



Our Lady & St. Edwards

Catholic Voluntary Academy



Part of
**OUR LADY
OF LOURDES**

CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Guided by Jesus in all that we do.

Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to Our Lady and St. Edwards Primary & Nursery Catholic Voluntary Academy where we put children at the centre of everything we do. We are a one form entry school for children between the age of 3 and 11. Our school is part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust serving the parish of the Holy Family, made up of the parishes of Our Lady & St Edward, Sacred Heart and St Augustines.

We are a welcoming, inclusive, friendly and happy school where every child is valued and nurtured so that they can truly flourish, fulfil their potential and become everything that they were created to be.

Through living out our mission statement, we know that we provide a caring school community in which children feel happy and secure. Each day is treated as a 'new' day and a new chance for everyone to shine.

Our school values form the basis of school life and we pride ourselves on our high expectations of behaviour, politeness and treating everyone as they would wish to be treated themselves. We welcome all families, from faith or no faith backgrounds – everyone is valued and respected.

Our staff team are ambitious for each and every one of our children. Academic success is, of course, important, but equally, we value your whole child, socially, morally and spiritually too. Our ultimate aim is that when your child leaves our school, they will use their gifts and talents to go out and make a difference in the world.

I hope you enjoy looking at our prospectus and find everything that you need. If you would like to visit us, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Rachel Byrne
Headteacher



Our primary Mission

Guided by Jesus in all that we do,
together we are one... one academy...
one community...one world.

Our Lady & St Edward Academy is a **loving, considerate and serving** Catholic community striving to educate all children to **develop spiritually, personally and academically**.

By placing the person and teachings of Jesus Christ at the Centre of all that we do, we will:

Grow in **faith** for God and **love** for one another
Be **kind, respect** differences and show **compassion** to all
Show **honesty** and **forgive** those who hurt us
Use our God given gifts to be the person He wants us to be,

At Our Lady & St Edward, we believe our values are authentic examples rooted in the Gospel. We recognise that for children to achieve their true potential these values are understood, lived out in school, at home and within the wider community. Using the examples in Scripture, the Saints and the Church, children will encounter Christ; become one of his disciples and go out to continue His mission throughout their whole lives.

The school lives out its mission in very tangible ways, demonstrating excellent pastoral and spiritual care for pupils and the whole school community. Pupils are very articulate in expressing how the school teaches them to live out their faith.

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Our Lady & St Edward's is a vibrant school. Classrooms are created to be spirited learning environments where all children feel included.

Classroom displays reflect the broad and balanced curriculum which celebrate children's achievements and support them to know and remember more. We also have additional learning spaces, including two sensory rooms, our hall and a school library.

There are many opportunities for learning to take place outside with our Forest School area within the church ground. Our Forest School sessions provide pupils with the regular opportunity: to learn through play; to follow their interests and curiosity; to investigate and explore; to learn new practical skills; to develop their knowledge of the natural environment; to take risks; and, to work and play with others.

Within our school grounds we have a peace garden with a small pond and a field bordered by flowering trees and a willow structure. Across our field and playgrounds we have an orienteering course which develops children's geographical skills including mapwork as well as team building opportunities, linking with all areas of our curriculum design.

'Sincerely appreciate the support our children are given at school. They excel academically but have also become more resilient, independent and much happier thanks to their time at OLSE.'

Parent quote 2024

'All the staff are great, they make learning fun and really care about us as children.'

Pupil quote 2024

Our learning
environment



Our curriculum

The curriculum at Our Lady & St. Edward's is designed so that children develop their academic, social and cultural capital. It is intended to ensure children are skilled readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, historians, geographers, musicians, artists, and designers. We achieve this by ensuring each curriculum area is deliberately planned and progressively sequenced.

Our curriculum is further enhanced through additional opportunities to engage in individual and group activities. These include:

- Parish and community work.
- School singing partnership and Cathedral choir.
- Instrumental music tuition.
- Sporting events and competitions.
- Visitors, education trips and residential.

Children leave Our Lady & St Edward's with the necessary knowledge and skills to achieve the best possible outcomes, fulfil their potential and move on to the next phase of education as successful and ambitious learners.



Teaching and Learning

We follow the EYFS curriculum and National Curriculum for KS1 and 2 celebrating the rich diversity of our school community.

Our teacher's ensure every lesson is planned so pupils are challenged and make progress. Live marking is a strength of our school which enables misconceptions and errors to be addressed promptly. Children know it is okay to make a mistake and that these are an opportunity for learning. Through our quizzes and retrieval practices children are actively aware of the importance of knowing and remembering more.

Our teaching assistants are our greatest resource supporting many children across our school in a number of ways. Adaptions are put in place to support children's learning in a small group or individual basis when appropriate.

Voice 21 initiative is interwoven through our curriculum design. With the emphasis on speaking and listening, our pupils are articulate and talk confidently about thier learning, sharing knowledge, ideas and vocabulary with their class.

As well as developing academically at our school we encourage our children to grow spiritually, culturally, morally and socially. Catholic Social Teaching principles, our Mission Statement and values as well as British Values underpin our school ethos. Our children participate in varied prayer opportunities each day. All classes in Key Stage 1 and 2 participate in termly retreat afternoons with our chaplains. They confidently lead celebrations including liturgy, Mass and Reconciliation to their peers, whole school, families and parish community.

Our children appreciate what they have and they are aware of those who have less than they do. They are active participants wanting to make a difference in the world through their actions. Throughout the year we support various appeals and charities locally, nationally and worldwide.

Children leave our school feeling safe and secure with happy memories, as confident learners, able to demonstrate democracy, justice, respect and tolerance, and as fully rounded positive individuals of the world.

