

Welcome to St Nicholas CE Primary School.

St Nicholas has a well deserved reputation for its high academic, sporting and musical achievements. We are consistently one of the top performing schools in Sefton for Key Stage 2 SATs results. In our last inspection we were graded "outstanding" by OFSTED and we also achieved an outstanding grade in our Church School inspection. Visitors to the school regularly comment on the happy and enthusiastic atmosphere and the evident Christian ethos. Our children demonstrate high standards of behaviour both in school and on visits in the local area and further afield.

Parents are very welcome to make an appointment to view the school so they can see our children both at work and play and to learn more about the vast range of activities we have on offer. More information can also be found on our school website. Visit www.stnicholasprimary.org

A welcome from the Headteacher

I am immensely proud to be a part of St Nicholas CE Primary School. The children continue to impress me with their enthusiasm, cheerfulness and courteous behaviour. The teaching and non-teaching staff consistently demonstrate high levels of dedication. They are passionate about learning and are always keen to work at the forefront of new educational thinking.

It is a pleasure to work alongside all our children, staff, governors and parents. Our outstanding Christian school offers a fantastic opportunity for children to become enthusiastic learners and the caring citizens of tomorrow. I am delighted that your child will become a part of our future.

Kind regards,
Rebecca Woods, Headteacher

A welcome from the Chair of Governors

Welcome to St Nicholas Church of England Primary School. Our aim is to provide your child with a safe, secure and happy learning environment. We encourage them to achieve their full potential in all areas of school life.

Mr John Howell, Chair of Governors

Governors

Mr J. Howell (Chair)	Mr P. Lovatt
Mrs R. Woods (Headteacher)	Miss R Cunningham
Rev Canon J. Roberts	Mrs G. Johnston
Mrs G. Enstone	Mrs N. Wilson
Mr J. Rankin	Mr P. Robinson
Mrs G. Cain	

St Nicholas Church

The school is extremely proud of the links it has with St Nicholas Church.

Special services are held in Church at Christmas, Easter and at the end of the school year. Parents and friends of the school are always welcome to attend these services. We also participate in regular joint services with the whole Church community. These celebrate events such as Education Sunday, Mothering Sunday and Harvest Festival. Our children are also welcome every Sunday & to attend Church clubs such as Sunday Sparks, Toddler Church and 3F4U.

Our vicar, Reverend Canon Janet Roberts is a regular visitor to school, not only to lead assemblies, but to work with the children. The children always enjoy this and especially enjoy role playing important ceremonies in church. For instance, our Reception children have taken their dolls to be 'baptised' and Year 2 have enacted a wedding ceremony. Older children also make frequent use of the church as part of their studies. The Church and school community work closely together to carry out joint fundraising activities each Harvest and Christmas. Recent fundraising has supported The Waterloo Partnership, Children's Society, Foodbank and Blytheswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Our Vision and Values Statement

Belonging, Believing, Becoming

Imagine a Christian family that views all its members as special.

Feel the atmosphere of happiness, confidence, belonging and belief as everyone shares the joy of working and playing together.

Notice the way all age groups value and respect one another making connections through the work they do, the problems they solve and the experience, strength and hope they share.

See the high level of academic achievement created by stimulating learning opportunities and environments.

Watch children as they are challenged to discover the champion within.

Follow them as they explore and celebrate creativity across the curriculum, striving for excellence in a secure, Christian environment.

Sense the commitment of all staff as they strive to develop their own talents and expertise and help children to achieve extraordinary results in each moment of every ordinary day.

Recognise how technologies are used to invent the future, examine the past and make sense out of today.

Feel Christ as the heartbeat of this school-church family, the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes, the model for its entire staff, the inspiration for its pupils.

Discover a family, reaching out to the wider world, caring for and respecting the needs, beliefs and cultures of others as they become responsible, global citizens.

This is St Nicholas CE Primary School, where the pupils, parents, staff, governors and church share a sense of belonging, believe in each other and work together to become living logos for the Christian values they share.

