



ST STEPHEN'S
— R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL —

Our School

PROSPECTUS
2026-27



OUR MISSION

*Love one another,
as I have loved you.*



OUR VISION

*Every child.
Every chance.
Every day.*

OUR VALUES



Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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St. Stephen's
R.C. Primary School



A Warm Welcome

from our Headteacher



Welcome to St Stephen's R.C. Primary School.

It is a real privilege to welcome you to our school community. St Stephen's is a joyful, ambitious and inclusive Catholic primary school where we believe that every child deserves every opportunity to flourish.

Our mission, "Love one another, as I have loved you," is at the heart of school life. It shapes the way we learn, the way we care for one another and the high expectations we have for every member of our community.

We want our children to love coming to school. Through our Curriculum for Life, excellent teaching and a wealth of experiences beyond the classroom, we aim to develop curious, confident and compassionate young people who are ready to make a positive difference in the world.

St Stephen's is a family.



Above all, St Stephen's is a family. We celebrate every child as an individual and work closely with parents, carers, our parish and wider community to ensure that children feel safe, valued and proud to belong.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of what makes St Stephen's such a special place. The best way to experience our school, however, is to come and see it for yourself. We would be delighted to welcome you.

Connor Lavin

MR CONNOR LAVIN
Headteacher





St Stephen's
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Together in Faith

Part of a wider Catholic family

St Stephen's R.C. Primary School is proudly part of
Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust and the **Diocese of Salford**.

Together, we share a commitment to providing an excellent
Catholic education in which every child is known, loved
and encouraged to flourish.



ST STEPHEN'S *Our School*

Our children, families,
staff and parish community –
living our mission
every day.



Our Trust

Working in partnership with
Catholic schools across the Trust,
sharing expertise and strengthening
opportunities for our children.



DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Our Diocese

Part of the wider family
of Catholic education across
the Diocese, rooted in faith,
service and the teachings
of Christ.



One school. One family. One shared mission.

"Love one another, as I have loved you."

John 13:34



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Faith at the Heart

Living our mission every day



Our Catholic faith is at the heart of everything we do.
Inspired by the teachings of Jesus, we help every child
to grow in faith, love and service – learning not only about God,
but how to live out His message in the world around them.



Prayer & Worship

Children experience daily prayer, collective worship, Mass and liturgical celebrations throughout the year.



Faith & Parish

Our strong links with our parish and wider Catholic community help children understand that they belong to something bigger than themselves.



Faith in Action

Children are encouraged to put faith into action through kindness, charity, service and caring for others.



Growing in Faith

We support children to reflect, ask questions, develop spiritually and understand how Gospel values can guide the choices they make.

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Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day.

Our vision for every child at St Stephen's

Our vision is simple but ambitious. We want every child to feel known, valued and loved; to be given every opportunity to succeed; and to make every day at St Stephen's count.

C

Compassion

We show kindness, empathy and care.

We look after one another and recognise when someone needs our help.



A

Ambition

We believe anything is possible.

We aim high, work hard and encourage every child to become the very best they can be.



R

Rejoice

We celebrate life and one another.

We recognise achievements, share joy and are thankful for the gifts God has given us.



E

Excellence

We give our very best.

We take pride in our learning, our behaviour and everything we do.



S

Service

We make a difference.

We use our gifts to help others and contribute positively to our school, parish and wider community.



Our values aren't just words –
they shape who we are and how we live every day.



St. Stephen's
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A Curriculum for Life

Learning that inspires, challenges and
prepares every child for the future

At St Stephen's, our curriculum is about far more than acquiring knowledge. We want children to become curious thinkers, confident learners and compassionate young people who are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges of the wider world.



KNOW

A rich body of knowledge
Children build secure knowledge and understanding through a carefully sequenced and ambitious curriculum.



THINK

Curious, independent learners

We teach children to question, reason, make connections and think deeply about their learning.



EXPERIENCE

Learning beyond the classroom

Trips, visitors, sport, music, creativity and wider experiences bring learning to life and broaden horizons.



FLOURISH

Ready for what comes next

Children develop the confidence, resilience and character they need for their next stage of education and beyond.



We don't simply prepare children
for the next lesson. *We prepare them for life.*



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Strong Foundations. Big Ambitions.

Reading • Writing • Mathematics

Strong foundations in reading, writing and mathematics unlock every area of learning. At St Stephen's, we combine high expectations, carefully sequenced teaching and regular opportunities to practise and apply learning so that every child can succeed.



