



St Bridget's
C of E
(Controlled)
Primary School
West Kirby



1825-2017



Mission Statement

T E A M

Together Everyone Achieves More

School Vision

Inspiring, nurturing and educating our children to flourish as work citizens today and tomorrow

School Aims

To provide a school that supports children's development through its Christian foundation.

To create an environment in which each child's potential can be realised, academically, socially, creatively, physically and spiritually.

To organise a safe and happy school where everyone is valued and respected and their individual qualities and creativity are recognised and celebrated.

To build a team of experienced committed and caring staff with a broad range of expertise that meet the needs of the children.

To work with all members of the school community to provide challenging learning targets appropriate to each individual child.

To develop the children with a broad and balanced curriculum in order to create a firm foundation for children's future education and life.

To encourage all children to adopt and maintain safe and healthy lifestyles.

To foster in children the qualities of self-belief, care and consideration for others, and to encourage high expectations in all areas of school life, in order to equip them to be good citizens for the future.



**After Ofsted Inspection in January 2013 St. Bridget's Primary was judged to be outstanding in all areas.
A full report is available from the school website.**

"All pupils achieve extremely well and reach standards that are well above average in English and Mathematics. The rates of progress pupils make are more rapid than at the time of the previous inspection.

Teaching promotes outstanding learning and progress. Careful planning and attention to individual needs mean that all pupils thrive and want to learn.

Excellent support for disabled pupils and those who have special educational needs ensures that they make very good progress and are fully included in the school.

Pupils' behaviour is excellent. They are polite, considerate and work hard. Older pupils carry out many roles and responsibilities and this prepares them well for their future lives. They know and understand how to keep themselves safe."



**In April 2013 the Diocese of Chester conducted an inspection and judged the school to be outstanding in all areas.
A full report is available from the school website.**

"This is a school where Christian values lie at the heart of the learning that takes place and the day to day experience offered to the children. Children, staff, parents and governors share their experience of the school with enthusiasm, and staff and governors are constantly seeking ways in which the school can further develop its already outstanding practice."

Welcome



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This prospectus provides an introduction to St Bridget's School; further information is available from school.

Any parent wishing to see our headteacher should telephone the school or write to make an appointment. Visits for prospective parents may also be arranged in this way.

General information about all schools in Wirral is available from Metropolitan Borough of Wirral, Education Department, Hamilton Building, Conway Street, Birkenhead, CH41 4FD.

Tel No: 0151 606 2000.

Pupil Services Tel No: 0151 666 4221.

Website: <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-or-secondary-school-place>

School Website/VLE: <http://www.stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk/website>

Information is also available in public libraries. The information contained in this document relates to the current school year and, although correct at the time of publication, it should not be assumed that there would be no changes before the start of, or during the next school year.

The prospectus is also available at: <http://www.stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk/website/prospectus/31380>

Welcome

from

St Bridget's C of E (Controlled) Primary School

423 boys and girls (aged 4 to 11 years) on roll June 2016

Headteacher

Mr N Le Feuvre

Deputy Headteacher

Mr R Brown

Teaching Staff

Miss S Bowler	Mrs C Lacey
Mrs N Inglis	Mr P Marriott
Mr R Brown	Mr R Neal
Mrs J Butler	Miss N Smith
Mrs J Carver	Mrs T Taziker
Mrs A Coakley-Hines	Mrs G Vickers
Miss R Cotterell	Mrs L Wain
Mrs K Nickson	Mrs V Neal
Mrs E Johnson	Mr M Heathcote
Miss K Sadler-Jones	

Support Teaching Staff

PPA Staff - Mr B Donelan, Mrs Holloway, Miss Quinn

Teaching Assistants

Miss A Broughton - Mrs J Champion - Mrs J Coughlin - Mrs C McKenzie - Mrs J Paterson - Mrs A Roberts Mrs A McIlhinney - Mrs C Warburton - Mrs N Ward - Miss L Daltry - Mr M Biggins -Mrs C King - Mrs C Redgrif
Mrs L McLeod - Mrs P Carroll-Vickers

Apprentices

Mr C Starr - Miss M Palmer

Secretaries

Mrs P Emery - Mrs K Harland - Miss S Marriott - Miss J Singleton

Caretaker

Mr B Cowling

Kitchen

Catering Supervisor - Mrs J Mountain **Cashier** - Mrs D Robinson

Senior Lunchtime Supervisor

Mrs J Paterson.

