

PARK STREET C OF E  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# ***SCHOOL PROSPECTUS***



## A Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Park Street C of E Primary School. We are a happy and inclusive school located in the small village of Park Street, St Albans. I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Park Street where we aim to provide the highest quality of education through rich and varied learning experiences.

As a Church of England School, we have strong links with Holy Trinity Church. We teach the traditions and values of Christianity and other faiths, encouraging understanding and tolerance. Our strong values underpin everything we do, and we pride ourselves on the warm and welcoming ethos of our school as well as the distinctive Christian character.

Our children are engaged and enthusiastic learners and benefit from a broad, balanced and creative curriculum. We are fortunate enough to be surrounded by beautiful, extensive grounds and use our fields and woodland area to enhance our curriculum. In our Wellbeing Wood, we develop social, spiritual, physical and emotional skills through outdoor and adventurous activities. Our children thoroughly enjoy den building, solving challenges and other outdoor pursuits that help them develop teamwork and leadership skills, as well as build self-esteem and confidence. We believe it is important for children to be given opportunities to thrive both academically and personally.

We strongly believe in fostering strong and positive partnerships with parents and the local community. We welcome any support, thoughts and ideas to help us to continue to grow.

I hope this prospectus provides you with useful information about our school. We welcome visits and would be delighted to show you our school in action. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit. If after reading this and visiting us, there is anything else which you would like more information on, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Monique Gregory  
Headteacher

*"Park Street Primary is a school where pupils feel valued. They feel happy and safe because of the support they receive from staff"*

**Ofsted, 2021**

## A Word from the Chair of the Governing Body

Dear Parents and Carers

Park Street Church of England Primary School is a great school. There is always so much going on and each term brings more opportunities and experiences for our children. Staff, governors and families work together to achieve the best possible start for our children; Park Street School is a place where children can thrive.

Our teachers and school staff are a wonderful asset, a dedicated team who work together to support our children's learning. They work hard to deliver creative and engaging lessons which bring learning to life. The theme weeks such as 'art week' and 'geography week' widen our children's knowledge and enhance their skills across a broad and enriched curriculum. Our fantastic woodland area and outdoor area give our children a super place to explore the natural world and begin to understand its awe and importance.

In return our children are eager to learn and enjoy school life. It is wonderful to watch them flourish. As they move up the school, we see them become more independent, more confident and ready to engage in exciting things that lie ahead.

We have close links with Holy Trinity Church and Park Street Baptist Church, the clergy lead Bible Assemblies on a Wednesday morning. We are also supported by the parents Prayer Group who meet regularly. The Governors are very grateful for all the hard work that the PSSA continues to do to enhance the children's education.

At our last OFSTED inspection, we were rated as good and are currently working hard to become outstanding. SIAMS rated us as an Outstanding Church School. These are strong commendations and added to these, it is stepping inside the school gates that shows the school's strength and inspiration.

As we go forward together to achieve our aims of "Together we learn, Together with God" I pray that our school and our children endorse our school values of Love, Joy, Truth and Courage now and in the future.

Mrs Barbara Graham  
Chair of Governors

*"Pupils are successful and become responsible young people as a result of leaders' high aspirations for them"*

**Ofsted, 2021**

## **Our School Motto, Vision & Aims**

**Our School Motto is:** *Together we learn; Together with God*

### **Our Vision:**

At Park Street, we are committed to creating a school community of happy and confident lifelong learners equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to FLOURISH and lead successful lives.

**'At Park Street, we FLOURISH!'**

*Focus on excellence*

*Learn together*

*Overcome barriers*

*Understand our values*

*Respect others*

*Include everyone*

*Strive for success*

*Have fun!*

To live out our vision means that we need a set of foundational Christian values on which to build our school.

### **Our Values are:**

Courage; Love; Joy & Truth

These values are woven into all facets of life and teaching within our school. From our values we derived a set of aims to inspire all in the school community to exercise these values in daily life at the school.

### **Our Aims are:**

To foster a lifelong love of learning with children achieving their full potential using creative inquiring minds.

To encourage spiritual growth with an understanding of Christian faith and values.

To develop children who can build good relationships with others based on personal self-esteem and love of others.

To build people who are responsible citizens of the whole community with a concern for their environment.

These aims are simplified as follows to make it easier for the children to understand and embrace them: We want to learn and always do as well as we can. We want to understand more about God and how He wants us to live. We will love and care for each other. We will look after our world and everything in it.