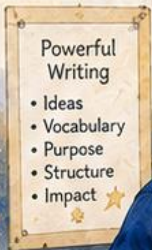
READING – Opening Doors

We want every child to become a confident, fluent reader who loves books.

From the earliest stages of phonics through to increasingly rich and challenging texts, children develop the fluency, vocabulary and comprehension they need to access the whole curriculum.



Today
a reader,
tomorrow
a leader.



Powerful
Writing

- Ideas
- Vocabulary
- Purpose
- Structure
- Impact



WRITING – Finding Your Voice

Children learn to write with confidence, purpose and creativity.

Through high-quality texts, explicit teaching and opportunities to write across the curriculum, pupils develop the vocabulary, knowledge and technical skills to communicate their ideas effectively.



Every
writer
has a
story.



MATHEMATICS – Thinking Mathematically

Our children learn to see themselves as mathematicians.

Secure number knowledge and fluency sit alongside reasoning and problem-solving, helping children make connections, explain their thinking and tackle increasingly challenging mathematics.



Mistakes
help us
learn!

FLUENCY

CONFIDENCE

INDEPENDENCE

The knowledge and confidence
to succeed – in school and beyond.





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Discover. Create. Explore.

— A world of learning —
Beyond the core curriculum

At St Stephen's, children experience a broad, ambitious and carefully sequenced curriculum that helps them understand the world, discover their talents and develop new interests. Every subject matters – and every child has opportunities to shine.



DISCOVER

Science & Computing

Investigating, questioning, experimenting and using technology to understand and shape the world around us.



CREATE

Art & Design Technology

Imagining, designing, making and expressing ideas through creativity and practical skills.



MOVE

PE & Sport

Developing physical confidence, teamwork, resilience and positive attitudes towards healthy, active lives.



EXPLORE

History & Geography

Discovering people, places and events while developing an understanding of our local community and the wider world.



PERFORM

Music

Listening, composing and performing – including opportunities to learn ukulele, djembe drums and brass.



GROW

RE & Personal Development

Growing in faith, understanding ourselves and others, developing healthy relationships and learning how we can make a positive difference.



Every child deserves the chance to discover what makes them shine.



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Where the Journey Begins

Early Years at St Stephen's

Our Early Years is where the St Stephen's journey begins. In Nursery and Reception, children learn through a carefully planned balance of purposeful play, exploration and high-quality adult-led teaching within a warm, nurturing and language-rich environment.

We want every child to feel happy, safe and confident from their very first day – developing the curiosity, independence and strong foundations they need to flourish throughout school.



LEARN THROUGH PLAY

Curiosity starts here

Children explore, investigate, create and discover through carefully planned indoor and outdoor provision.



STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Ready for the next step

Early reading, phonics, communication, writing and mathematics are carefully developed from the very beginning.



NURTURE & BELONGING

*Known, loved
and valued*

Strong relationships help children develop confidence, independence and a real sense of belonging.



EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

*Making sense of
their world*

Rich experiences, stories, visitors and the environment help children build knowledge and vocabulary.



*Big adventures start with small steps.
We make every one of them count.*





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Growing Through St. Stephen's

— Learning through Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 —



As children move through St. Stephen's, we build carefully on the foundations established in Early Years. Learning becomes increasingly ambitious and challenging, while children continue to receive the support, encouragement and opportunities they need to flourish.

From Year 1 to Year 6, we want every child to grow in knowledge, confidence and independence – ready for each new stage of their journey.



KEY STAGE 1

Years 1 & 2

*Strong foundations
become confident learning.*

Children develop greater independence while strengthening the essential knowledge and skills that underpin future learning. Carefully structured teaching, practice and support help children experience success and develop confidence in themselves as learners.



KEY STAGE 2

Years 3 – 6

*Thinking deeper.
Reaching higher.*

As children progress through Key Stage 2, expectations increase. Pupils deepen their knowledge, make increasingly sophisticated connections and develop the independence, resilience and confidence to tackle challenge.



KNOWLEDGE

Building on what came before.

A rich, well-sequenced curriculum helps children make connections, remember more and build a deeper understanding over time.



INDEPENDENCE

*Taking greater ownership
of learning.*

Children develop the skills, habits and resilience to make choices, solve problems and persevere with confidence.



CONFIDENCE

Ready to embrace challenge.

We celebrate effort, progress and achievement – encouraging children to believe in themselves and aim high.