Pastoral Care & Discipline



To ensure that your child's interests are best served we hope for maximum co-operation between school and home. All parents can see the class teacher or head-teacher whenever necessary, subject to availability. School promotes positive behaviour through implementation of the behaviour policy. Most sanctions against children take the form of additional work at playtime or lunchtime and a loss of golden time.

We have two Parents' Meetings each year to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher(s). Appointments are sent out in advance and we encourage attendance (without children if at all possible).

Equal Opportunities & Accessibility

In line with the school's commitment to the needs of individual pupils, all subjects within the National Curriculum is open to both boys and girls on an equal basis.

All children regardless of disability or ethnicity will be provided with the same opportunities to learn.

We will endeavour to make all aspects of school life accessible to every child within our care.

We have 2 stair lifts and an external ramp to enable accessibility to all parts of the school.

We also have a medical room designed to support children with specific needs.



Special Educational Needs



Our aim is to ensure that we meet the needs of all individuals within our school. Occasionally some children experience greater difficulties than average to those in the same age group; these children are then offered extra support in their work and may sometimes be identified as having Special Educational Needs (SEN).

Our school follows the SEN criteria set by the Local Authority. We implement the **SEND Code of Practice** and children with difficulties are placed on the school **SEN register**, which is confidential to teachers and parents. Their progress is closely monitored and reviewed at regular intervals by our **SEN Co-ordinator**, the Local Authority **SEN Support Service** and **parents**. School is also able to access many support agencies in order to support children with specific difficulties.

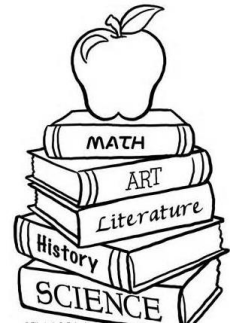
Work in class is **differentiated** in order to meet the needs of all children, including the most able. Wherever possible, children with SEN are supported in their work. Most of the time this occurs within the classroom but on occasions it may be necessary to withdraw children individually or in a small group.

The Local Authority supports children with an Education Healthcare Plan and school is happy to work alongside the specialist support teachers in devising and implementing **Additional Support Plans (ASP)** in accordance with the Code of Practice.

Parents are invited to discuss the Support Plan/S

To ensure continuity SEN records are held by the class teacher and these are available for parents to view by appointment with school.

The Curriculum



At St Bridget's School, we aim to give each child the best possible education. A conscientious, caring staff makes an excellent blend of traditional and modern teaching methods.

In line with the **National Curriculum** we cover the core subjects:

ENGLISH (reading, writing, speaking & listening etc), **MATHS** and **SCIENCE**, as well as the foundation Subjects: **History, Geography, ICT, D & T, Music, Art, PE & RE** *.

The children are assessed at two stages in the primary sector; at the end of both Key Stage 1 (Year 2/ages 6-7) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6/ages 10-11). Assessment will, of course, be continuous throughout the stages, but reported to the DFE at the end of each Key Stage. For each subject and each key stage, programmes of study set out what the pupils should be taught and attainment targets set out the expected standards of pupils' performance. Detailed guidelines in all subjects have been issued and school has schemes of work based on these. Some of the work in the foundation subjects will be covered in a cross-curricular manner via topic work, but there will be some specific areas that must be covered by individual year groups as mini-topics.

In addition, all children use ICT regularly. We have 30 computers in our computer suite, 30 IPADS and 2 mobile laptop trolleys that connect via Wi-Fi. We ensure that children have regular opportunities to use them, aiming towards computer literacy.

At our school we follow the SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) to support pupil's emotional development and relationships. The SEAL programme is a 'whole school' approach where the children focus on a particular topic each half term, these are:

- New Beginnings
- Getting On and Falling Out
- Say No to Bullying
- Going for Goals
- Good to be Me
- Relationships
- Changes

These lessons are carried out through a variety of learning styles but often a 'circle time' approach is used.

St Bridget's is a Rights respecting school. This is our latest project where our pupils are made aware of the United Nations Convention of Rights of the Child. As a school, we focus on the different articles of the CRC.

In order to support our pupil's relationships and sexual education a sensitive programme of work is delivered in years 5 and 6.

In addition, we enjoy the services of peripatetic teachers of the violin, cello, brass, guitar and woodwind instruments for interested, musical Y3 children onwards. Children can also learn to play the recorder and ukulele. The children at St Bridget's get an opportunity to hear concerts and see plays when performers visit the school. All children make at least one educational visit a year, depending upon the studies being undertaken.

