross country, football, indoor and outdoor athletics, multi-skills, tennis, cricket, swimming, tag rugby, gymnastics and netball.
- Over half of our pupils represented the school in inter-school competitions last year.

Extra-curricular activities:

- The following activities have been offered either after school or as lunchtime clubs :
Netball, tennis, multi-skills, art, first aid, gymnastics, healthy eating, boxing, archery and choir.

The vast majority of pupils in the school participate in extra-curricular activities

Curriculum Enrichment

- Educational Visits - both in and outside of school
- Residential visit in Year 6
- Outdoor learning
- Forest Schools
- Learning a musical instrument in Y4
- Drama workshops delivered in school linked to current safeguarding trends
- School Twitter Account

What happens when my child starts school?

Induction programme all subject to government COVID guidance:

- Induction meeting
- Parent and child lunches
- Secret Storyteller sessions
- Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Home visits in September
- Phased start in first week.
- Stay and Learn sessions

Admission Policy

- On our website
- In LA published book for Admissions 2022

Key Dates:

15 January: Applications to be submitted to the LA

15 January: Supplementary information electronically submitted to school

19 April: Email notification of offers to parents and or letters in post from 19 April (if no email provided).

18 May: Deadline for submitting appeals.

Infant Class Size Limits

- 30 per year group.
- We have no discretion to increase this number in Reception (or Years 1 and 2) because of Infant Class Size legislation.

Key considerations

Oversubscription criteria:

As a Catholic school, priority is given to baptised Catholic children living within the parish, with a signed Certificate of Practice from the Parish Priest.

- The School is usually oversubscribed.
- The number of siblings makes a difference
- Sadly, we cannot always guarantee a place for every child.
- Although we do not yet have details of the number, or category, of applicants, for September 2022, we are aware that there are likely to be at least 10 siblings. Although not all of these will necessarily be in parish.

How do we decide if there are more children than places?

- We apply the oversubscription criteria in the policy

Open Day Session

Wednesday 3 November 9:15am and 2pm

Come and see the school in action!

Further information

- Maps of the parish and catchment area
- Supplementary information form (electronic - link on website)
- Admissions policy

Any Questions

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