Growing in knowledge. Growing in confidence. Growing together.

Every child. Every chance. Every day.



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Every Child Belongs

Inclusion at St Stephen's

At St Stephen's, inclusion is at the heart of our school. We want every child to feel known, understood, valued and fully part of our community.

Children learn and develop in different ways. Through high-quality teaching, thoughtful adaptations and carefully planned support, we work to remove barriers and ensure every child has the opportunity to participate, achieve and flourish.



QUALITY FIRST

Inclusive classrooms

Our starting point is excellent classroom teaching, with learning adapted carefully so that children can access the curriculum alongside their peers.



PARTNERSHIP

Working with families & professionals

Parents and carers are essential partners. Where appropriate, we also work closely with specialist professionals and services to provide joined-up support.

Communication

Regulation

Independence



Belonging

Participation

Achievement



UNDERSTAND

Knowing the individual child

We identify strengths, needs and barriers carefully and listen to the child's voice when deciding what support will help them succeed.



FLOURISH

High expectations for everyone

Additional needs never mean lower aspirations. We celebrate progress in all its forms and support children to develop confidence, independence and belonging.

SPECIALIST PROVISION AT ST STEPHEN'S

The Learning Centre

Alongside our whole-school SEND provision, St Stephen's is home to The Learning Centre (TLC), our specialist resource provision for children with autism and communication needs.



Different strengths. Different needs. One school family.



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The Learning Centre

Different pathways. Shared belonging.

— Specialist provision within the St Stephen's family —



EYFS & KS1

Nurturing the foundations for communication, learning and development.

A calm, highly structured environment supporting children in the early stages of communication and learning, with individualised provision designed around each child's strengths and needs.

The Learning Centre (TLC) is our specialist resource provision for children with autism and communication needs. It provides a highly personalised, nurturing learning environment while ensuring children remain an important and valued part of the wider St Stephen's community.

TLC combines specialist teaching, communication support and sensory-informed practice with meaningful opportunities for children to learn, play and celebrate alongside their peers.



KS2

Building independence, confidence and lifelong skills.

As children grow, provision develops with them – supporting communication, learning, regulation and increasing independence while maintaining ambitious individual expectations.



COMMUNICATE

Visual communication and developing interaction.



STRUCTURE

Predictable routines and carefully structured learning.



REGULATE

Sensory-informed environments and support for regulation.



DEVELOP

Personalised learning built around individual starting points.



BELONG

Meaningful inclusion within the wider life of St Stephen's.



Specialist when needed. Included always.



One St Stephen's family. Every child belongs.





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Happy. Safe. Supported.

Pastoral care & wellbeing at St Stephen's

Children learn best when they feel happy, safe and secure. At St Stephen's, pastoral care is woven through everyday school life. Our staff know our children well, notice when something isn't quite right and make sure every child knows there is someone they can turn to.

Whether a child needs a listening ear, some extra reassurance or more targeted support, we work alongside children and families to help them feel understood, confident and ready to learn.



KNOWN

Every child matters

Positive relationships are at the heart of our school. We take time to know our children as individuals – their personalities, strengths and what helps them thrive.



SUPPORTED

The right help at the right time

When children need something more, our pastoral and SEND teams work with families and, where appropriate, external professionals to provide additional support.



Trust

Belonging

Relationships

Wellbeing



HEARD

Someone to talk to

Children are encouraged to talk about how they feel, ask for help and know that trusted adults will listen and take their worries seriously.



TOGETHER

Working with families

Parents and carers know their children best. Open communication and strong home-school relationships help us support children consistently.



Confidence

Resilience

We notice. We listen. We act.

If a child is finding things difficult – emotionally, socially or with their wellbeing – we work with them and their family to understand what is happening and what support will help.

♡ A place to learn. A place to grow. A place to belong. ♡



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Ready for Life

Personal development at St Stephen's

At St Stephen's, education is about developing the whole child. Alongside academic success, we want children to grow into confident, compassionate and responsible young people who understand themselves, care about others and are ready to play their part in the wider world.

Through lessons, experiences and everyday school life, children are given opportunities to develop their character, discover their strengths and find their voice.

LEAD



Finding your voice

Children are encouraged to share their views, take responsibility and contribute to decisions and life across our school.



CONTRIBUTE



Making a difference

Through service, charity and community involvement, children learn that their actions can have a positive impact on others.