We aim to provide the broad base on which later education will be founded. It is in the primary stage when education can be given a more individual approach and many opportunities are available for children to work at their own rate.

Parents are invited three times a year to discuss their children's progress with the class teacher and/or see their work. However, it is possible to make an appointment to see either the class teacher or headteacher should interim problems arise.

* School has devised a scheme of work for RE using both the Local Authority Agreed Syllabus and the Chester Diocesan Guidelines. Further information can be obtained from our Headteacher.



Homework

Homework is set on a regular basis, and all children will be expected to practise reading and to learn spellings and tables. Other work to be done at home will tend to involve research work for topics, book reviews, remedial, and supplementary work. Homework is normally given on a weekly basis to allow flexibility for after-school activities.

We endeavour to use playtimes and lunchtimes to complete unfinished class work but if necessary, this will be sent home for completion for the next day.

We expect the children to work as hard as they can within school hours and this consistent effort will ensure that they have covered all the work required by both the National Curriculum and secondary schools.

Parents can help considerably if they encourage these activities and provide a quiet environment for the children to work at home. We ask that their work is checked, especially for legibility and neatness and counter-signed by a parent when appropriate.

Admissions Policy

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St Bridget's C of E Primary School is a Voluntary Controlled school. The admission arrangements are the same as in Community schools where the **Local Authority is responsible for all admissions.**

RECEPTION (FOUNDATION 2)

Children usually start school in the school year (September - August) in which they will have their 5th birthday. Parents will be required to apply for a place at our school between the beginning of September and mid-December in the school year before they are due to start school (If your child is 5 between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you will need to apply for a place at our school between September and December 2016) **this is done through the Local Education Authority not by school.**

Children whose parents have applied in this way and live in our catchment area ¹ will most likely be offered a place. The new code of admissions however means we cannot guarantee this, due to variations in parental preferences.

We have 60 places available each year in Foundation Stage.

KEY STAGE 1 (YEARS 1 & 2)

Children whose parents wish them to join our school during these years, and live in our zone will be granted a place only if there are less than 30 in these classes (60 in the year group) - **THIS IS A GOVERNMENT MANDATE.**

Again children living in the catchment area will have priority.

KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Children requiring a place in one of these years, and who live in the catchment area, will usually have a place.

OUT OF ZONE ADMISSIONS

All families who request an out of zone admission place will be considered for a place only if there are vacancies.

Out of zone applications will be given priority by the Local Authority in the following order:

- children who are looked after by a local authority;
- children with brothers or sisters currently at the school;
- children with particular medical or social needs;
- children living nearest to the school (but out of area).

Further information about school admissions can be obtained from **Pupil Services** on 0151 666 4221



School Meals

St Bites Kitchen



We have a desire to provide the best quality food and service at an affordable price. We are able to cater for all dietary requirements, be it allergy or personal choice. The wide and varied menu is run over a 3 week period and can be found on the school website.

Currently the cost is £2.05 for lunch without a drink (water is available on each dinner table) and £2.30 for lunch with a drink - weekly £10.25/£11.50 (inclusive of drink).

The cost for lunch is payable via our online payments system  **ParentPay** each child will be given a personal log on for parents to use.

Please note that all Key Stage 1 children are now entitled to a Free School Meal.

THERE ARE NO FACILITIES FOR CREDIT

Alternatively, your child may bring a **packed lunch**. All packed lunches need to be sent in a container that is clearly named, so they can be safely stored in the classroom during the day. No sweets or fizzy drinks are allowed.

- **Any parent in either KS1 or KS2 requiring consideration for free school meals should contact the Schools Welfare Section at Hamilton Building, Conway Street, Birkenhead. (0151 666 4325)**

Drinks & Snacks

Children in Reception have a mid-morning drink of milk or water (paid for termly). **Children in Year 1** can have milk at mid-morning break if they wish (again paid for termly). Each day fruit or a vegetable is provided for children in **Reception, Year 1 & 2** - usually apples, small oranges, pears or bananas, carrots or tomatoes. All children are encouraged to bring bottled water in named containers.

¹ See Page 15

Governors

Our Governing body, re-constituted on 7th July 2015 under new Government regulations and now comprises of

4 Foundation Governors 1 Headteacher Governor 1 Local Authority Governor

6 Parent Governors 1 Staff Governor 3 Co-opted Governors

Further details including a full list of governors are available in school or on the school website.