*"Leaders ensure that pupils study a well-considered curriculum"*

**Ofsted, 2021**

## SIAMS Report

As a Church of England Voluntary Aided School we have a separate 'Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools' in addition to an Ofsted inspection. We had this inspection in September 2016 and were delighted that we were awarded the grade '**outstanding**' for our life and work as a Church school. These are some of the quotes from our most recent inspection:

*The school has a distinctively Christian family atmosphere where pupils all feel valued. This has a significant impact on pupils' achievement and progress, which is in the top 1% in Hertfordshire.*

*Pupils demonstrate the school's Christian values in the way they behave to others. They are polite, friendly, well-mannered and articulate. Pupils from other cultures and faiths, although small in number, feel welcome and say how their individual traditions are celebrated.*

*Pupils' personal development and wellbeing are strengths of the school and behaviour is exemplary.*

The full version of this report can be found on our website at [www.parkstreetprimary.org.uk](http://www.parkstreetprimary.org.uk)

## OFSTED Report

The inspection was on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021, and the inspectors judged our school to be GOOD. The inspectors noted that:

*"Leaders prioritise pupils' personal development. Many interesting activities and opportunities enrich pupils' experience. Pupils take part in a wide range of clubs, including for sports, model-building and choir"*

*"Leaders have placed reading at the centre of the school's work. Children in early years make a good start in learning to read. Leaders ensure that phonics is taught in a systematic way. Staff are well trained in teaching phonics. They carefully match books to the sounds that pupils know. Effective support enables pupils to mature into fluent and confident readers. This love of reading continues throughout the school"*

*"Children benefit from a strong curriculum in early years. Adults have a clear plan for what they want children to learn. They have developed a purposeful environment where children want to learn and play."*

## Published Results for the End of Each Key Stage

### Attainment and Progress Tables 2019

#### EYFS

86% of children in Reception were awarded a **Good Level of Development**. The National percentage in 2019 was 71.8%

#### Phonics

The percentage of children awarded an expected grade was **80%**.

#### KS1 Attainment Levels

	<b>Our School % At or Above Expected</b>	<b>National % At or Above Expected</b>
Reading	85	75
Writing	78	69
Maths	74	76
Science	85	82

#### KS2 Attainment

	<b>Our School % At or above expected</b>	<b>National % At or above expected</b>
Reading	85	73
GAPS	92	78
Maths	92	79
Writing TA	89	83
RWM	77	65





## Staff

Here is a current list of our dedicated staff team.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM	
HEADTEACHER	MS. M GREGORY
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER (SENCo)	MRS. C TOMINEY
EYFS LEAD	MRS. V DUXBURY
ADMIN TEAM	
SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER	MRS. L VICKERS
ADMIN ASSISTANT	MRS. M WRIGHT
EYFS	
TEACHER	MRS. V DUXBURY MRS. S HARBERT
SUPPORT STAFF	MRS. M FOWLER
SUPPORT STAFF	MRS. C MITCHELL
SUPPORT STAFF	MISS O SHELLEY
YEAR 1	
TEACHER	MISS H. TAYLOR
SUPPORT STAFF	MRS. W SHARPE
YEAR 2	
TEACHER	MRS. J LETO
SUPPORT STAFF	MISS. K KITT
YEAR 3/4	
TEACHER	MISS. J ASHTON
SUPPORT STAFF	MISS. K KITT
YEAR 5	
TEACHER	MR. S MORGAN
SUPPORT STAFF	MRS. S PAYNE
YEAR 6	
TEACHER	MISS. K BARTA
SUPPORT STAFF	MRS. S NOBLE
OTHER STAFF	
SITE SUPERVISOR	MR. A PAYNE
MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT	MISS. L PAYNE
CLEANER	MRS. M VICKERS
SCHOOL COOK	MRS. M MBABAZI
KITCHEN ASSISTANT	MISS. J WILSON

For a full list of all staff and the governing body of the Park Street School community please visit our website. [www.parkstreetprimary.org.uk](http://www.parkstreetprimary.org.uk)

## Our Curriculum

We work hard to ensure that our curriculum motivates and inspires all children to want to learn and achieve their full potential. In order to do this, we teach the National Curriculum through topics which engage our children's interests. An example topic might be 'London's burning!' where children would undertake a number of activities in relation to the Great Fire of London including: learning about the history of the fire, writing a diary like Samuel Pepys, producing a newspaper article reporting on the fire, looking at artists' depiction of the event and painting their own pictures. Each topic is launched at the start of term with an unusual experience which stimulates and motivates pupils' interest and subsequently leads to great progress being made across the unit. We find that our pupils become so enthused by this means of learning that they will often freely carry on with their learning at home and then bring it back into school to share with us.



