

St. Godric's Catholic Primary School, Thornley Prospectus 2024



*Our Mission: "You must shine among them like stars
lighting up the sky"*

Welcome to St. Godric's Catholic Primary School, Thornley

I feel very privileged to be Headteacher of a wonderful school. In this brochure, I would like to share with you how the school works and capture our ethos.

St. Godric's is a vibrant, warm, and nurturing school. All staff who work here have a shared vision for the pupils, and that is to support our pupils so that they all feel safe, supported, and happy. Through emotionally supporting our children and through celebrating their talents and success, we empower them to achieve and make progress.

Within our shared vision, we encourage children to take risks and promote an understanding that we can all learn from making mistakes. Our staff also share the belief that by providing the children with a love of learning, memorable experiences and a clear purpose for learning, children become engaged and motivated in their education.

We are a Catholic school, whether our pupils are Catholic or non-Catholic, they experience regular moments of peace and prayer. Throughout the school year, families, friends, and members of the parish come into school to worship with us.

We are extremely fortunate to have great outdoor space within our school to allow our children to regularly engage with nature. We openly welcome parents to visit school whilst the children are busy working, so that you can see and feel the culture that is strongly established within our walls.

We look forward to sharing this exciting journey with you and your family.

Mrs Hill
Executive Headteacher



Curriculum

We aim to provide exciting learning experiences for our pupils and to bring learning alive by giving it a purpose. As a school, we want to grow children who are independently motivated to learn.

Our committed teachers and support staff strive to bring out the best in our children and equip them with skills for the future. We have consistently high expectations of all our pupils and ourselves, and we work hard together as a school community to provide the best learning opportunities for our children.

Our shared school motto is, **“Whatever we do, we do it well.”**



The National Curriculum core subjects are English, Mathematics, Science, Computing and RE. The other Foundation subjects are Design and Technology, Geography, Art & Design, Music, PE, Modern Foreign Language and Personal Social Health and Emotional (PSHE). In addition, every school must provide a daily act of collective worship. Further details of the curriculum can be found on our school website.

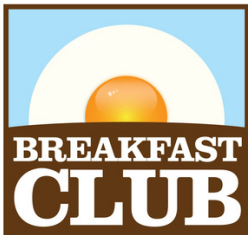
School Organisation

Our school has a pupils admission number of 15, and we cater for pupils between the ages of 4 and 11. The children are taught in mixed ability year groups.

- Foundation Stage Reception
- Key Stage 1 Pupils aged 5 to 7 years old
- Key Stage 2 Pupils aged 7 to 11 years old

School day

8.45am	Gates open
8.55am	School day starts
3.00pm	School day ends



We run a highly successful and well attended Breakfast Club.

Children can be dropped off from **7:45am** and breakfast is served until 8:30am. The cost is currently £2.00 per child.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The emotional wellbeing of our pupils and families is especially important to us and as a staff, we invest a lot of time and effort in our children when they need our support.

At St. Godric's the Senior Mental Health Lead works closely with the Mental Health Support Team, also known as the Piece of Mind Team. Collectively with the support of specialist agencies, we can offer confidential and non-judgmental support and advice to children who attend our school. All staff at St. Godric's work hard to ensure that our pupils have a sense of belonging within our school community and that is extended to their families too.



Special Educational Needs

Every child is a unique gift from God with his/her individual needs and gifts. Our school works in partnership with parents, to ensure these needs are identified and plans developed to meet them.



Behaviour

The school has a behaviour and anti-bullying policy. We are enormously proud of how the children behave both in and out of school.

We appreciate the parents' partnership in maintaining these high standards.

Safeguarding

We work hard at St. Godric's to promote a safeguarding culture throughout our school. All school staff have undertaken training in child protection and designated Safeguarding Officers are in place. We aim to support our pupils so that they feel safe and know who they can talk to, when they do not feel safe.

As a school we work closely with Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and a safeguarding consultant from Clennell Education Solutions. We follow the guidance of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2016. We are constantly updating our safeguarding procedures in making our school as safe and secure environment for all. All staff are DBS checked before they can work in school. All visitors to school must sign in, in the main entrance, and only staff are permitted to gain access.



Parish & Community Links

We have close links to the parish community and often invite the parish into our school to participate in mass with the children, as well as taking the children to the church.



Our parish priest, Father Ian, is on the Governing Body and often visits school to join our celebrations and to talk to the children about the Catholic faith.

Links with the community are very important to our school family. We are always keen to involve ourselves in projects within Wheatley Hill and Thornley.



We have an active Friends of the School group who organise events for our pupils to enjoy as well as organising fundraising events. They are always looking for new members and welcome new faces.



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