OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACHIEVING TOGETHER IN GOD'S LOVE

Starting Reception Class

November 2026



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Our School Mission Statement



We are committed to developing a diverse community of excellence driven by the values of **love, forgiveness, trust and acceptance**.

With Christ at the centre of all learning, we will inspire every individual to have the confidence to develop their unique potential and be a responsible, effective member of society.

We offer a school that is: **safe, creative and exciting**. Together, we will achieve in God's love.

"Achieving together in God's love."

Senior Leadership Team



Mr J Devlin

Executive Headteacher



Mrs K Mitchell

Head of School



Miss R Peers

Early Years Leader

Reception Team



Miss R Peers

Early Years Leader

& Reception Teacher



Miss S Brown

Nursery Nurse



Miss S Ward

Early Years Practitioner

Our Early Years Ethos



Where play is the root of our learning.

Our Early Years Philosophy: we want children to explore the curiosity and wonder of our world through play and exploration.

Communication & Language



We are an accredited Communication Friendly Setting.

Our School Vision and Ethos

Learning must be exciting and fun!

Learning is an adventure!

Learning must be creative and personal.

The best part of childhood!

Best days of their lives!

Our School Curriculum Vision



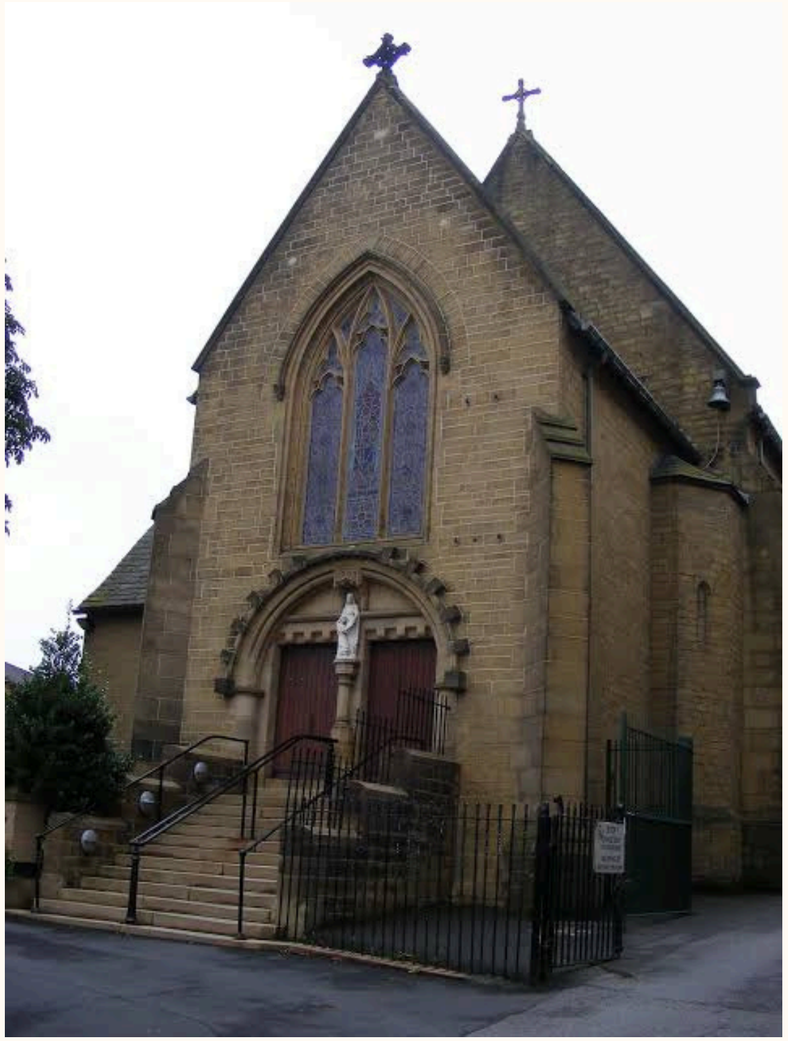
- A school of Opportunities
- A school of Adventure
- A school of Confidence
- A school of Love
- A school of Reading
- A school of Excellence
- A school of Faith
- A school of Community
- A school of Virtues
- A school of Creativity

A school of Faith

As a Catholic School, we feel that our faith and values enhance our school culture and ethos. Together we follow and learn about the virtues to live by.