Staff List

<u>Headteacher:</u>	Mrs Rebecca Woods
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs Ann Papworth
<u>Office Assistant</u>	Mrs Lynne Brownley
<u>Premises Officer:</u>	Mr Leslie Speed
<u>Cleaners</u>	Mrs Ann Papworth Mrs Lyn Rudd

Teachers

Name	Year group	Responsibility
Mrs Jayne Nel Deputy Headteacher		Senior Management, Assessment, Quality of Teaching, Pupil Premium, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), Disability and Equality
Miss Rachel Cunningham Senior Leader	Reception	Senior Management Team, Early Years, Foundation Stage Co-ordinator, Educational Visits Co-ordinator, RE and Worship
Miss Lauren McLean	1	Understanding Computing Technology
Mrs Elizabeth Wright	2	Understanding the Arts and Design
Mr Mark Brooks	3	Understanding Physical Health and Wellbeing
Mrs Katie Foster	3	Understanding Design Technology
Mrs Amanda Metcalfe	4	Scientific Understanding
Mrs Kim Limerick	5	Understanding Language and Communication
Mrs Christine Farley	6	Mathematical Understanding
Mrs Danielle McMillan	6	Human, Social and Environmental Understanding

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Pauline Boyd	Mr Peter Lovatt
Mrs Ann-Marie Chatterton	Mrs Louise Pimm
Mrs Jane Davies	Mrs Lyn Rudd (Parent Support Adviser)
Ms Wendy Donohue	Mrs Lorna Stanton
Mrs Michelle Edwards	Mrs Sheila Wolfenden
Mrs Chris Knowles	

Welfare Staff

Mrs Brownley	Mrs Fury	Mrs Rudd
Mrs Balmer	Mrs Hanlon	Mrs Wolfenden
Mrs Chatterton	Mrs Higgs	

Joining St Nicholas CE Primary School.

Children start school in the academic year in which they turn 5 years old. Children who wish to join our school in September as part of a new Reception class, must complete a Local Authority Application Form which is available either from school or online. These are sent to the Town Hall for processing. The deadline is normally in January.

Children who wish to join the school at other times of the year or at different ages apply directly to the Local Authority. No class size will exceed 30 pupils. In the event that more than 30 pupils wish to join a class, the school's 'Admissions Criteria' is applied. The Governors' Admissions Committee review the criteria annually. The admissions criteria for 2018/19 are listed on a separate sheet in the back of this prospectus.

Once children have been allocated a place at our school there will be opportunities for them to meet the teachers and familiarise themselves with the school. Reception teachers initially visit the children in their nurseries or at home. This gives our youngest children the opportunity to meet their new teachers in a setting where they are most confident and allows the teachers to learn about your child from the Nursery teachers. Our Reception teachers have built up a good working relationship with all the local Nurseries over many years and seek to build upon the experiences your child has had previously. Children are also invited to Christmas plays, mini sports days and other fun days to familiarise them with our school setting before they join in the following September.

Children who join us at other times are given the opportunity to spend a day with their new class to meet new friends.

School uniform.

All children wear a navy blue 'V neck' jumper or cardigan
School coats, winter woolly hats, summer caps, P.E. bags and book bags bearing the school logo are available from our online shop with a limited amount of stock available from the school office. Ties and swimming caps (for KS2 pupils only) are also on sale from the school office.

Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 pupils (Infants)

Autumn & Spring Terms:

Girls

- ❖ White 'polo' shirt
- ❖ Navy blue skirt or pinafore dress
- ❖ White or navy knee length socks or tights
- ❖ Black shoes

Boys

- White 'polo' shirt
- Long grey trousers
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

Summer Term:

- ❖ Blue checked gingham dress
- ❖ Black or dark blue sandals

- White 'polo' shirt
- Grey shorts
- Black shoes

Key Stage 2 pupils (Juniors)

Autumn & Spring Terms:

Girls

- ❖ White shirt with school tie
- ❖ Navy blue skirt or pinafore dress
- ❖ White or navy knee length socks or tights
- ❖ Black shoes (flat & not slip on)

Boys

- White shirt with school tie
- Long grey trousers
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

Summer Term:

- ❖ Blue checked gingham dress
- ❖ Black or dark blue sandals

- White 'polo' shirt
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Black shoes

Please note – trainers are not permitted to be worn as part of the school uniform and girls should wear shoes of a flat, safe design and avoid 'slip on' shoes. A small pair of stud earrings and an inexpensive, analogue wristwatch can be worn but these must be removed for PE and swimming, other jewellery is not permitted in school. Hair bobbles and clips should be of a plain design (without bows or trimmings) in black, brown or navy to ensure our children look smart.

PE + Games

- ❖ Navy blue shorts with a red polo shirt
- ❖ Black pumps for indoor PE. Trainers for outdoor games
- ❖ Navy blue tracksuit in winter months for outdoor games

How can I find out about my child's progress?