EXPERIENCE



Broadening horizons

Trips, visitors, residential experiences, sport, music and enrichment give children opportunities to discover interests and experience something new.

Confidence



GROW



Character & relationships

Children learn about healthy relationships, wellbeing, respect, resilience and making safe, responsible choices.



PREPARE



Ready for the future

We develop independence, confidence and the skills children need to navigate the next stage of education and life beyond St Stephen's.



SPORT



MUSIC



ADVENTURE & EXPLORATION

Character

Resilience

Respect

Responsibility

Independence

Teamwork

PUPIL LEADERSHIP



FRIENDSHIP & TEAMWORK



Living our
CARES values



COMPASSION

We show kindness and care for others.



AMBITION

We aim high and never give up.



REJOICE

We celebrate the joy in ourselves and others.



EXCELLENCE

We strive to be the best we can be.



SERVICE

We use our gifts and talents to help others.

More than what children know - it's who they become.



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Every Success Matters

Celebrating achievement at St Stephen's

Every child has something to be proud of. At St Stephen's, we celebrate success in all its forms – from academic achievement and personal progress to kindness, resilience, creativity, sporting success and service to others.

Recognition helps children understand that effort matters, progress is worth celebrating and their individual gifts make an important contribution to our school community.



ACHIEVE

Proud of our learning

We recognise children who work hard, make progress, overcome challenges and achieve highly across the curriculum.



SHINE

Celebrating individual talents

Whether a child shines through music, art, sport, creativity, leadership or something entirely their own, we want them to discover and celebrate their strengths.



LIVE OUR VALUES

Character counts

Children are recognised for demonstrating our CARES values through kindness, ambition, joy, excellence and service.



CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Success is better when it's shared

Achievements are celebrated with classmates, staff and families, helping children feel proud of themselves and proud of one another.



Success looks different for every child.

That's why we celebrate the journey as well as the destination – recognising individual starting points, personal achievements and those moments when a child realises, "I did it!"



Weekly celebration in our Good News Assembly and Fabulous Fridays.



Awards for achievements in learning, values, sport, attendance and much more.



We celebrate birthdays and special occasions together.



Children can share their achievements from outside school.



A culture of recognition where every child has a reason to shine.

We notice it. We celebrate it. We're proud of it.

Every child has a reason to shine.



Safe in Our Care

Safeguarding at St Stephen's

Keeping children safe is our highest priority. At St Stephen's, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and is embedded throughout school life.

We want every child to feel safe, listened to and confident that there is always a trusted adult they can turn to if something is worrying them.



PROTECT

A culture of safeguarding

Keeping children safe is a responsibility shared by every adult in our school.



LISTEN

Children know they can speak

We teach children to recognise when something does not feel right, speak to a trusted adult and know that their concerns will be taken seriously.



EDUCATE

Learning how to stay safe

Through the curriculum, children learn how to keep themselves and others safe, including understanding and managing risks online.



ACT

Concerns are taken seriously

Families are encouraged to speak to us whenever they have a concern about the safety or welfare of a child.

Meet our Safeguarding Team



Miss Dempsey
DSL



Mr Lavin
DDSL



Mrs Pomfret
DDSL



Worried about a child?

Please speak to a member of our safeguarding team.
No concern is ever too small to share.

We're here to help



Safeguarding everyone every day

We notice. We listen. We safeguard.



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Every Day Counts

Attendance & the school day

Being in school every day gives children the best possible opportunity to learn, build friendships and feel part of school life.

At St Stephen's, we work closely with families to support good attendance and punctuality.

Every lesson, every friendship and every experience matters – every day really does count.



BE ON TIME

A positive start

Arriving on time helps children settle calmly, feel prepared and begin learning alongside their classmates.



BE IN SCHOOL

Learning builds every day

Regular attendance means children don't miss important learning and can build securely on what they already know.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Working with families

We understand that families can sometimes experience difficulties that affect attendance. We encourage parents and carers to talk to us early so that we can work together and offer appropriate support.

Our School Day



GATES OPEN



SCHOOL BEGINS



SCHOOL FINISHES

Nursery times are different – please see the school office for details.



Every day makes a difference.

Good attendance supports achievement, wellbeing, friendships and belonging.



Be here. Be ready. Belong.





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Better Together

Working in partnership with families

Parents and carers are an essential part of the St Stephen's family. We know that children flourish when home and school work together, sharing information, celebrating success and supporting children through any challenges along the way.

We value open, positive relationships with families and want parents and carers to feel welcomed, listened to and involved in their child's education.



