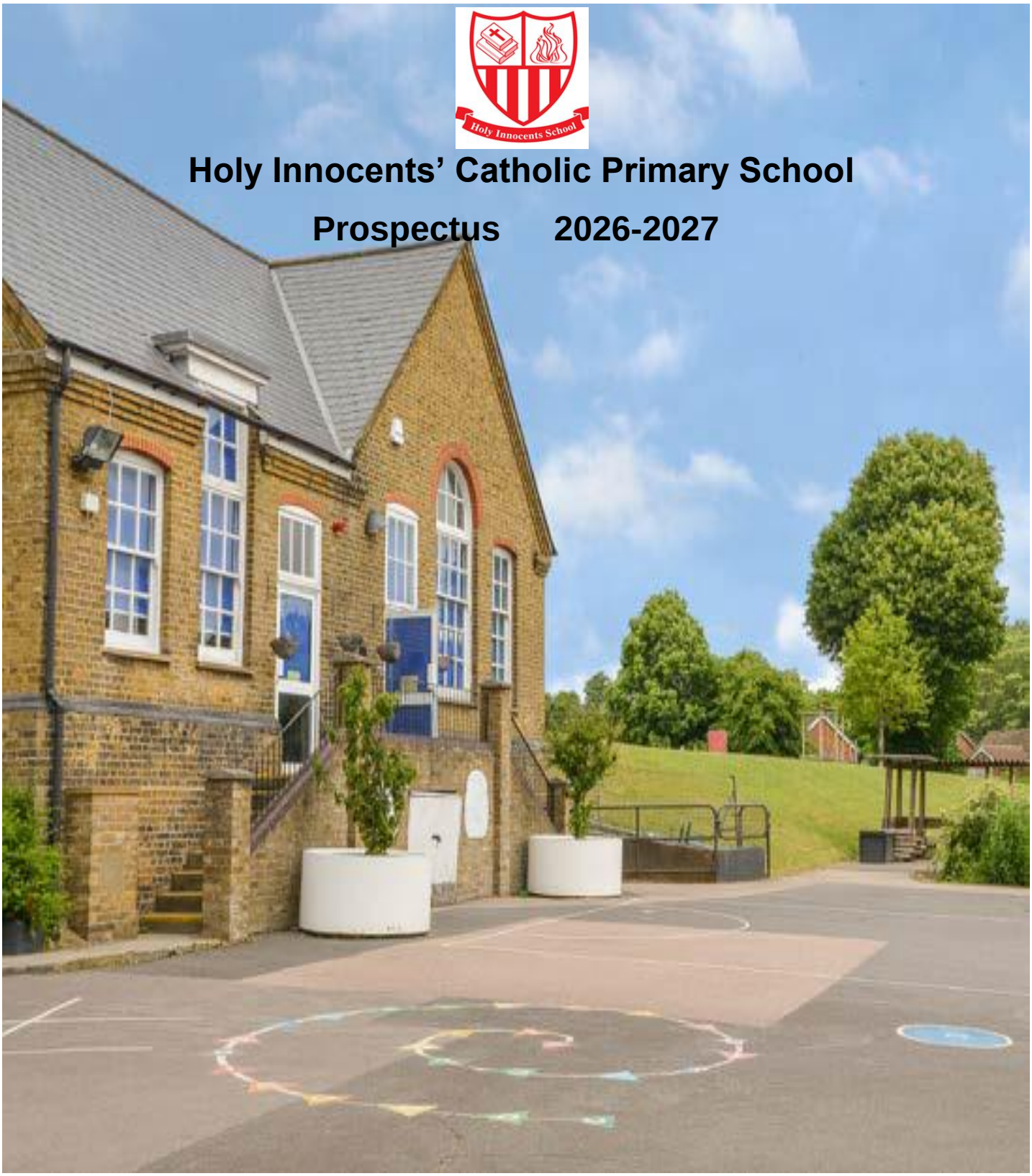
Holy Innocents' Catholic Primary School

Prospectus 2026-2027



Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School

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Our Vision and Mission Statement

Holy Innocents' Roman Catholic Primary School
'Learning & Loving Through God'

School Vision Statement

Our vision is to foster an enthusiasm for learning, enabling pupils to be creative, independent and resilient, whilst celebrating their unique talents and gifts, within a Catholic environment that creates committed young disciples understanding their role in the local and global community.

