

**All Saints
RC Primary School
Sowerby
North Yorkshire**



"Come and see..."

(John 1:39)

Welcome to All Saints RC Primary School

A message from our Head Teacher

Dear Parents

At All Saints we are keen to create a happy, family atmosphere in which our children can feel secure and progress at a rate which is challenging without being daunting. The early years of your child's education are very important and we try to make this time enjoyable as well as developing their enthusiasm for learning. The school is run by a dedicated team of professional teachers and assistants, backed by governors and parents, to form a friendly environment in which we come to know and understand the children in our care extremely well. Our main aim is to ensure that all children reach their full potential during their time at All Saints while learning to value and respect each other. We have tried to include as much useful information as possible in this prospectus, but the best way to find out what the school is really like is to come and see us at work. If you would like to telephone and make an appointment, you can be sure that you will be made very welcome.

Yours sincerely

Karen Williams

The staff

Head Teacher	Mrs Karen Williams
Class Teachers	Mrs Brigid Johnstone Mrs Alison Fencer Mrs Sarah Hodgson Mrs Mary Davies
Secretary	Mrs Katie Anderson
Higher Level Teaching Assistant	Mrs Rachael Monaghan
Advanced Teaching Assistants	Mrs Abigail Leigh
General Teaching Assistant	Mrs Val Edwards Mrs Irene Harding Miss Katie Elsdon
Midday Supervisors	Mrs Mary Stokell Mrs Val Edwards Mrs Irene Harding Miss C. Devaney
Kitchen	Mrs Claire Cardey
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mrs Sonia Todd

The governors

Foundation Governors

Charles Barton
Anielle Milne
Paul Monaghan
Chris Standing
Peter Spence
Dorota Wasniewska
Linda Welburn

Local Authority Governor

Maria Richardson

Elected Parent Governors

Richard Jones
Catherine Noakes

Staff Governors

Karen Williams (Head Teacher)
Sarah Hodgson

Anielle, Charles, Paul and Chris are parents of children at the school.
Dorota is a former school parent.

Clerk to the governors

Lionel Cartwright-Terry

Any correspondence with Governors should be directed to the Clerk
at the following address:

6 Brewers Court
Thirsk
YO7 1PL

Our School

How it all started and where we are now

All Saints RC Primary School began life in the Church Hall at All Saints Church on Castlegate, Thirsk. The staff and pupils moved into the premises they now occupy in September 1966. The school is situated on Green Lane East in Sowerby, just off Topcliffe Road. The school has four classrooms around a central hall and there is a good playground with the use of extensive playing fields. There is a range of fixed outdoor play equipment installed on the field. We have a kitchen and hot lunches are provided, cooked on the premises. A bus lay-by on Green Lane East enables those children travelling by bus to gain access to the vehicle safely, and there is a small car park for staff and visitors.



Our Aims

What are we trying to achieve?

We aim to.....

Encourage our children to love God and give thanks and praise, and to follow the teaching of Jesus in the way they live their lives.



Help our children to achieve the highest standards of which they are capable.

Help our children to be sensitive to other people's beliefs, culture and ways of life, fostering tolerance and understanding so that they can live peacefully with others in our multicultural society.



Provide a happy, caring, friendly environment in which all the members of our school community can grow together, and where both children and adults can feel that they belong.

Admissions

We admit all our new Reception children in September of each year and the admission limit is 14.

Arrangements for applying for a primary school place can be found in *A guide for parents: Admission to Schools*, published each year by North Yorkshire County Council. We have an open day in October for prospective parents to have a look round. Applications, on the NYCC Common Application Form, need to be received at the Education Office in Harrogate in mid-January.

The full admission policy for the school can be found on the school web site.



Classes

We were delighted to extend our provision to include Nursery children in September 2015. Our Class 1 is our Foundation Stage for nursery and reception aged children. We are very fortunate to have average class sizes of 20.

For September 2017 the children will be grouped as follows:

Class 1 with Mrs Johnstone - Nursery and Reception

Class 2 with Mrs Frencher - Years 1 and 2

Class 3 with Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Williams - Years 3 and 4

Class 4 with Mrs Davies - Years 5 and 6

Teaching Assistants:

Class 1 will be supported by Miss Elsdon

Class 2 will be supported by Mrs Edwards

Class 3 will be supported by Mrs Vickers

Class 4 will be supported by Mrs Monaghan



Extra-Curricular Activities

Currently there are opportunities for the following after school activities:

Breakfast Club/ After School Childcare Club	Drama Football Training Recorders Computing	Pop Choir Karate Mustard Seeds Sports Club
8am to 8.45am and 3.30pm to 6pm		

Behaviour

We are happy to report that the children at All Saints are very well behaved.

Our Golden Rule is this: We should all treat other people as we would like to be treated ourselves. This rule is constantly reinforced in school assemblies.

