



St Cecilia's
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome to St Cecilia's CofE Primary School

School Prospectus



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to St Cecilia's Church of England Primary School.

We are so proud of the way our school continues to grow, welcoming children from a diverse range of backgrounds. When you enter our school, you can feel the empathy and togetherness of all the adults and children and it is this that makes St Cecilia's the special and unique place that it is.

Each and every day, we live out our school values (Perseverance, Forgiveness, Kindness, Gratitude, Truthfulness and Wisdom) and from this, meaningful and trusting relationships are built. When our children leave us in Year 6, they have a strong moral compass and contribute positively to our community.

The staff at St Cecilia's are all highly dedicated and skilled, providing an environment which stimulates a love of learning, allowing our children to realise their potential. We are ambitious for all our children and they make great progress in their learning, but for us, academic achievement is just the tip of the iceberg. Our school nurtures the talents of each individual and we encourage our children to broaden their horizons and grasp every opportunity, living life to its fullest.

It is a privilege for us at St Cecilia's to serve the community of Matthew's Green and Wokingham as a whole. We are one of Wokingham's newest schools and are blessed with high quality facilities for the whole school community to enjoy. Please feel free to explore our website, where you will find more information about our incredible school, or alternatively, book a tour by contacting the school office.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you and showing you what our school has to offer.



Mr Richard Thomas

Head of School

School Vision

‘Therefore encourage one another, and build each other up.’

Thessalonians 5:11

At St Cecilia’s, our vision is to be a community where we celebrate everyone’s gifts and where everyone flourishes and grows together

We encourage each other to use our gifts for the good of others and to build up our school as a whole. We have high expectations of academic success and strong pastoral care for all in our community.

Education at St Cecilia’s Church of England Primary will be built on a firm foundation of Christian values with an expectation of high academic standards and pastoral care for all. The right foundations will mean unlocking future potential and enabling all in our school community to flourish. In partnership with parents, it is our ambition that all children will be independent, resilient and have a strong sense of moral responsibility ready to succeed in an ever-changing world.



Our School Values



GRATITUDE



KINDNESS



FORGIVENESS



TRUTHFULNESS



PERSEVERANCE



WISDOM

We will live out our school vision through our school’s Christian values. These values will govern the way in which we live our lives within the St Cecilia’s community and will be modelled by staff and encouraged in our children.



Being a Church of England School

St Cecilia’s CofE School is a fully inclusive school which welcomes families of all faiths, no faith, all backgrounds and circumstances.

As a Church of England School, St Cecilia’s will maintain its Christian character through its vision, values and curriculum. Each day children will meet for an act of daily worship and the school will observe the major Christian festivals. Equally, our school will ensure that children of other faiths are encouraged and given opportunities to mark their major celebrations and festivals.



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CE Primary School



St Cecilia's is part of a family of distinctive schools at the heart of the community it serves. As with all our schools we will aspire to excellent learning and pastoral care for our pupils and staff and all families of any faith or no faith at all will be welcome to apply for a place.

The Keys is a local and well-established, primary specialist, Church of England multi academy trust and St Cecilia's is the tenth school to join. Our schools are recognised for the strength of their pastoral care and we aspire to provide excellent learning for all our pupils through the rich curriculum offer delivered in all of our schools. Each school retains its own unique ethos whilst benefitting from access to a range of services and resources from the Trust itself.

St Cecilia's will be the second new primary school in Wokingham to be set up and run by The Keys. We opened Alder Grove CE Primary School (www.aldergrove.wokingham.sch.uk) in September 2020 and it is flourishing and oversubscribed.

The Keys Academy Trust is committed to providing educational experiences of the highest quality in which children from the schools across the Trust have the opportunity to come together in activities such as maths challenge days, sports events, curriculum workshops and music performances.

Our talented team of teachers and support staff benefit from high quality training using evidence-informed research to create the best conditions for learning for our pupils, our staff and our communities.

Our pupils leave us ready for secondary school with excellent foundations across a range of subject disciplines, high aspirations and the belief and self confidence that they can lead a meaningful and fulfilling life contributing positively to the community.

Our Curriculum

At St Cecilia's we deliver a curriculum that is broad and balanced curriculum. To achieve this, we have 5 key aims that sit at the centre of all our curriculum.



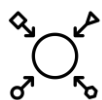
To **Inspire** children so that they are independent, confident, resilient and curious individuals who welcome challenge and new experiences. Children have high aspirations of themselves and strive to do their best.