Chair of Governors - Dr Sue Darby

Vice Chair - Dr Alex Owen

Parent Governors are:

Mrs C King, Mr Nick Ledingham, Dr Alex Owen, Ms Ali McDonald, Mrs Imogen Longmore & Mr Kevin Chappell

Contact for all our governors is via the school office on: - 0151 625 7652.

When necessary, election of new governors will take place.

Parents' Association

St Bridget's School Parents' Association was formed in April 1980; the membership is comprised of parents and members of staff, represented by a committee elected yearly at the AGM in October. The current aims are primarily social and fund raising and with the help of parents throughout the school they support a variety of functions and evening events for parents, family barbecues, Christmas fairs, discos for children, toy fairs, etc. Functions are well attended and we hope for your continued support in attending, promoting and organising events. Details of future events are published through an ever changing medium with Facebook and the school website (providing paperless options). Events are also advertised on the notice board outside school.

If there is an event that you think should happen, you don't need to be on the committee to start the ball rolling, there are many people that can provide support, guidance and of course funding as long as it fits within the scope of the aims of the PA.

The Annual General Meeting, to which all parents and members of staff are warmly invited, usually takes place in early October, **new members are always welcome.**

Recently, the parents of the school, through the Parents' Association have raised funds to help provide a wide variety of equipment that might not be readily available through the normal funding channels. Bike racks, computers, chess clocks, football goals and netball nets, lighting for school plays and concerts, learning/play equipment for reception, a replacement wooden gazebo and the outdoor wooden play equipment (to name a select few) have all been purchased through funds raised at various Parents' Association events. Your continued support and enthusiasm will mean that these added extras can continue to be provided for the benefit of the children at St Bridget's.

Contact us at: stbridgetspa@gmail.com



"I like being in the School Council because you can discuss your ideas and other people's ideas also you can raise money for charities" Quote from year six pupil

- Our School Council is run, with teacher supervision by children representing each year.
- They are voted on to the council by their Key Stage counterparts.
- The members of the council meet regularly to discuss topics that are felt to be important to the pupils.
- They organise some fund raising activities to purchase playground and classroom equipment.



Sport



St Bridget's has been awarded the 'Silvermark School Games Award' in recognition of the school's provision both within and beyond the curriculum. We have always taken a full part in inter-school sporting activities, we feel this is an important part of our personal and community involvement both during and after school. Children also take part in a range of Inter-class and Inter-house competitions (e.g. handball, hockey, boccia, N.A. kurling, tag-rugby).

In Years 3, 4 & 5 all the children have daily swimming lessons during a two week block (in each of these years). Pupils regularly take part in the Wirral Primary Schools Swimming Galas (we were Deeside Champions for 2012).

We have represented Wirral at the Merseyside County Finals in recent years in Indoor/outdoor Athletics and Gymnastics.

We enter local football tournaments and in the last 12 months have competed in Wirral Schools Quicksticks and Kwik-Cricket competitions as well as National School Sport's Week events, such as beach volleyball.

During 2009/10 we became a 'Bike It School' with the full support of the Charity Sustrans; we had already achieved the Bronze Award and gained the Silver Award in 2013.

All Children are taught Gym, Dance and Games. The Key Stage 2 children are taught a variety of team games including football, netball, rounders, rugby, hockey, athletics and O.A.A.

Extracurricular activities which include; athletics, maypole dancing, football and cross country are available during the year. We have also run breakfast courses in judo, fencing, karate, basketball, cricket and handball.



The Arts



Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

As a Rights Respecting School, we follow the United Nations Convention of Rights of the Child. We uphold children's rights throughout all aspects of our school life and the Arts are no exception.

At St. Bridget's you can expect your child's potential and talents to be nurtured.

All children are actively encouraged to participate in and appreciate the Arts. Singing and music plays a huge part in our school, we sing every day and we appreciate the value and joy of expressing ourselves through song.

Every year we have an annual Arts and Multicultural Week which allows us to learn from other cultures and work together to create a whole school arts project.

Within our music curriculum, children are introduced to a range of musical instruments. They also have opportunities to develop their listening and performance skills.

Outside of the curriculum children in Years 4 - 6 can take part in choir or 'little choir' for Year 2. There are no auditions - just enthusiasm required! These children perform at different concerts and festivals throughout the year. They also support whole school singing, in our assemblies and church services. We also have a school orchestra which meets on a weekly basis and performs at various points in the year.

In Years 3 - 6 children can choose from a number of different musical instruments to learn with lessons from visiting peripatetic teachers (lessons are chargeable). These include string, keyboard, woodwind and percussion.

