

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our School

As a Catholic school, St. Paul's is committed to catholicity, an openness to others and the inclusion of all. We aim to engender an atmosphere of trust through mutual respect, affirming the goodness in all our children and having high expectations of all members of the community. In this way pupils achieve high self-discipline and confidence. Thus we create a learning environment within which children are happy and secure.

The search for excellence is seen as an integral part of the spiritual quest. Christian faith teaches us that our individual gifts are precisely that, God-given gifts to be developed to the full. In Catholic education, pupils are therefore given opportunity to develop their talents to the full.

We shall endeavour never to miss an opportunity to offer praise, highlight positive behaviour and set achievement goals.

We feel that at every stage, the children in our care should be encouraged to express spontaneously their joy, wonder, awe, concern, thanks, sorrow, sadness, anger, fear and disappointment through prayer. Prayer is the natural way of focusing these experiences through, for example, song, gesture, movement, dance, writing or silence. It is our way of communicating with God.

“This is an outstanding Catholic school which lives out its mission ‘to sustain through, example, the moral and religious beliefs of the Catholic faith in a secure and happy environment’”.

- Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Section 48 Report July 2008

“This is an outstanding school where pupils of all abilities achieve very well, both academically and in terms of their personal development.”

- OFSTED March 2008

At St. Paul's we have a fine record of academic success in both Key Stages 1 and 2 and we are delighted to be awarded 'Outstanding' at our last Ofsted inspection.

“Standards have been consistently high over many years and this represents outstanding achievement for pupils of all abilities, including the more able and those with learning difficulties and disabilities, some of whom achieve spectacularly well.”

- OFSTED March 2008

A visit to St. Paul's will clearly show why we are proud of our school and our children. If you would like to be shown around the school the dates of our Open Days are detailed in the Admissions section of the school website www.stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk.

Aims of our School

- To value our children and to achieve a common aim.
- To encourage pupils to develop self-discipline and independent learning.
- To enable all members of the school community to develop and grow as individuals.
- To foster in the children a caring attitude to the needs of others and the environment.
- To instil respect and tolerance of other pupils and eventually, through example, of other races, religions and ways of life.
- To help pupils to acquire the knowledge and skills relevant to adult life.
- To enable each child to make his /her own valuable contribution to society.
- To help the children develop lively, enquiring minds and to apply their knowledge to given tasks through carefully planned activities suited to the individual child.

School Background

St. Paul's is a voluntary aided Catholic primary school located in Thames Ditton and serving the three Catholic parishes of Cobham, Esher and Thames Ditton. Established in 1963, St. Paul's is a purpose-built Primary School with two form entry.

The School is conducted as a Catholic school in accordance with the canon law and teachings of the Catholic Church and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.