



Fidem Fateri Vita

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School

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Information for prospective parents



Reception Class September 2024

Applications are invited from all faiths and none

- Wrap around care from 8am - 6pm
- Judged 'outstanding' (Diocesan Inspection Report)
- New infant playground

There some places available in other years also.



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RC Diocese of Southwark



From the Headteacher

Mrs Lunney

Choosing the right school for your children is a vitally important decision. We recognise the crucial role played by you as parents in the education of your children. You want them to be happy and successful so you need to feel confident that we will provide a safe and stimulating environment where this will happen. St Osmund's is a place where children come first, where they are known as individuals, where they are challenged and inspired to work hard and have fun doing so.

Our Catholic school is rooted in the love of Christ. We strive to be a community where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are evident in our daily lives: love, peace, faithfulness, joy, goodness, gentleness, patience, self-control and kindness.

We strive for excellence in all that we do; we are ambitious academically for all our pupils, but we also want them to develop personally, socially and spiritually. We aim to provide an education that is more than filling children with knowledge; one that instils in them a love of learning and creative expression and sows the seeds in their hearts and minds that will open them to the richness of opportunities and choices that will



enrich the whole of their lives and help them become the person God created them to be.

If you are considering applying for a place for your child at St Osmund's, please check our website for details of Admissions events in school that will support and inform your decision making.

I look forward to meeting you.

Michelle Lunney

Admissions

The governing body is the admissions authority and will admit up to 30 pupils to Reception in September 2024. Applications are invited from all faiths and none. The closing date is **15th January 2024** for applications for places in Reception for children born between 1st September 2019 and August 31st 2020 for entry in September 2024. Outcomes will be advised by your local authority on behalf of the governing body on 16th April 2024.

The full Admission arrangements and the Supplementary Information Form are available via the school office and on our website www.st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk. **NB** You must complete and return a Common Application Form (CAF) to your home local authority for your application to be considered. There are some places available in other years also.

Children transfer to a range of state and private secondary schools after Year 6 including: Sacred Heart High, St Richard Reynolds, The Oratory, Cardinal Vaughan, Gumley House, Gunnersbury, Wimbledon College, Ursuline, St Benedict's, Moore House, St Catherine's, The Marist School, St Mary's Ascot, Worth School, Woldingham, Emmanuel, Latymer & Godolphin and Putney High.



Induction Days & Home Visits

We want to ensure that your child's entry into Reception at St Osmund's is a happy one and that they feel excited and confident about starting school. That's why we invite new parents and children to the school before they officially start so they can become familiar with their classroom and teachers and meet some of their classmates. Parents can also sign up for a home visit by our Reception teacher and teaching assistant to meet your child in your home before their first day.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Reception children participate in a variety of activities; some are led by an adult and others are self-initiated. We recognise the importance of play in the Early Years curriculum. Young children are inquisitive; they learn by interacting with their environment - people, materials and information. They want to discover how and why things happen. They learn through 'doing' and play is an essential part of this learning experience; it is carefully structured and planned to take account of the children's needs and interests and to develop curiosity about the world in which they live.

During the Reception year we will help your child to:

- **Develop confidence**
- **Establish a good relationship with the teacher and teaching assistants**
- **Develop relationships with other children**
- **Learn new routines**
- **Learn to listen to the teacher and each other**
- **Develop the ability to concentrate**
- **Develop independence**

OFSTED: *"Children get off to a good start in the Reception class. They settle in quickly and behave very well. Children were seen learning through thoughtful activities, both in and outdoors..."*



Music



In the Foundation Stage, Music plays an important part of an imaginative and engaging curriculum through which children can express themselves in song and through trying out various instruments to make and alter sounds. Music brings together intellect and feeling and enables personal expression, reflection and emotional development as well as building personal confidence, friendships and teamwork. It promotes creativity and spontaneity. The school works in partnership with Richmond Music Trust.

Sport

Physical education forms a vital part of a rounded education

Physical Education promotes physical development, builds confidence and encourages children to lead a healthy and active lifestyle. It improves skills of coordination, control, manipulation and movement. Children experience a sense of achievement through competition individually and as part of a team. They engage in a wide range of physical activities in Reception including dance, team games, running and gymnastics.



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St Osmund's Catholic Primary School is part of the parish of St Osmund and our parish priest, Monsignor Canon James Cronin, is a governor and regular visitor to our school. Each day begins with prayer and we help our children to come to know that they are special within their family and school community and that God loves each one of them unconditionally at all times. We help them to come to respect and care for each other and to learn to take responsibility for their actions and choices and how to say sorry when they have done something wrong. We strive to follow the imperative of our school motto: **Fidem Fateri Vita** (Show your faith by the way you live).

Uniform

St Osmund's sets great store by the appearance of the children in the school. Uniforms help give pupils pride in their school and make them ambassadors for their school in the community. The wearing of correct and clean uniform helps the children in many ways:

- it encourages the children to have pride in their own personal appearance;
- it encourages the children to be proud of their school;
- it benefits the school community - children see each other as equals and treat each other accordingly.



Many items are available from department stores and school branded items of uniform are available from Sogans in Fulham: www.theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk and there is a selection of second hand uniform items available through the school office.

School Meals



Eating meals together is an important part of any community and our pupils benefit from the social element that eating together provides. Packed lunches are allowed but parents are encouraged to sign up their children for balanced and nutritious school meals which are freshly prepared each day in our kitchen. We cater for those children with food allergies and intolerances.

What our parents say:

"St Osmund's provides a loving and supportive environment for my daughter. To say she loves coming to school is an understatement. The decision to send our daughter to St Osmund's is one of the best we have ever made."

Reception parent

"St Osmund's is such a wonderful school. I couldn't have hoped for a more nurturing, gentle, happy start to school for both my boys. It's a small school with a very strong community and team spirit where all children and teachers look out for each other."

Reception parent

"If you are looking for your child to learn to listen and be responsible, to be kind, honest and respect others and have pride in everything they do, then consider St Osmund's Catholic Primary School. St Osmund's is a lovely school with a strong sense of community. You feel this from the first day you are welcomed through the school gates."

Reception parent

Location, facilities and wraparound care



Our school is set in mature and well-kept extensive grounds, located in the heart of Barnes, opposite the pond. The school has a MUGA sports pitch, two large playground areas, and a Reception outdoor learning space. Every classroom is equipped with state of the art IT facilities and additional open teaching spaces. Last year, a new, modern library was opened and the school hall offers space for assemblies, music, drama and special events. The school offers wraparound care from 8am until 6pm, provided on site by school-based staff.