School Mission Statement

We will show God's love through our faith and actions.

We will ask God to help us through challenges we encounter.

We will celebrate and respect the diversity within our community.

Welcome

It is a real pleasure to welcome you to Holy Innocents' Catholic Primary School, a caring and wonderfully diverse school where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish.

At Holy Innocents', we want our children to be happy, confident and excited about learning. We have high expectations for all our pupils and strive to provide a rich and engaging education that develops a lifelong love of learning.

At the heart of our school is our mission statement: 'Learning and loving through God.' Rooted in our Catholic faith, we encourage our children to show kindness, compassion and respect for others, celebrating the diversity that makes our school community so special.

One of the things I love most about Holy Innocents' is our wonderful sense of community. As a one-form entry school, we have the opportunity to really get to know each child and their family. Our dedicated staff work closely with parents to create a warm, welcoming environment where every child feels valued, supported and encouraged to be the very best they can be. We are also incredibly fortunate to have such a fantastic PFA, whose enthusiasm, generosity and hard work make a real difference to our school and help us achieve our goals for the children.

There is no better way to experience our school than to come and see it for yourself. I would be delighted to welcome you and show you what makes Holy Innocents' such a special place to learn and grow.

Miss O'Leary

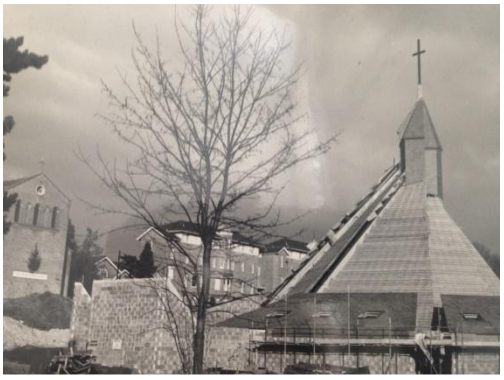
Headteacher

History of Holy Innocents' Primary School

Our school site has a long heritage rooted in the Catholic Church in the area. In 1891, the Southwark Diocesan Education Council and Rescue Society acquired about a 60-acre site to establish orphanages and a school for children from south-east London, Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

In 1893, on this site, two orphan-school institutions were founded: St Joseph's Orphanage for Boys and St Anne's Orphanage for Girls.
The orphanage for girls (St Anne's) later converted into Holy Innocents' Primary School in 1954.

On the site of the girls' orphanage (St Anne's) the present school of Holy Innocents was erected. According to records, when the need for orphanages declined, the orphanage buildings were sold and redeveloped, and the school was built roughly on the site.



The new church under construction with St Anne's and the old church behind
(Photo taken from: Holy Innocents' Catholic Church - History of the Parish - Holy Innocents' Catholic Church Orpington)

Originally the school operated as a voluntary-aided Catholic primary school under the local authority of the London Borough of Bromley. On 1 April 2015, the school formally converted to academy status as part of the Bromley Catholic Schools Trust
Since then, it has continued to grow and develop, and on September 2025, the school joined the Saint Oscar Romero Trust.

The school retains close links with the neighbouring parish Holy Innocents' Catholic Church Orpington, and operates within the Catholic ethos: nurturing children not just academically, but in their spiritual, moral and social development.

Curriculum

At Holy Innocents' Catholic Primary school, we believe that our curriculum should provide children with the opportunities to aspire to be more, in an environment which is rooted in our Catholic values and respect for each other.

Our curriculum is delivered through high quality sequential, subject specific learning. The curriculum is designed to be inclusive, creative and ambitious for all learners. It meets the formal requirements of the National Curriculum yet also goes beyond the experiences of the classroom to ensure that our children are exposed to the richest and most varied opportunities that we can provide.

Our school equips children with the ability to hone their knowledge and skills so that they may be inquisitive and aspirational. When children leave Holy Innocents, they have the awareness and initiative to achieve their full potential, rooted in our Catholic faith and values of respect and kindness.