Pupils enjoy and value their religious education lessons and they show a good standard of religious literacy. Pupils are well prepared by the school to lead prayer and liturgy and do so with high levels of understanding and appreciation of their own faith journey.

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Catholic Social Teaching and British values



Beyond the curriculum

Developing the whole child

We value the uniqueness of each child in our school; we are passionate about celebrating our differences and developing the whole child. Our nurturing staff recognise and support a diversity of needs relating to learning, health, mental wellbeing, behaviour as well as emotional and physical requirements ensuring that all our pupils feel safe secure and aspire to be the best they can be.



We know that the staff believe in us, we feel safe and everyone helps us to be the best person we can be.

Pupil quote 2024

We have a dynamic EcoTeam, and as part of our weekly Forest School sessions we have contributed to achieving Cafod's Live Simply Award alongside our parish, the RSPB Wild Challenge Bronze Award. And currently working towards our Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

We offer a wider range of educational visitors and visits throughout the year, both locally and further afield including residential opportunities to Hathersage in Year 3 or 4, and the Briars in Year 6.

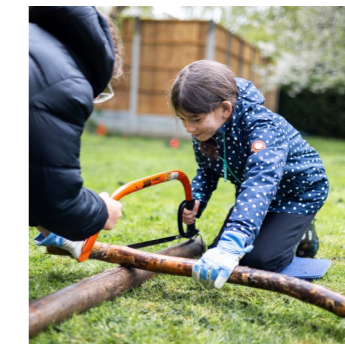
We encourage the children to demonstrate their talents in Performing Arts and each child has an opportunity to perform for an audience. This begins in EYFS performing their Christmas Nativity supported by our KS1 choir. Our annual OLSE's Got Talent Show culminates in an End of end-of-year production in Y6. This encourages their confidence and self-esteem and allows children to shine! We also love music and enjoy singing across school. Year 3 and 4 enjoy their School Singing Programme sessions performing at local and diocesan services and events.

We acknowledge the positive impact that sport and exercise can have on a child's wellbeing and therefore there are a wide range of sporting clubs that they can take part in at lunchtime and after school. These include football, basketball, multisports, dance and gymnastics and help to develop skills, build resilience and be part of a team. We have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the past three years.

Wraparound Care

We offer a Breakfast Club each morning for pupils in Reception to year 6. It runs from 7:45am to 8:40am and is led by familiar staff in school. Children are offered a choice of breakfast favourites followed by adult and child-led play and activities indoors and outdoors.

Our After-school wraparound care is provided by TB Sports, an Ofsted-registered independent childcare company. This runs from 3:15pm to 5:30pm and offers a range of activities including music, drama, cooking, craft and sporting activities. Please visit our school website for further details.





Achieving full potential and personal development

We are very proud of our highly inclusive school and celebrate all children's achievements and successes, both in and out of school. We have high aspirations for our children's achievements and they are rewarded in many ways.

We carefully monitor progress as that allows us to identify needs and inform our provision. We work closely with families and external agencies to ensure that all pupils are able to make progress irrespective of their different starting points.

Our children thrive on taking on roles of responsibility They feel valued, listened to and that their ideas make a tangible difference to our school. We currently have the following opportunities available:

- Chaplaincy Team (Year 6)
- Well being Champions (Year 6)
- House Captains (Year 6)
- Pupil Librarians (Year 5)
- Internet Safety Champions (Year 3 -6)
- Parish Ambassador (Year 4 -6)
- School Council (Year 1 – 6)
- Eco Warriors (Year 1 – 6)

As part of our music provision from Year 1, children have the opportunity to learn to play different musical instruments including the recorder, trumpet, ukulele and drum. Throughout school children have weekly lessons where they learn to speak French through story, song, role play and written work.



There are so many opportunities for us to be a leader. We feel valued and listened to and staff know we are capable of making a positive change in our school.

Pupil quote 2024



Our community

We value our excellent relationships with our families as we positively work together to support the development of their children. Our weekly newsletter and media platforms share many of the wonderful things that happen each day. Parents are invited into school to share liturgies, performances, concerts and sports days as well as other events that celebrate the wealth of opportunities children enjoy at Our Lady & St Edward's.

We use Arbor as a communication tool. This allows us to send whole school, class and individual messages and allows parents and carers to message the school directly. This app also allows parents to make payments for dinner, visits or clubs too.

We enjoy a strong relationship with our parish community, we lead Parish Mass termly and our children are a visible presence in their roles as altar servers and readers. Children have made cards for the vulnerable members of our parish community and support at parish events including SVP Christmas party and summer fayre.

Joining Our Lady & St. Edward's

You are warmly invited to visit and see the school in action; this can be arranged by calling the school office and making an appointment on 0115 9155800.

Applications for first admissions are made on the Common Application Form provided by the Local Authority. Further information can be found on the Nottingham City Council Website. Children can join our nursery the term after they are three, provided we have a space for them.

Please visit our website for more information on admissions, including in-year applications and oversubscription criteria: www.olseacademy.org.uk/parents/admissions.

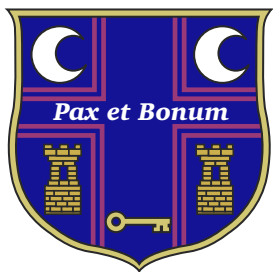
'The school has an ambitious curriculum in place. Consideration has been given to how pupils can build their knowledge from when they start school through to Year 6.'

'Children in Nursery flourish. They are taught how to listen, take turns and share. There is a focus in the early years to ensure that children have a firm foundation for future learning.'

'Behaviour around the school is positive. Pupils know that they can talk to any member of staff if they have any worries or concerns.'

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