



St. John's C.E. Primary School

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Welcome to St. John's C.E. Primary School

*I would like to warmly welcome you to
St. John's C.E. Primary School.*

*I hope you find our prospectus to be informative and an
insightful view of our school.*

*At St. John's, our Christian ethos forms the foundation
of an inclusive, vibrant and safe learning environment
where children are encouraged and supported to reach
their full potential. As part of The Spire Academy Trust we work
collaboratively to enable the best outcomes for all our pupils.*

*We celebrate the success and achievements of all members of our school community whilst
fostering an ethos of high expectation, responsibility and mutual respect to enable all
children to flourish.*

*Our staff are wholly committed to providing a high level of education for the children of
St. John's academically, socially and emotionally. Fully inclusive classrooms with a clear focus
on quality first teaching ensure that all children can access the curriculum to enable them to
develop as independent, life-long learners.*

*We have a team of highly-trained support staff in English, maths, phonics, speech and
language, Special Educational Needs and pastoral support, who work with children across the
school. This ensures that quality provision is carefully tailored to meet the individual needs of
all children.*

*Furthermore, at St. John's we believe it is vital that children have the opportunity to
experience an enriched curriculum which is reflected through the extra-curricular activities
that are offered to our children. We particularly pride ourselves on the musical and
sporting achievements of our children.*

*To find out more about our school and to arrange a visit, please contact the school office
where we can organise this for you.*

I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Mrs Caroline Lowe - Headteacher



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*The Spire Multi Academy Trust was established in February 2016
by St John's Middle School Bromsgrove in order to create a trust that
would seek to collaborate with other schools to share good practice
and to raise achievement. St John's Middle School is an outstanding
Church of England Middle School Academy that has a core vision for teaching and learning at its
heart which drives attainment and progress in the classroom. We are a Church of England
Voluntary controlled school and these core values permeate the school and curriculum we offer.
St John's serves the community of Bromsgrove and the surrounding area and also takes pupils
from further afield who have chosen us as parents want their children to attend a school with a
distinctive Christian character.*

*Our intention was to Sponsor one school in the first instance but to establish a structure that
would have the capacity to expand to form a MAT of between four and six schools.*

*The Spire is a Church of England Multi Academy and its philosophy for school improvement
across the MAT is summed up through our mission statement:*

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*We will work together and collaborate, sharing practice across the MAT to raise attainment
and ensure all pupils achieve their potential.*



Our Vision for St. John's C.E. Primary School

Shaping lives. Shaping futures.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it".

Proverbs 22:6

Our vision is rooted in our core values of:

Love – Friendship – Truthfulness – Forgiveness

We promote:

- An inclusive and nurturing ethos where children can grow in confidence and knowledge in order to achieve their full potential academically, socially and morally.
- An engaging and inspiring curriculum that meets the needs of our pupils and fosters a lifelong love of learning.
- Positive relationships and a developed moral understanding for all of our pupils.
- Independence and resilience to allow pupils to achieve their potential
- Self-belief, motivation and a desire to aim high.
- A collaborative approach between parents, school and the local community with the children at the centre.





Our Governing Body

We are pleased that you are considering our school. I am proud to be Chair of Governors, leading the governing body, a small group who are responsible for the strategic development of the school.

As Chair of Governors, I work in partnership with the headteacher whilst holding her to account for the progress and standards of the school.

The school has strong links with the local church and the fact that this is a church school is reflected in our Christian vision. The vision is at the heart of everything that we do at St John's and the staff have high expectations for the pupils in their care.

In partnership with yourselves, we strive for the best outcomes for our pupils. We are proud of our dedicated Head Teacher and staff. We hope that you will feel that you and your child will become part of our school family and join us on our journey to excellence.



Father Tim Williams - Chair of Governors

Curriculum Intent

At St John's C.E Primary school, the inspiring and engaging curriculum has been designed to be broad and inclusive from reception through to year 6. It is personalised to meet the needs of our children within the context of our community and to help them develop a passion for learning. We recognise the prior learning and needs of our children when they arrive in reception and aim to help them develop a full skills set that will help them fit into, and excel in, the ever-changing local and global world in which they live.



A Christian Ethos is at the heart of our children's learning and each day begins with invitational worship that children have the opportunity to participate in and lead. Our core values of love, friendship, truthfulness and forgiveness permeate through all aspects of the curriculum and encourage respect, tolerance and an embedded understanding of right and wrong. Through our RE curriculum, our children develop their understanding of each other as well as people of other faiths. As part of our RE curriculum, the children have the opportunity to visit places of worship of a range of faiths to develop their understanding of different religions.

Throughout the school day, children learn in a variety of ways and have the opportunity to immerse themselves in hands-on learning experiences, which encourage resilience, perseverance and teamwork. They are given opportunities to ask questions, investigate, problem-solve, explore and to deepen their knowledge and understanding through nurturing a curiosity in the world around them. Their creativity is encouraged so that they have the confidence to use their imaginative talents. We want our children to develop a love of reading and frequently share stories that will inspire and engage them.

Every week children enjoy their Well-being day when they come to school in their PE kits. During this day, they have PE, Music, Forest School (Early years and KS1) and PSHE (personal, social and health education) lessons. Through a range of physical, personal and social activities, the children learn the value of having a healthy mind and a healthy body.