To **Impart knowledge** on the children so that they have the knowledge, behaviours and skills to face future challenges with confidence. The children use what has been learnt and make strong connections to support future learning.



To **Develop Communication** so that children have a strong command of language and a rich vocabulary base. The children can communicate to a range of audiences confidently and actively listen to the ideas and views of others.



To **Be Inclusive** so that all children have equal opportunities to flourish academically and socially. We value everyone's gifts and see everyone as an individual, finding ways to meet the needs of all learners.



To **Promote Citizenship and Spirituality** so that children are content with their beliefs, values and morals informing their perspective on life. This means our children are caring and respect the feelings and values of others, celebrating diversity and building each other up. Children enjoy finding out about themselves, reflecting on their experiences, and the world around them which builds self-esteem so that they can contribute positively to the community in which they live.

At St Cecilia's we follow the National Curriculum whilst tailoring it so it meets the needs of the children at our school. The learning will be vivid and real, through enquiry, creativity, problem solving and the use of appropriate technology.

In addition to this, we value the importance of experiences and opportunities offered to our children so that children can live life at the school to its fullness. We have therefore created our 'St Cecilia's Experience List'. Below is list of experiences that the children will have the opportunity to do during their journey through the school

Perform in a school production	Go to the theatre	Raise money for charity	Visit a museum
Learn a musical instrument	Watch a pantomime	Learn first aid skills	Visit a working farm
Attend a residential trip	Play a new sport	Safe cycling	Lead an activity for other children
Work with a professional author	Perform in a concert/orchestra	Hold a classroom election	Represent the school in a competition
Work with a professional artist	Grow and eat their own produce	Try new foods	Financial literacy day

Reading

Individual Reading scheme – When the children arrive at the school they will quickly be assessed in reading using our Accelerated Reader Program. From this the children will be allocated books that they can access at their level. Children can read using a hard copy of a book or via our online portal myON.

Each child will read to an adult at least once a week. If your child requires more support then they will read more and target intervention used.

Whole class reading – Children will have a 30-minute, whole class reading session each day. During these sessions, the children study short extracts and longer, carefully chosen texts and then discuss and answer questions.



Maths

Maths lessons – Children participate in an hour maths lesson every day. The school follows the White Rose scheme of learning which breaks down the learning of maths into small steps. During these sessions the children have opportunities to rehearse key skills and then apply them to reasoning and problem-solving questions.

Maths Mastery sessions – As well as the main maths session, the children will have a maths mastery session which lasts 10-15mins 2-3 times a week. These sessions focus on the basic foundations of maths such as times table facts and division facts.

Homework Expectations

Reading – Children will be given a reading book and a reading record. Children should read 4-5 times a week and this should be recorded in their reading record. At home, reading should focus on developing reading fluency and discussing the language. Other reading skills will be taught in school. Books and reading records should be brought into school each day. Children can also read at home via myON. This automatically records how much the children have read. Following the completion of a book the children will complete a quiz to check understanding.

Maths – Children will be set up on Times Table Rockstars. This online program supports the children with the rehearsal of times tables and related division facts.



School day

The school gates will open at 8.35am when families can come on to the school site. The school will officially begin at 8.45am. Registration will begin at 8.50am.

Lunch time will be at 12.15pm – 1.15pm. During this time, the children are supervised when eating their lunch and will then have time to play outside. If it is wet play, children will remain in the classroom and play indoor games.

The school day ends at 3.15pm. The children will be dismissed and handed over to parents