Each week there will be a focus for good behaviour, announced in the Monday afternoon collective worship, and in the following Friday afternoon collective worship a certificate will be awarded to two children in each class who have been noticed by the teacher trying their best in regard to that week's focus. There is also a "Golden Table" at lunchtime on Fridays, for children who have behaved well at lunchtimes all week, and a Special Mentions book for children who are noticed behaving well or working hard in class.

Playtimes

Our Year 6 children are trained as Play Leaders, and they have a hat to prove it! Each lunchtime they will loan out equipment for the children to play with, and will help to organize games, and then collect in the equipment afterwards.

School Council

The School Council has two delegates from each year group in the school and meets with Mrs Hodgson once a fortnight. They can bring up any problems that might be happening at playtimes and suggest further improvements to organization and equipment.



Dress code

School Uniform

Available to purchase online from Nextgen Clothing Ltd via their website www.school-shop.co.uk. Grey or black trousers may be worn, with a white or pale blue polo shirt. Grey or navy skirts or pinafores are worn by the girls. In the summer some girls wear a pale blue gingham dress.





PE Clothes

All children will need a bag that can hang on a cloakroom peg, containing a pair of trainers, shorts and a T-shirt. This should be left in school during term time and only taken home to be washed in the holidays. Kit for outdoor games in the Juniors can be brought in each week and may contain trainers and football boots as well as warm sports clothing in winter. Children in Years 3 to 5 will require swimming kit and a towel for swimming lessons.

The school day

Breakfast Club:	8am - 8.45am
Infants	
Morning Session:	8.55am - 12.00
Afternoon Session:	1.15pm - 3.30pm
Juniors	
Morning Session:	8.55am - 12.15
Afternoon Session:	1.15pm - 3.30pm
After School Club:	3.30pm - 6pm

Please do not leave children on the playground before 8.40am, and please be there at 3.30pm to pick up children. If you are going to be late, please telephone the school so that we can tell the children.

There is a break of 15 minutes for all children from 10.30am to 10.45am in the morning and from 2.15pm to 2.30pm in the afternoon.

Food and Drink

School Meals

Our meals are healthy and nutritious, made using fresh produce and cooked on site. There is a main course and a choice of a cooked desert or fresh fruit. The menu is displayed each morning and children can request a filled jacket potato if they would prefer it. There is always a choice of fresh vegetables with the main course, and freshly baked bread is always available. From September 2014 all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal through the government infant meals scheme.

For all other children, dinner money is payable on the first day of the week (usually Monday) or half termly at a cost of £2.10 per day.

Packed Lunches

If parents prefer, children may bring a packed lunch to school. Please try to ensure that packed lunches contain a balanced diet of nutritional, healthy food, similar to our school dinners.

Drinks

Children will be offered cooled, filtered water throughout the day and drinking bottles are available from the school at a cost of 50p. Children may drink from these at any time of the day.

Milk

Parents who wish to order milk for their child to drink during morning break may do so from "Cool Milk at School Limited". Milk is free to children until their 5th birthday, but there is a small charge for older pupils. Information is available from Cool Milk www.coolmilk.com an invoice will be sent direct to parents in advance of the school term.

Breaktime Snacks

Free fruit or vegetable is available every day to children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. Older children may bring their own portion of fresh fruit or vegetable. In keeping with our Healthy School Policy, we do not allow sweets or biscuits to be brought to school.

Starting School

The first few weeks

Coming to school for the first time is a huge step forward for any child and at All Saints we aim to make this experience as happy as possible. Children who have been allocated a place will be invited to spend two half days in the school during the previous summer term, including one day when they will be invited to try a school dinner.

Reading - how you can help

Children need to be introduced to books from an early age, and the best way for this to happen is for an adult to read to them. Before bedtime is usually a good time. The public library has a good stock of picture books for babies and toddlers and the staff will help you select if asked. Children also need their own books so that they can "play at reading" - they will look at the pictures and tell the story before they can ever decode the words on the page. Charity shops are a good source of used children's books if you do not want to buy new ones. By the time children start school they should already have favourite books and favourite stories. They should also be familiar with lots of nursery rhymes. When they start school they will begin to learn about the sounds different letters can make, and also learn to recognise common words, and soon they will be bringing a book home to read to you. They will need regular practice to master the skills required, and this is where you can help, providing the time for a child to share their reading with you. Still talk about the characters and what is happening in the story, not just the words on the page, as when they are older they will need to begin "reading between the lines" to infer and deduce from what they have read. And don't stop reading to them at bedtime!



We hope we have given you enough information now to give you a flavour of our school.

Our school website gives much more information. Please find us at :

www.allsaints.n-yorks.sch.uk,

We also welcome visits to the school. Please telephone to make an appointment to come and see us at work. We will show you round and answer any questions you may have about our school.

Telephone Mrs Anderson: 01845 523058

Or e-mail: admin@allsaints.n-yorks.sch.uk



We look forward to meeting you and your child.