At St Nicholas Primary School we believe that children learn best when there is good communication between home and school. We find that this two-way dialogue enables all those who are concerned with the development of the child to work together.

Our main methods of formal communication include:

- A weekly newsletter which informs parents and guardians about school life in general and 'Dates for Your Diary'.
- Formal parent / teacher meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms.
- A written report, delivered in July, on your child's progress throughout the school year.

In addition, our teachers are always willing to discuss your child's progress and aspects of school life at any time throughout the year. It is a good idea to telephone school or write a note in your child's homework diary if you would like to speak to the class teacher. (All our teachers run after-school clubs or attend training sessions on different days, so may not be immediately available if you seek an ad hoc meeting.)

School Results 2018

Key stage 1	Percentage of children achieving the expected standard	Percentage of children achieving the expected standard nationally	Percentage of children working at greater depth	Percentage of children working at greater depth nationally
Reading	77%	75%	27%	25%
Writing	73%	69%	13%	16%
Maths	83%	76%	23%	21%

Keystage 2	Percentage of children achieving in the expected standard SATS Test (Writing Teacher Assessment)	Percentage of children achieving the higher standard in SATS Test (Writing Teacher Assessment)	Percentage of children achieving the expected standard nationally	Percentage of children achieving the higher standard nationally	Average Scaled Score	Average Scaled Score National	School Progress Score
Reading	87%	52%	75%	28%	109	105	3.1
Writing	90%	26%	78%	20%	N/A	N/A	0.6
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	100%	61%	78%	34%	112	106	N/A
Maths	100%	42%	76%	24%	109	104	3.8
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	81%	19%	64%	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A

My child has Special Educational Needs. How will the school meet these needs?

St Nicholas CE School is an inclusive school. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to attain the highest possible achievements. Some children are able to achieve their own targets within normal lessons, whilst others may benefit from extra support. The support is given at varying levels, depending upon the needs of an individual child. Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) is Mrs Jayne Nel and she can be contacted on 0151 924 1204 via the school office.

- For those children who find some concepts difficult, their work is planned at a slightly different level by the class teacher. This enables the child to consolidate their knowledge and maintain their confidence.
- For some children, extra reinforcement is helpful. This is usually carried out by a Teaching Assistant assigned to the class. The Teaching Assistants are trained in delivering Literacy and Numeracy Intervention programmes.
- For a few children, these strategies may not completely satisfy their needs. These children will be given specifically developed programmes tailored to meet their individual needs. Specialist external advice and support may also be sought, for example from speech therapists or occupational therapists. These usually involve the services of the Local Authority 'STEPS' team (Special Needs and Educational Psychology Service). At this level, parents and guardians are closely involved in the decisions that are made.
- Gifted and Talented children are given extension work to expand their knowledge and their grasp of concepts. They may also be invited to attend special Literacy or Numeracy workshops or receive additional support with their music or sport, together with other Gifted and Talented young people of the same age who display aptitude in the same field.

Attendance

Children are expected to attend school regularly and punctually. This ensures that progress is maintained and that children do not miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

School Life

Rewards

A weekly behaviour award and achievement award is given to members of each class who have demonstrated excellent behaviour or have produced an excellent piece of work. The children are given their awards in special assemblies, given a certificate to take home and their photograph is displayed around school.

Each term the class with the highest percentage attendance is given a certificate. In addition, any individual child who achieves 100% attendance throughout the year receives a special certificate.

After-school clubs

We have an extensive range of clubs on offer throughout the year for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. Some of the extra-curricular activities we offer Athletics, KS2 Football, Y1-Y3 Football, Cricket, Golf, Judo, Multi-sports, Netball, Rugby, Fun Science, Art, Choir, Gymnastics, Dance, Drama and Modern Foreign Languages.

Residential visits

Older children are offered the opportunity to take part in activities away from school on a residential visit. These are always very popular and great fun. Year 4 and 5 spend three days away together with their teachers. They travel, for example to the Kingswood Centre in Denbigh or the PGL Adventure Centre in Shropshire. Our Year 6 class have the opportunity to visit our link school in Segovia, Spain

Wrap Around Care

Parents are responsible for their children before 8.45am and from 3.05pm. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure children are brought to school and collected from school on time. In the infants the teachers will handover children to the adult who is collecting them at 3.05pm. We provide a breakfast club from 7.45am and an after school club until 6.00pm. This is run by JETs on St Nicholas School premises and in the church hall. It is very popular with the children who enthuse about the activities. Families may make use of the club for as many or as few days each week as they like but must book a place in advance.