PARTNERS

Your child at the centre

Parents know their children best. By sharing what we know and working together, we can provide children with consistent support between home and school.



COMMUNICATE

Keeping the conversation going

If you have a question or concern about your child, your child's class teacher is your first point of contact. Senior leaders are available where further discussion or support is needed.



SHARE PROGRESS

Knowing how your child is doing

We will keep you informed about your child's learning and progress through two Parents' Evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms and an End of Year Report in the Summer Term.



SUPPORT

Here when families need us

We offer a range of support for families, including coffee mornings, parenting workshops and support sessions for identified groups. We are here to help.

Talk • Listen • Share

HOME

CHILD

SCHOOL



Start with us

Have a question, worry or something you'd like us to know?

Your child's class teacher is usually the best place to start. We'll work together to make sure the right person helps.



We're always happy to listen, help and work together for your child.



♥ Home + School = Stronger Together ♥

★ One team. One community. Every child at the heart of it. ★

Our uniform shows that we are one St Stephen's family.

We ask families to support our uniform expectations so that children arrive ready for their school day.

EYFS (Reception)



- ✓ White polo shirt
- ✓ Royal-blue St. Stephen's jumper or cardigan
- ✓ Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- ✓ Black school shoes



All jumpers and cardigans must feature the St. Stephen's logo.

YEARS 1-6



- ✓ White shirt
- ✓ School tie
- ✓ Royal-blue St. Stephen's jumper or cardigan
- ✓ Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- ✓ Black school shoes



All jumpers and cardigans must feature the St. Stephen's logo.

ACTIVE DAY / PE KIT

PE KIT

- ✓ Royal-blue St. Stephen's polo shirt
- ✓ Black shorts, joggers or leggings
- ✓ Trainers



PE polo shirts can be ordered through the School Office



OUTDOOR PE KIT

- ✓ Royal-blue St. Stephen's hoodie
- ✓ Black joggers
- ✓ Trainers



PE hoodies can be ordered through the School Office



WHERE TO BUY OUR UNIFORM

PANACHE SCHOOLWEAR



90 Market Street,
Droylsden,
Manchester M43 6DE
0161 301 5570

TOP MARKS SCHOOLWEAR



105 Old Street,
Ashton-under-Lyne,
OL6 7RL
0161 343 2900



ORDER THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE

PE polo shirts and PE hoodies can be ordered directly through the School Office.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



JEWELLERY

Small stud earrings only. Earrings must be removed or covered for PE. No jewellery to be worn in PE.



HAIR

No extreme or fashion-statement haircuts. Longer hair should be kept out of the face. Hair accessories should be in blue, white or red.



PLEASE LABEL IT!

Names in all clothing (including coats and PE kit) and belongings make things much easier if items go missing.



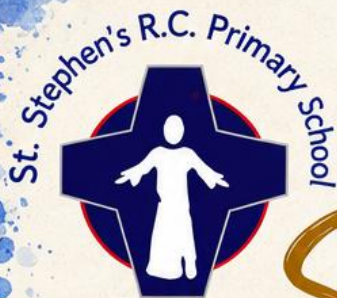
FOOTWEAR

Black school shoes should be worn with school uniform. Trainers are for PE/Active Days only.



Smart. Ready. Proud to belong.





Joining St Stephen's

Your journey starts here

We would love to welcome you to St Stephen's. Choosing the right school for your child is a big moment – so come and see us, meet our team and discover the happy, caring and ambitious community your child could become part of.



Come and see our school in action, meet our team and discover what makes St Stephen's such a special place to learn and grow.



Applications for school places are made in accordance with our published admissions arrangements.

For our current admissions policy, application information and relevant deadlines, please visit our website.

Once a place has been offered, we work with children and families to help make the transition into St Stephen's as positive and welcoming as possible.

Beginning in Nursery?

Our Nursery gives children the opportunity to begin their St Stephen's journey in a nurturing, exciting and language-rich environment.

Contact our school team for current Nursery availability and application information.



Come and see us

The best way to discover St Stephen's is to experience it for yourself.



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★ Come as a visitor. ♥ Leave feeling part of the family. ★



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Where every child belongs.

At St Stephen's, we want every child to be known,
loved, challenged and encouraged to become
the very best version of themselves.

Rooted in our Catholic faith and strengthened by our CARES values,
we are proud to be a school where children learn, friendships grow,
achievements are celebrated and families become part of our community.

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