Curriculum Implementation

Quality first teaching, delivered and supported by dedicated and motivated staff, enables all pupils to access our curriculum and become independent learners.

Subject leads have oversight of how subjects are taught from EYFS through to Year 6, ensuring that there is progression both within and between Year groups and Key Stages, and that knowledge and skills are taught sequentially within a subject area.

Specialist teachers deliver Music, PE and Spanish lessons to ensure that the breadth of the curriculum is taught to a high standard. The curriculum is enhanced by offsite educational visits, visitors to the school and extensive use of our outdoor areas. The school offers a wide range of before and after-school clubs which helps to extend the learning opportunities for all pupils.

Music



Music is a very important part of the Curriculum here at Holy Innocents' Catholic Primary School.

We have a dedicated music teacher, Mrs. Roz Walter, who teaches throughout the school. In addition to this we have a School Choir which meets during lunchtimes and regularly performs at events throughout the year.

Pupils are given opportunities to learn an instrument during class music lessons including xylophone, Djembe and recorder.

We also have 'Rocksteady' which is a music club for all ages, giving children the opportunity to form their own 'Rock' bands playing instruments such as electric guitar, drum and keyboard.

In addition to this, we have a range of instrumental teaches who visit the school throughout the week teaching pupils a range of instruments including; piano, violin, flute, guitar and many others.

Computing

Computing if taught explicitly throughout the school. Each class has access to a set of Chromebooks. The curriculum we follow, Purple Mash, means that our children are consistently exposed to robust and progressive learning. Computing within Holy Innocents' can, therefore, provide a wealth of learning opportunities and transferable skills taught in the form of 'computational thinking' in order to provide them essential knowledge that will enable them to participate effectively and safely in the digital world beyond our school.

Physical Education



We have a dedicated PE coach to teach PE lessons two days per week.

We offer a range of PE clubs before and after school including football, lacrosse and gymnastics.

Pupils take part in a wide range of competitive events across the borough each year, such as: lacrosse, football, athletics, bowling, swimming and cross-country.

Pupil Support and Wellbeing

Listening Ear

Our school is committed to promoting the emotional well-being and safeguarding of all pupils. The Listening Ear Provision provides a safe, supportive and non-judgemental space where children can share their concerns, feelings or worries with a trusted adult. This provision supports early intervention and ensures pupils feel heard, valued and cared for.



Miss O'Leary, Mrs Bacon, Mrs Connon, and Mrs Salter are all Designated Safeguarding Leads for the school.

Relationship and Health Education

In partnership with the Diocesan approved Ten Ten Resources scheme, we ensure that all children receive the statutory education around relationship and health. More information is available for parents on request.

Behaviour

High standards of behaviour are expected of Holy Innocents' children both on and off the premises. In keeping with the ethos of a Catholic School children are taught by word and example how to show respect, care for others and how to behave appropriately. Whilst supervision is always maintained, children are taught to exercise self-discipline and take responsibility for their own behaviour.

We ask for support of parents in dealing with any problems and believe that good behaviour depends upon mutual co-operation between home and school.

Good behaviour is rewarded by use of Dojo points, house points and certificates in celebration assembly every Friday

Inclusion

"We are very proud of our Inclusive School"

We are committed to offering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all of our pupils whatever their needs or abilities. Our aim is to create an atmosphere of inclusion, encouragement, respect and sensitivity.

We will show God's love through our faith and actions.