Friends of St Nicholas (FOSN): A Parent-Teacher Association

FOSN exists solely to support St Nicholas CE Primary School. All parents and guardians of pupils at the school automatically qualify for FOSN membership and are always made very welcome. FOSN meets on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm in school.

FOSN fund raising takes the form of enjoyable family events or adult events. The school has benefited greatly over the years from major fundraising events which have helped to support projects such as purchasing new equipment for the playgrounds and a cycle shelter. FOSN also provides resources for individual classes. The FOSN also regularly support events such as school discos and subsidise the children's Christmas parties.

Modern Foreign Languages.

We have chosen to teach Spanish throughout the school as a Modern Foreign Language. The children are taught through enjoyable activities such as games and songs and are encouraged to use their Spanish in other areas of the curriculum.

We are currently twinned with Las Canadas in Segovia, Spain. Teachers have visited the school and both our children and the Spanish children are keen to share information about their different ways of life. Our Year 6 children have the opportunity to experience a school visit of a lifetime when they spend a week in our link school gaining an insight into the culture of their new Spanish friends.

School Awards

Active Mark Gold

St Nicholas CE Primary School is very proud that it was one of the first schools nationally to have achieved the Active Mark Gold Award on two successive occasions. This is awarded by Sport England to acknowledge those schools that offer an excellent range of sporting opportunities for their children. In addition to offering the more traditional sports lessons such as football, netball and swimming, St Nicholas also offers coaching in sports such as cricket, rugby, golf, climbing and water sports (sailing, kayaking, rafting and windsurfing). We are always seeking new opportunities for all our children to inspire a love of team and/or individual sports.

We employ a specialist Sports Coach one day per week who teaches pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. He also runs an after-school multi-skills club for younger boys and girls.

Healthy Schools Awards

We have been awarded all four Healthy Schools Awards which include:

- Emotional Health
- Physical Activity
- Healthy Eating
- Personal, Social and Health Education

This award was achieved with help from our School Council who gathered and presented the evidence.

BECTA (Information, Communication & Technology) Award

We have achieved our BECTA Award which is used to demonstrate a high level of ICT used and taught throughout the school.

Pupil Voice

Our children are encouraged to participate in the development of the school. They express their views through questionnaires, informal talks with teachers and through the School Council. The School Council comprises a group of pupils from Years 2 to 6 who have been elected by their peers. The Council consults and gathers the views of our Reception and Year 1 children. They have helped to design new outdoor facilities and have been consulted on the range of extra-curricular activities we offer.

Home-School Agreement

When your child starts school you will be asked to sign the Home-School Agreement which sets out what the school aims to do for your child and what you will do to support your child's education. Our commitment is to care for your child's welfare and happiness and to ensure your child achieves their full potential.

Child Protection

It is our duty to ensure that all the children in our care are safe and secure. Mrs Woods is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. If we have cause for concern about a child's wellbeing, it may be necessary to inform parents and follow the child protection procedures which are available from the school office.

Where will my child go next?

Pupils from St Nicholas CE Primary School have a wide choice of High Schools in both the state and private sectors. Advice on choosing your next place is available from school and the Local Authority. The following list is in no way exhaustive.

<u>School</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Contact number</u>
St Michael's Church of England High School	Offers a continuation of a Church of England education.	0151 924 6778
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic High School	Offers a Roman Catholic education	0151 931 2971
Chesterfield High School	A specialist sports college	0151 924 6454
Merchant Taylors' School for Boys	An Independent School	0151 928 3308
Merchant Taylors' School for Girls	An Independent School	0151 924 3140
Streatham House School	An Independent School	0151 924 1514
St Mary's College (Boys & Girls)	An Independent School	0151 924 3926

All these schools offer open evenings and 'taster days' to pupils and their parents once they reach Year 5. These provide a good insight into the type of education on offer at each establishment. The schools are often willing to meet individual parents by appointment.

When your child reaches Year 6 they will be given a form by the Local Authority asking for your choice of up to three schools. The deadline for returning this form is normally late October. Parents wishing to opt for the independent sector must apply to the school separately but should also complete a Local Authority form. We currently have a very high success rate of pupils sitting the entrance exams for independent schools.

There is also a range of schools within Sefton that cater for children with special needs. These are discussed with parents on an individual basis if appropriate.

For more information about our school, please contact the school office on 0151 924 1204.