To enrich our curriculum further, children have the opportunity to access a range of well-chosen curriculum visits and workshops. We also run very successful



residential visits that allow the children to develop self-confidence, independence and teamwork.

In addition to this, we offer a range of afterschool clubs, including: netball, table tennis, homework club, band, choir and many more! These clubs provide opportunities for children to try out new skills, build friendships and develop their social skills.

We view our school as part of a wider community and there are regular opportunities for our parents, carers and families to share in their child's learning every term. These have included Book and Breakfast morning, an Art Exhibition and an E-safety workshop.



Subject Leaders

At St John's we have subject leaders who are enthusiastic and experts in their subject area. They have responsibility for monitoring their subject across the school and ensuring that all children have the opportunity to access an engaging and inspiring curriculum.

Starting out at St. John's

Your child's first day at school is both exciting yet emotional as they begin their learning journey.

At St. John's we understand the importance of this and have developed an induction process that fully prepares both child and parents to ensure a smooth and happy transition into reception.

In the Summer term, before your child begins school, an Induction Meeting for parents is held where you have the opportunity to meet the staff, find out more about the Early Years Curriculum and visit your child's classroom.

There are transition mornings where your child can come with their new classmates for another session and then you can join them for lunch. The staff also visit and liaise closely with your child's pre-school setting before they start school.

When your child begins school full time there is opportunity for you to speak with a member of staff at the start and end of the day during handover time if you wish to. There are also Parent Consultation Meetings every term and as Stay and Play sessions.

Pupil Voice

At St John's we feel it is important that all pupils have a voice, the right to make choices about their education and to feel valued. Therefore, we have established councils that run across the school.

These include: School Council, Worship Reps, Eco Council and Sports Crew. All children have the opportunity to nominate themselves for one of these roles and so promoting self-confidence, independence and team work.

As a church school, the Worship Reps meet together at least once a month where they discuss school values and give ideas as to any songs or prayers that they would like to enhance this value during worship time.

The children thoroughly enjoy this work and feel valued as important members of the school community.

Moving on . . .

Oscar's Night marks a time to celebrate everything that the Year 6 children have achieved during their time at St. John's whilst looking forward to their next step in their educational journey.



Leaver's Production - The Year 6 children have the opportunity to share their theatrical and musical talents through a spectacular performance that is enjoyed by all!

Leaver's Service - Every year, the whole school joins in a service led by Year 6 to say 'Goodbye and Good Luck'. The Church recognises everything that our children have achieved through this special service.

In the summer term of Year 6, the children have opportunity to visit their chosen secondary school before leaving us to move on to pastures new.

Extra-curricular Activities

At St John's we provide a range of extra-curricular activities. These include: Harriers football, gymnastics, netball, table tennis and homework club. There are also plenty of musical opportunities, including junior and senior choir, band and drumming. Our choir are well known and celebrated in our local community.





Community & Parents

Here at St John's, we pride ourselves on our close links with the families of our children and the wider community. In January 2017 we achieved the "Leading Parent Partnership Award" (LPPA) accreditation in recognition of our excellence in working with parents.

We have a strong team offering family liaison and pastoral support. Since 2016, we have run a wide range of Family Learning courses from which some of our children have gained nationally recognised Arts Awards. In reception, we run "Stay and Play" sessions where family members are encouraged to join their child for a craft based activity morning. We offer workshops for parents on subjects such as phonics, maths strategies and e- safety; all aimed at helping parents and carers of our children to support their child's learning.

We hold termly a Parent Forum meeting which gives parents and carers the opportunity to raise and discuss any issues they may wish to draw to our attention. We have several parents who volunteer to hear children read and we encourage as many parents as possible to come in and be part of our learning community.

As a school, we also encourage our children to consider those less fortunate in both our immediate and wider community by raising monies for charitable events such as The British Legion, BBC Children in Need, Sports Relief and Red Nose Day.

St. John's PTA

Here at St. John's we have an active PTA, which works tirelessly to raise additional funding to buy equipment and help pay for activities for our children.

In the past, the group have raised the money to purchase our wooden outdoor climbing equipment and they have also built a serenity garden within the school grounds for children to use when they need to escape the hustle and bustle of the playground.

They have also funded our library computer system as well as providing money for a variety of special occasions that take place in school such as Oscars Night.

The PTA organise many events through the course of the year, such as discos, Pancake Day, the Christmas Fair and the Summer Fair.

We encourage the parents of our children to be actively involved as much as possible with the PTA and are always grateful for the time they give to improve the school experience for all of our children.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is available daily for all or our pupils.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.40am and finishes at 8.40am when the children join with their class to begin the day.

Breakfast Club provides a calm and relaxed start to the day where children have the opportunity to chat over a healthy, varied breakfast. They are encouraged to try new foods as well as promoting good table manners and respect for each other. During this time, the children also have the opportunity to play and socialise both indoors and outdoors. With the range of provision provided, the pupils are ensured of a positive and relaxed start to the day.

After School Club

There is an on-site After School club, which is provided by our school staff. This runs from 3pm until 6pm every school day.

The children have time to complete homework, have a snack and take part in a range of fun activities.





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