

You are Unique, Talented and Loved by God



**St. Cuthbert's Catholic
Primary School**
Prospectus 2025/26



Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

Welcome



Each member of our school community at St. Cuthbert's is unique, talented and loved by God.

We strive for excellence and live our lives to the full with Christ in our head, in our hands and in our hearts.

Our children are at the heart of our school, which is a loving and supportive place to learn. We are a Catholic school but we are also an integral part of our whole community and fully reflect the cultural make up of families in our area. Families with no faith or of other faiths are warmly welcomed and make up a significant number of our school family.

We aim for every child to achieve their very best as they grow with us while developing strong relationships, strong values and a love of learning. We are proud of our children who work hard, have fun, respect and care for one another and the world around them. Pupils leave our school in Year 6 with consistently high standards, ready for the world beyond.

We believe in working in close home-school partnership and know that children achieve their best when they share their learning with interested adults. We value our community highly and have strong cultural and heritage links which we celebrate and encourage our children to take pride in.



Mrs N Noble
Headteacher



Pupils can be dropped off at school from 8:35 am and the bell goes for the start of the school day at 8:50 am. School finishes at 3:10 pm for EYFS, 3:15 pm for KS1 and 3:25 pm for KS2.

Breakfast Club

Club is open every morning from 7.45 am and provides a healthy breakfast with familiar staff from our TAs and Lunchtime Supervisors. There is a chance to play, be active and socialise with friends with games and activities to get our brains ready for the day. The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day for 1 - 3 days or £10.00 for 4 - 5 days.

Lunch time

Our award-winning cook, Jan, and her team serve up hot and healthy meals in lots of creative ways and encourage children to taste new things, as well as packing in lots of hidden veg for those reluctant to try! Our gardening club also grow things in our allotment that are prepared and served to pupils. Children, staff and visitors all comment on our fantastic lunches.

After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs vary over the year and range from gardening, to art to a multitude of sports and games. Clubs are mostly run by staff in school and are either free or cost a nominal amount to cover resources. We work closely with local sports coaches to make links to outside clubs and pride ourselves on the provision we offer.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Children are supported in their first steps in learning from their very first visit to school. Every child deserves the best possible start in life and support to fulfil their potential and at St Cuthbert's our dedicated staff and indoor and outdoor learning areas enable us to give our children excellent foundations on which to build their talents as they grow. Our newest pupils are also cared for by Year 6 buddies who spend time helping them learn, play, grow and build strong friendships.

Parental involvement with school begins even before children start Reception with an invitation to visit the school and meet their child's teacher. Parental consultation meetings are held in the Autumn and Spring Term at which parents are invited to discuss their child's progress. We build strong relationships with home through our online system, Tapestry, which allows parents to see their child's successes in class as well as sharing experiences and achievements at home.

Key Stage 1 & 2

Our curriculum has been carefully planned and sequenced so that from EYFS, pupils learn progressively and leave us ready for their next step in education. We work closely with our family of schools at Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust to ensure that what our children learn and know when they leave us builds seamlessly into their learning at our secondary schools within the Trust.



Our Curriculum



We are committed to upholding the key values of our family of schools in our curriculum:

- Gifts
- Respect
- Aspiration
- Community
- Celebration
- Excellence

Our pupils are all unique individuals with their own strengths, aptitudes, interests and dreams. As a Catholic school community, we support each child to make the most of every opportunity we offer. In addition to the National Curriculum, we follow our diocesan approved programme of Religious Education and we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School.

We teach pupils about universal children's rights and explore many aspects of personal and social development in our curriculum including anti-bullying, personal and online safety, challenging intolerance and understanding British Values.

Learning is enriched at St Cuthbert's in a variety of ways:

- Educational visits for each year group including residential visits in KS2;
- We are a heritage school and are proud to teach our pupils about their local history and culture;
- We have held Gold School Games status for 5 years and have now achieved Platinum School Games status. We recognise the importance of being active for all our pupils.
- We use our outdoor area for learning both in lessons and through developing our grounds for Outdoor Play & Learning (OPAL) for all pupils.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority. We are a listening school and staff are trained in Safeguarding procedures. Our Senior Leadership team are our Designated Safeguarding Officers and all school staff have undertaken training in safeguarding and child protection. We work closely with Durham Council and Clennell Education Solutions Safeguarding teams.

SEND

Staff are supported by a highly skilled SEND Co-ordinator within school who oversees the whole provision. We may also seek advice and recommendations from other professionals to ensure our pupils are getting the best support. Best practice involves clear communication between home and school and we listen closely to parents/carers and pupils themselves to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

Our Community

Our Friends of St Cuthbert's fundraising group actively raise funds for our school. If you are able to offer time, ideas or support to help them then please do get in touch. They are currently raising funds for playground equipment. Our school supports a number of very worthwhile charities. Our children help to raise money to support the most vulnerable in our society and those who are less fortunate than ourselves. At St. Cuthbert's we all believe in being a helpful friend to others, where service is our mission. For more information, please visit our website.



Our Trust

We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust.

We are a catholic multi-academy Trust and currently have thirty schools, five secondary schools (four with sixth forms), and twenty five primary schools (16 have nursery provision).

The Trust covers the east part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, we have schools in East Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Our family of schools work closely together so that can pupils can flourish. As part of the Trust effective transition is supported by our close relationships, and pupils benefit from a shared, progressive curriculum and common expectations.

Find out more: www.bccet.org.uk



We have 30 schools
in our Trust

11,495 pupils in our
family of schools

1,338 staff in our
Trust



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Chadwick's Kitchen



CHADWICK'S
KITCHEN

Our award winning in-house catering team Chadwick's Kitchen, provide catering services across the Trust.

We use fresh ingredients to prepare healthy and nutritionally balanced meals each day. The majority of our menus are homemade by our chefs in our kitchens.

Staff are trained to accommodate medical diets and work in partnership with parents to ensure these needs are met. As part of the Trust's commitment to sustainability, we regularly review food miles and continue to work to reduce food waste.


Parents/Carers can pay for school meals using ParentPay, and can view meal choices and account balance online.

Students entitled to free meals are allowed to purchase food to the value of a free school meal allowance daily. Students also have the option to bring a packed lunch (nuts or nut-based products aren't permitted). Find out more: www.bccet.org.uk/chadwicks-kitchen/





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