## Our School Day

The timings of the school day are as follows:

	Nursery	Reception & KS1	KS2 (Y3-6)
Morning session	08.45–12.00	08.45–12.15	08.45-12.15
Lunch	-	12.15 -13.15	12.15-13.15
Afternoon session	12.15-15.15	13.15-15.15	13.15-15.15

We operate a 'soft start' to the day. This allows children to come straight into their classrooms from 8.45am when the gates open and complete a quiet morning activity. All children should be in their classrooms by 8.55am for registration. Punctual arrival is important for learning good life habits and to get the day off to a positive start for themselves and their class.

Morning playtime takes place between 10.30 and 10.45am for pupils in Years 1 to 6.

Wrap around care from 7.30am – 6pm, is available through ClubKidz for all pupils in Nursery upwards.



## **What parents have to say about our school**

“I like the Christian values that are instilled in the children. Park Street has a lovely small local friendly community feel to it.”

“Because there is only one class per year, it is easy for the children to get to know each other quickly which means they settle in very well. My daughter calls her classmates her ‘extended family’.”

“Park Street is a very caring school; the children are looked after very well and steered in the right direction for life.”

“The school has a very family orientated feel to it and so the children feel right at home in their learning environment.”

“The school has a great community feel to it and as a parent I feel part of this community. My children are happy and feel very safe at Park Street. I love the ethos of the school and the fact that the staff bring out the best in the children.”

## **What our children think of the school**

“I like assembly because we learn about God.”

“I like my teachers because we get to do fun things while we're learning.”

“I like my teacher because she teaches us loads of good things and she's really helpful.”

“I really like Park Street School because all the teachers are really nice and they help us all.”

“The teachers are really good because they always encourage you.”

“I like Park Street because we get to make all sorts of things. It's good for learning, we get a good education and there are lots of after school clubs. I like choir the best.”

“I like Park Street because it feels safe and you get a good education. Teachers understand if something goes wrong, they try to understand from your point of view and they are very helpful.”

“I like the teachers here because they're really kind....we also have really good equipment so we can do experiments and learn new stuff.”

“I just like having teachers that are always supportive and try to push you to do your best.”

## School Uniform

All children attending Park Street Primary School and Nursery are required to wear the correct school uniform. Items with logos can be purchased at Stevensons School Uniform shop in Victoria Street, St Albans or online at <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/>

- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers or shorts (tailored with a zip either at the front or the side)
- Pink and white checked school summer dresses
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy School Sweatshirt or Cardigan with school logo
- White/black/grey ankle socks or white/black/grey tights
- Sensible black shoes

## P.E. Kit

- Burgundy shorts (not cycling shorts)
- Sky blue Tee Shirt with school logo
- Plimsolls or Trainers
- Black/Blue/Burgundy Jogging bottoms and separate top/jacket for cold weather.

## Inclusion

Park Street C of E Primary School is an inclusive school. We are fully committed to inclusion and we use the definition of Special Educational Needs (SEN) stated in the SEND Code of Practice 2014: A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.

We offer a safe, supportive and caring environment that allows each child the time and space to develop and progress. At Park Street C of E Primary School we endeavour to meet the needs of children who experience barriers to their learning. We recognise that children develop and learn at different rates and understand that there are many factors affecting achievement. These may include sensory or physical impairment, learning difficulties or emotional or social development. We work alongside parents and other professionals to ensure that all pupils with special educational needs are identified as early as possible. Our policy is to ensure that all children are supported so that they are able to access the curriculum. We use ongoing monitoring and assessment procedures to track progress and development closely. We always work closely with parents and other agencies where necessary to provide the best provision possible for children with SEND.

## Admissions

Responsibility for admissions lies with the School Governors. It is their policy, where possible, to admit to the school all children whose parents would like them to come and who are happy to accept the Christian ethos of the school.

**To apply for a place at this school you must either apply on-line at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or complete the Common Application Form from the Local Authority (Hertfordshire). You are also requested to complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). (Please see the school website).**

Without the latter form the Governors will be unable to apply their criteria and your application, although valid may receive a lower ranking.

The School currently has a Published Admission Number of 30. The Governors will offer a place to a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school.



We hope you enjoyed reading about our school. Please do come and visit.  
We look forward to meeting you!  
*The Park Street Team.*