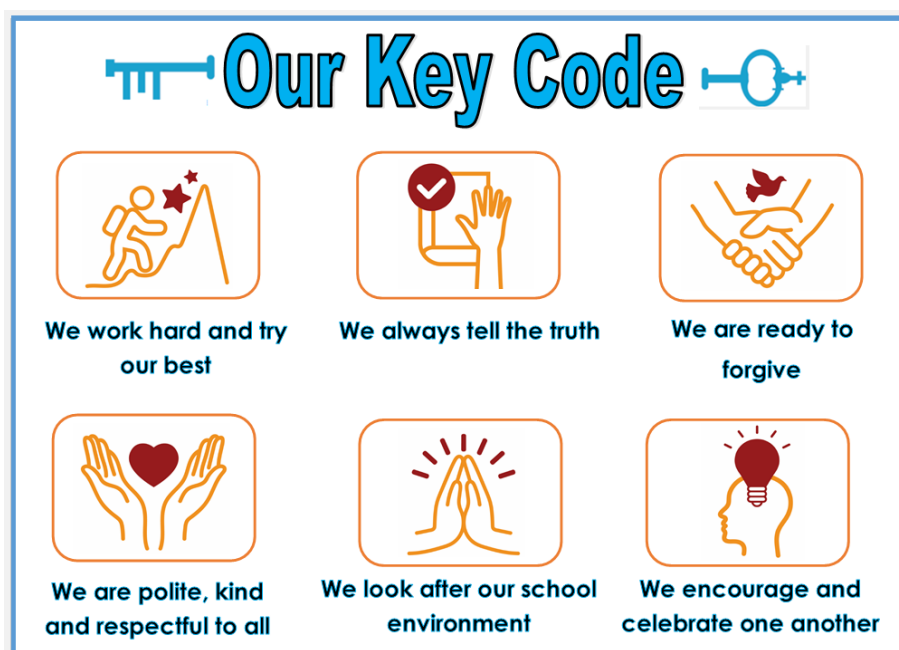
The children will have two PE sessions a week and these days will be communicated to you at the start of term along with an up to date timetable.

Behaviour

At St Cecilia's Church of England Primary School, our values (Gratitude, Kindness, Forgiveness, Truthfulness, Perseverance, Wisdom) and our vision to celebrate everyone's gifts and successes creates the foundation of our behaviour policy with priority given to positive behaviours in order to build each person up.




To achieve this, we have adopted an approach to behaviour that is underpinned by the principles of ***Therapeutic Thinking***. To find out more please visit our school website.

Below is our Key Code which sets out the main rules of our school. These are closely linked to the school's Christian Values.



Safeguarding

The safety of our pupils, staff and all those who come to our school is paramount. The school has comprehensive safeguarding procedures in place and ensures these are communicated to staff, parents, pupils and all stakeholders. Please view our full Safeguarding and Health & Safety policies on our website.

Designated Safeguarding lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead
		
Richard Thomas (Head of School)	Keran Gill (Year 3 and 4 Teacher)	Hester Wooller (Executive Head)

Lunches and Snacks

As a school we fully promote a healthy lifestyle and this includes healthy lunches and healthy snacks at break time.

School Lunches - All our school meals are provided by a contracted caterer, who acts in accordance with the School Food Standards. A copy of the weekly menu is on display on the school website, and is sent home, via email, termly. The menu is also available via the School Office if required.

Packed Lunches – Children can bring in their own packed lunch to school. These packed lunches should be healthy in nature and include items which are high in nutritional value. Children cannot bring any sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks in to school as part of their lunch. Children will put all their litter from their meal into their packed lunch boxes so that parents can monitor which foods have been eaten. If there are any concerns about the contents of a child's packed lunch then parents will be informed.

Break time snacks - Below are list of options for a healthy snack:

- A portion of fruit or vegetables
- Bread sticks/ pitta
- Portion of cheese
- Pretzels
- Malt bread

Children must not bring in and items that contain nuts as we have a number of children with significant nut allergies in the school

Water Bottles – Children should bring a water bottle in to school each day. These should only contain water and not fruit juices.

School uniform

Children are expected to wear the following items on a day to day basis:



Winter Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black trousers• Black skirt• Black pinafore dress• Black socks/tights• Plain white shirt (no polo shirts)• School tie* (elasticated and 'clip-on' ties will be available)• Black school shoes (Not trainers)• Jumper/cardigan with school logo*• Hair accessories should be royal blue or black and not oversized
Summer Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black knee-length shorts• Black socks• Summer dress (Blue and white gingham dress)• White socks with summer dress• Plain white shirt (long or short sleeves)• School tie* (elasticated and 'clip-on' ties available)• Black school shoes (Not trainers)• Jumper/cardigan with school logo*• Hair accessories should be royal blue or black and not oversized
PE Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black shorts• Unbranded Royal blue t-shirt• Black tracksuit trousers/leggings• School jumper/cardigan*• Sports Trainers• Black socks
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School book bag*• PE bag* (children will come to school in their PE kit on their PE days, therefore PE bags are currently not required)

We expect the children to wear a jumper or cardigan with a school logo and a school tie and this can be purchased at the following website: <https://smartimpressions.group/contract/stcecilia>

Keeping Informed



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Our School Website

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