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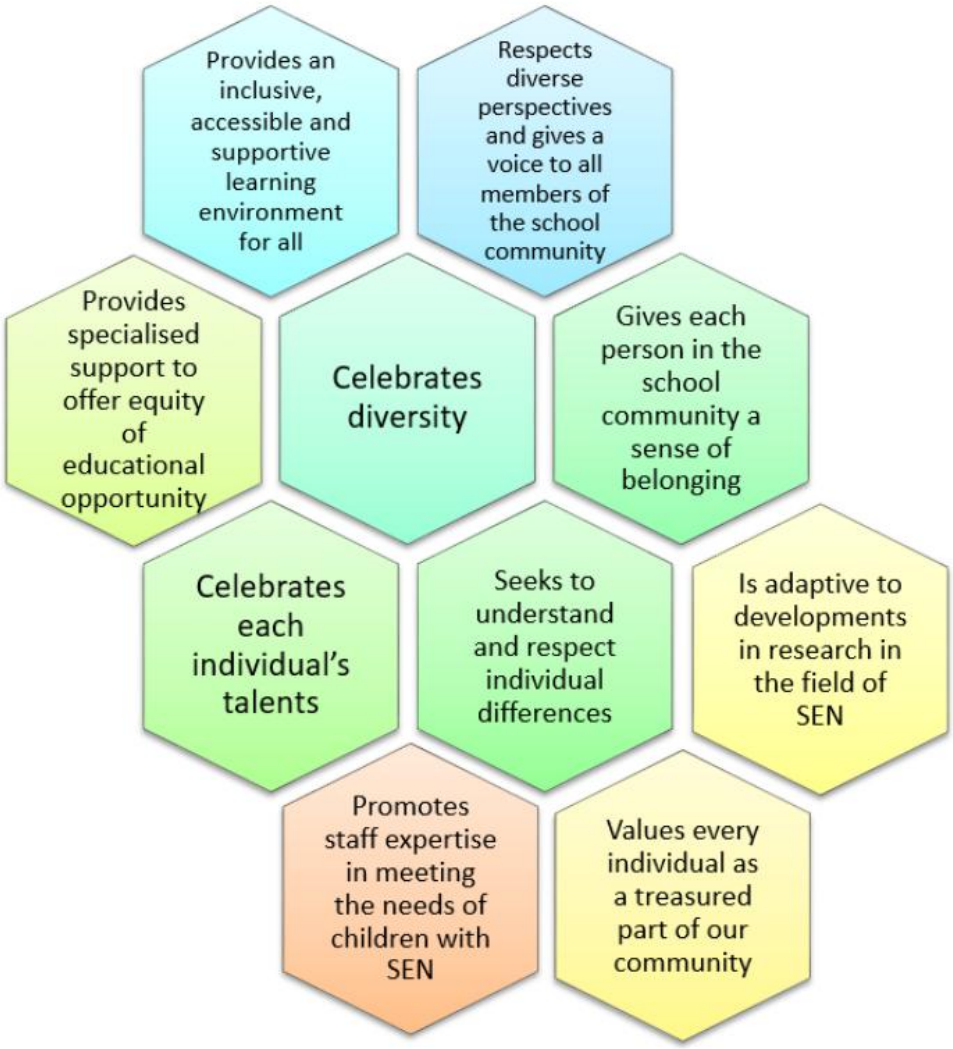
Holy Innocents' works towards a vision of inclusion which:



Specific objectives of our SEN policy

- To provide curriculum access and enable participation for all
- To secure high levels of achievement / progress for all
- To meet individual needs through a wide range of provision, while encouraging and fostering independence
- To enrich and enhance the social and emotional well-being of all children
- To ensure all children feel a sense of belonging and inclusion in all aspects of school life

The school website gives parents general information about support for pupils with Special Educational Needs, however, any parent who wishes

to discuss their individual child's needs is encouraged to meet with Miss O'Leary, Headteacher and Mrs Salter, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

Parents and Community

Parent and Friends Association



The PFA works very hard for the benefit of the children of the school and they always welcome new members. The PFA organises social and fund-raising events throughout the year and help and support from all parents is always very welcome.

Events include:

- Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party
- Discos
- Movie Nights
- Quiz Nights
- Christmas Fayre
- Summer Fayre

Members of the PFA committee are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

Parent Partnership

At Holy Innocents' we aim to work in partnership with parents.