We engage in collective worships, prayer & liturgy. We attend St Annes Church. We work closely with our partner Catholic Schools.

We have our Minnie Vinnies and Faith in Action group who support in the community and around school.



Faith within the community

- Family mass at St Annes
- Volunteering at the Good Shepherd Centre
- Weekly mass
- Children and staff using our prayer corner
- Class liturgy and worship
- Attending services at Leeds Cathedral.

Faith in action

Volunteering within our local community

Delivering food to the Good Shepherd Centre

Family Mass at St Annes Church

Attending Mass

Engaging in special celebrations at Church.

Attending Mass at Leeds Cathedral

Staff and children using our prayer corner at lunchtime.



"High levels of pastoral care and the warmth of welcome to all are providing pupils, their families, and staff with a place where they can all 'Achieve together in God's love'."

S48 Insepction Report, 2023

A school of Opportunities and Adventure

Nell Bank

Hesketh Farm

Bikeability

Celebrations

Nursery Rhyme Challenge

Meeting our local Firefighters

Paris

Nature area

Halton Gill

Attending a working farm

High adventure

Forest schools

A school of Love



What we can offer ...

Great, caring teachers!

Outstanding curriculum, care, support and behaviour.

High standards and expectations.

The best start in life & life changing experiences.

Ofsted, 2023

Leaders have high expectations and ambition for all pupils.

This is an inclusive school. Leaders are determined that pupils with SEND access the same opportunities as their peers.

Leaders have designed an ambitious curriculum. The curriculums in many subjects, such as Mathematics and History, are coherently sequenced and leaders have thought about how pupils' knowledge will build over time.

Pupils speak positively about behaviour in school.

Pupils benefit from positive relationships with adults. Adults focus heavily on developing children's early language and communication skills.

Early Years

Our Achievements & Results

93% in KS2 reading. Nationally 75%

79% in KS2 writing. Nationally 73%

97% in KS2 Maths. Nationally 75%

Trips

Reception = Hesketh Farm
Year 1 = Seaside
Year 2 = Nell Bank
Year 3 = Forest Schools
Year 4 = Halton Gill
Year 5 = London
Year 6 = Paris

Other trips

- Fountains Abbey
- EureKa
- Nell BanK
- Various farms
- Author worKshops at the library
- Story bus
- High adventure
- Harry Potter world
- WalKing pen-y-ghent
- BucKingham palace
- Industrial Museum
- Leeds CricKet ground

PLUS MANY MORE!

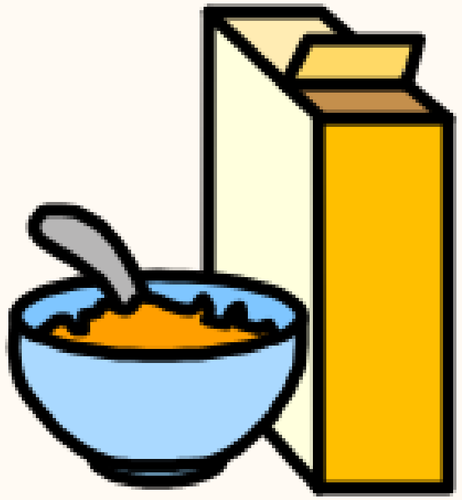
Children as leaders

Children play a Key role in developing our school and being the voice for change. Children are involved in the following:

- School mayor
- PAB
- School council
- Mini Vinnies
- Good Samaritans
- RE Council
- Buddies
- Health & Safety officers

Plus many more ...

Wraparound Care





Breakfast Club

- Opens 7.45am.
- Booking system in place.
- £2 per child and £3 per family.

After School Clubs

- Range of after school clubs available.
- Links with Keighley Community Nursery - pick up system.

Keighley Community Nursery and after school club

Application Process

Application Window:
16th November - 15th January

16th April = Offer Day (via Email)

Appeals take place in July 2027.

Application Process

In addition, please complete a supplementary form and return to our school office if you are Catholic.

These can be collected from the school office or at the Reception open morning.

Stay & Play



Please feel free to go and have a tour of our school and play in our Reception provision: inside and outside.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Miss Peers via the school office.