After parents have gained a place for their child at Holy Innocents' they are invited to:

- A New Parents' Meeting, where they will be given information about preparing for their child to start school.
- Taster Afternoons
- Family picnic

Throughout the school year, the following events take place:

- Parent Consultations – a meeting with the teacher to discuss your child's progress and look through their work. These take place twice a year
- Meet the Teacher - takes place at the beginning of the academic year to find our expectations for the year
- Open Classrooms – an informal session after school, to look through your child's work. These take place each term.
- Parent workshops
- SEND coffee mornings

Events that children take part in, that parents are welcome to:

- Class Assemblies
- Harvest Festival
- Christmas Nativity and Carol Services
- Class masses (KS2)
- Celebration of Culture Day
- Sports Day



Communication with parents:

- Class Dojo
- Parentmail
- Website
- Weekly Newsletter

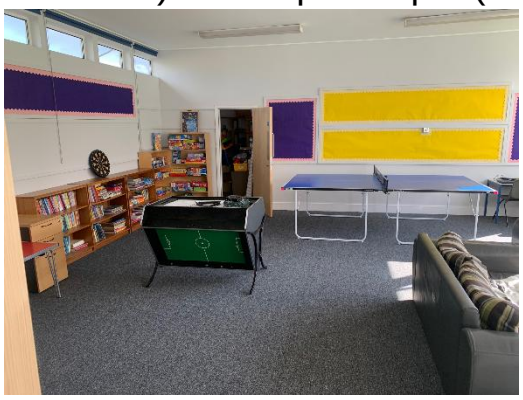
Parents are always welcome to visit the school to discuss any matters or concerns relating to their children. We invite all parents who have any concerns to make an appointment with the class teacher in the first instance. If further discussion is required, an appointment with the Head teacher should be made.

Enrichment and Extra-Curricular

Kidzone – Wrap Around Care



Kidzone is the Before & After School Childcare provision at Holy Innocents' Catholic Primary School.
We offer a wide range of activities for your children to take part in while they are at the club including arts & craft, cooking, gardening, outdoor games, digital entertainment, board games and much more.
Parents may book their children into the club on a regular or 'adhoc' basis.
Kidzone opens at 7.30am and closes at 6.00pm.
There are two afterschool sessions available: 3.15pm – 4.30pm (snack included) or 3.15pm – 6pm (hot meal included)



The staff are made up of existing school staff who already know your children well. The activities in 'Kidzone' are completely separate to school. The children will benefit from a stimulating 'play' environment making use of the outdoor area as much as possible during the summertime and the large areas within the school during the darker evenings.
Pupils will have access to a range of good quality resources and materials as well as books, DVD's, computer games and toys suitable for all ages.
A healthy menu of meals and snacks will be available all year round and all staff will have the relevant qualification to prepare and handle food.

Clubs – Before and After School

We have a range of clubs before and after school. These include: lacrosse, Skills Academy, Spectacular Science, K2K Stars, Cherry's Book Club and Gymnastics.

Educational Visits

Teachers plan for regular educational visits throughout the year to enhance the curriculum. Our aim is for each class to have an outing or a visitor comes into school at least once a term and classes visit a variety of places over London and the southeast. Currently, our year 5 attend a two-night residential trip and our year 6 attend a residential journey for a week, with children taking part in outdoor pursuits.



Admissions and Day to Day Organisation

Admissions Process

Please see our current admission policy and procedures at: Holy Innocents' Catholic Primary School - Admissions

Timetable

KS1		KS2	
Morning	8.45am-10.45am	Morning	8.45am-10.45am
Break	10.45am-11am	Break	10.45am-11am
Mornings	11am-12pm	Morning	11am-12.15pm
Lunch	12pm-1pm	Lunch	12.15pm-1:15pm
Afternoon	1pm-3.15pm	Afternoon	1.15pm-3.20pm

School Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear our school uniform. It is smart yet practical and helps to unify everyone. It instils a sense of pride in appearance and loyalty to the school.

Our uniform is supplied by Graduates Schoolwear, 201 High Street, Orpington BR6 0PF - please see the following link to their website http://www.graduates-schoolwear.co.uk/

Our uniform list:



Boys

- Grey trousers
- Grey short trousers (in summer)
- White shirt
- Red School Jumper
- School Tie
- Navy or grey socks
- Navy blue coat
- Black or dark grey shoes

Girls

- Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore
- White blouse
- Red School Jumper or cardigan
- School Tie
- Navy or white socks
- Navy or grey tights (not red)
- Navy blue coat
- Black or dark grey shoes
- Red & white striped dress (in summer)



PE

- PE Bag in House colour
- Black plimsolls (indoors)
- Trainers (outdoors)
- Navy shorts (summer)
- Navy jogging bottoms (winter)
- White polo shirt (summer)
- Navy top (winter)

Moving On

When our pupils leave, they go to a wide range of secondary schools, both local and further afield. We take great care to support families and pupils throughout the transition process, offering advice to help each child find the school that best suits their interests. Our former pupils have successfully gained places at a variety of schools, including

Beths Grammar	Ravens Wood
Bromley High	Skinners' School
Bullers Wood for Boys	St Olave's Grammar
Chislehurst School for Girls	The Judd Grammar
Darrick Wood School	Tonbridge Wells Grammar for Boys
Newstead Wood	Townley Grammar School
Orchard Academy	Trinity School
Orion Coopers	Weald of Kent

Results

2025 - 2026 - Key stage Two SATs Results

Expected Standard

	Expected +	2025 National Average Exp+
Reading	84%	75%
Writing	78%	73%
Maths	88%	75%

Greater Depth

	Greater Depth	2025 National average GD
Reading	47%	31%
Writing	19%	13%
Maths	41%	27%

Parent Testimonials

‘As parents of Aum and Ava, we wanted to share how grateful we are to be part of the Holy Innocents school community.

Although we are not Catholic, we have felt incredibly welcomed by the school, and we have been genuinely blown away by the level of care, support and nurturing environment provided to our children. From the very beginning, the staff have recognised both Aum and Ava’s individual potential, encouraged their development and helped them flourish in their own ways.

Academically, we are extremely happy with the progress both children are making. What makes Holy Innocents particularly special, however, is that the focus goes beyond academic achievement. The children are known as individuals, their strengths are recognised, and they are encouraged to grow in confidence, curiosity and independence within a caring and supportive environment.

We have also been so impressed by Miss O’Leary since she became Head Teacher. Her warmth, enthusiasm and genuine love for the school are evident every day. Whether it is sunny, raining or anything in between, seeing her at the school gates with a smile, welcoming families and children, speaks volumes about her commitment to the school community. Alongside the wider staff team, she is helping create an environment where children feel happy, valued and motivated to learn.’

‘We feel incredibly fortunate that our children attend Holy Innocents. We believe the school has enormous potential to continue growing and achieving great things, and we hope that prospective parents will look beyond an Ofsted rating and take the opportunity to experience the school for themselves. The dedication of the staff, the progress the children are making and the nurturing atmosphere we see every day are what truly matter to us as parents.’

‘Holy Innocents has been everything we could have hoped for in a school, and we would wholeheartedly encourage other families to come along, meet the team and see for themselves what makes this school so special.’

‘We are genuinely grateful to be part of such a wonderful school community.’

‘We absolutely love being at Holy Innocents. It may be a small school, but that is one of the things that makes it so special. There is a genuine sense of community, the teachers really know the children, and our new Headteacher has made such an effort to get to know every pupil personally.’

‘There is always something happening, from school events and celebrations to activities that bring families together, and there is a wonderful relationship between the children, teachers and parents. It really does feel like a community where people know one another, look out for each other and want the very best for the children. **We feel proud to be part of it.’**

‘Our son attends the pre-school and the experience has been transformative for our son and us as parents. He has special education needs and Mrs Gregory and the whole pre-school team has been so supportive and inclusive. They are so knowledgeable and the experiences they provide are exceptional. He goes into pre-school so happily and has made so much progress. We couldn't be happier! ‘

‘We are very happy to be part of the Holy Innocents school community. Since my daughter joined the school, I have felt welcomed and reassured that she is in a caring and supportive environment.’

‘What I appreciate most is the way the school looks after the children, not only academically but also emotionally and spiritually. It is lovely to see how the teachers encourage the children to learn, grow in confidence and develop good values. The faith in God is also an important part of school life, helping children grow with kindness, respect and compassion.’

‘I also appreciate the communication and support from the school staff. Knowing that my daughter is surrounded by people who genuinely care about her wellbeing makes a great difference as a parent.’

‘I am grateful that my daughter has the opportunity to learn and grow at Holy Innocents. It is a school where children are encouraged to do their best while feeling cared for and supported.’

Tours

If you would like to book a tour with the Headteacher, or you have any questions, please do contact the school office.
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