When appropriate, visits are arranged to concerts (Y6 visit the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra each year), local art galleries, historic houses etc, as part of the school day. Musicians also visit school on occasions to deliver performances and workshops with the children.

Dance plays a major part in our PE curriculum and children throughout the school are encouraged to express themselves through movement. Dance modules are often linked to the children's work in other subject, for example, Volcanoes in Year 4. Extra curricular dance clubs take place after school and are led by "Full of Beans".

Extra Curricular Clubs

Throughout the year a variety of extra-curricular activities are offered to children across our school.

Some of these are provided free of charge and run by school staff, some are chargeable and are delivered by outside providers. Some are run before school, some at lunchtime but most are after school.

We aim to provide a variety of extra experiences and challenges to complement our school curriculum. Activities are usually targeted at particular age groups and are run for a season.

Activities offered during 2015-16 included: - sport, martial arts, dance, 2 choirs and French.

School Visits

In order to cover the costs of most school trips, we need to request voluntary contributions from parents. No child will be prevented from going on a visit, but all visits are dependent upon school receiving sufficient contributions. Payment for residential visits in Year 6, however, requires full payment. Should you have difficulty in meeting this cost, please discuss this with our head teacher.

Children's Activities Out of School/ CH.A.O.S

This is a privately run club to provide child care for children at St. Bridget's before and after school. The club uses both the school hall and the atrium.

- Before school child care starts at 7.45am to 8.50am after which children are taken to their classes.
- After school child care starts at 3.30pm to 5.45pm Monday to Thursday (Friday 5.30pm).

For more information contact the manager:

Clair Redgrif: 07541 427340 - clair-chaos@hotmail.com

CHAOS provider - Jennie-chaos@hotmail.co.uk Breakfast

Our School Travel Plans

Our school has a "Travel Plan" which has been established in an effort to reduce car congestion around the area of the school, to increase school safety and encourage more families to walk to and from school. **We operate a voluntary "ONE WAY SYSTEM" along Ludlow Drive, at the beginning and end of our school day.** Please enter Ludlow Drive at the entrance to Sandy Lane and exit on to Village Road.

Attention must also be drawn to the dangers for the children caused by a small number of thoughtless drivers (often parents) parking in the vicinity of the school. As a result between 8.45/9.00am & 3.15/3.45pm the immediate area will be closed with cones provided by the police. Traffic wardens regularly visit the roads on either side of the school at the beginning and end of the school day. Please help us to safeguard our children by parking considerately and walking the short distance. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us all and there is no space for cars by the school gates, especially at the times when the majority of children arrive and leave.

PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO MEET CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 TO 6 IN THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL.

Foundation Stage (Reception) children are brought to the infant playground by their teacher at 3.25pm

KS1 Children are brought to the infant playground by their teacher at 3.25pm

Any child not collected will be brought back into school to await the parent/carer's arrival.

KS2 children will leave through the junior playground at 3.30pm and are instructed to return to school if no-one collects them as planned.

School Rules

These are kept to a minimum but are designed for the mutual benefit of all pupils. Children are informed of any rules that we feel the need to make.

Written copies of all rules are issued to families periodically and are always available in School.

The main points are:

1. School sessions: **Mornings:** 9.00am - 12noon (KS1): 9.00am - 12.15pm (KS2)
Afternoons: 1.10pm - 3.25pm (KS1): 1.15pm - 3.30pm (KS2)
(Children arrive between 8.50am and 9am)
Excluding assembly time and breaks, children are in class for 4.5 hours daily at KS1 & 4.75 hours at KS2.
2. *No child may leave school premises without prior arrangement whilst school is in session. We would hope that necessary appointments could be made out of school hours as far as possible. Children must be collected from the office by a responsible adult and the appropriate form signed at this point. If they return to school on the same day after the appointment, the carer must bring the child back into school and re-register at the office. **No child should be left to come into school alone. This is to comply with Fire Regulations.***
3. No child should arrive in school before 8.50am. Neither Wirral Borough Council, the governors nor the school staff will accept responsibility for any loss or injury sustained by your child on the premises before this time or after 3.40pm unless attending an organised 'pre' or 'after-school club', or if the carer is meeting with a member of staff.
Please note: Before and after school club is run by CHOAS (see page 9)
4. All children should arrive punctually: **anyone arriving late must be accompanied by an adult, enter school through the main entrance and inform the office. The accompanying adult should sign the "late book" again in order to comply with our fire regulations. ALL VISITORS (INCLUDING PARENTS) TO SCHOOL MUST ENTER VIA THE MAIN ENTRANCE & REPORT TO THE OFFICE.**
5. School uniform (see Page 14) should be worn at all times and all clothing, bags, wallets, purses etc should be clearly named * named items are much more likely to be returned *.
6. ***PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY MEDICAL PROBLEM - INCLUDING ASTHMA.***
*Any medicines, apart from inhalers, must be kept safely in the school office where children should come at the stated time to receive them. An appropriate form will need to be completed by a parent/guardian - **not the childminder** - in order for this to be carried out. Special consideration will be given, at the discretion of the Headteacher to children with certain diseases (i.e. diabetes mellitus).*
No-one in school is under any obligation to give any medicines or perform any associated tasks unless they are specifically employed to do so. All medicine (including inhalers) must be clearly labelled - and in date - and we are only able to give the named medicine to that particular child.
PLEASE BRING MEDICINES INTO SCHOOL ONLY WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
7. You are requested to notify the school office on the first day of your child's absence. A written letter of explanation (to the class teacher) is required on the day your child returns.
8. You are requested to avoid taking holidays in term time as it is disruptive to your child's education. All children receive holiday lists, duplicates are available in school and are on the school website and in the school prospectus. The school website calendar has up-to-date school information including: holiday dates, parents' evenings, sports' days and various other school dates. **Extra Guidance for parents** please consider these points:
The new National amendment from September 2013 states that; Headteachers may **not** grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted. Should this request not be granted, time taken will be classed as unauthorised absence and will automatically appear on the pupil's record and also affect our statistical report to the DCSF.
The completed form should be returned to school **prior** to the date for which the leave of absence is requested.
9. No sweets, toys, jewellery, or mobile phones etc., may be brought to school unless special permission is given by the class teacher

School Uniform

We would be grateful if parents would endeavour to dress children in our school uniform.

BOYS' UNIFORM

Grey trousers - long or short trousers
Grey jumper
White shirt
Royal blue, green & yellow tie²

GIRLS' UNIFORM

Grey pinafore dress, skirt or smart trousers
Grey jumper or cardigan
White blouse

Brown or black shoes **suitable** for school should be worn - with appropriate socks/tights. Trainers are **not** acceptable, **nor** are fashion shoes/boots.

FS2 CHILDREN

FS2 children can wear St Bridget's polo shirts instead of white shirt and tie all year.

SUMMER WEAR

Girls who wish to wear a dress should have one in either blue/white check or blue/white stripes.

Boys may wear a short-sleeved, collar-attached white shirt.

*If a child is performing in our school orchestra, choir etc at a special event, we ask that appropriate school uniform is worn with a **long-sleeved white shirt /blouse**. Girls are requested to wear a skirt/pinafore dress - **not trousers**.*

Parents of F2 children are asked to purchase a named school bag to carry books etc home. These should be brought to school daily. A small pencil case with pencils, crayons, pencil sharpener, ruler & rubber is essential. From Year 4 upwards, a biro is necessary and from Y5 a fountain pen and a geometry set would be useful.

All children require

1. Yellow **T-shirt** ²
2. Royal blue **shorts** ²
3. **Pumps** for PE
4. **Short socks** to replace tights

When necessary. Trainers may be worn for outside sporting activities.

In the junior years trainers **are** essential. A tracksuit would be an advantage for cold weather.

Football boots are **not** essential as substantial trainers will usually be sufficient.

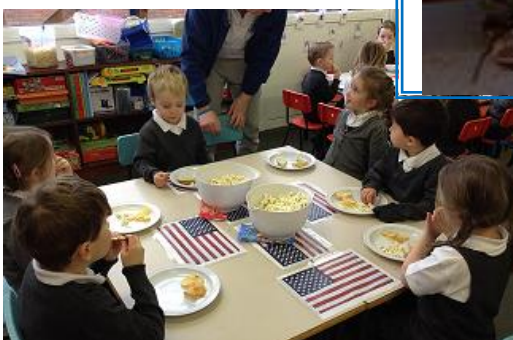
5. A **PE bag (available from the Parents Association)** is essential to store these items as they are kept in school during term time if you require a new bag email:- stbridgetspa@gmail.com

**EVERY ITEM SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME
NO JEWELLERY MAY BE WORN FOR SPORTING ACTIVITIES - THIS INCLUDES EARRINGS***

*should this not be possible, plasters *must be* used to cover the earrings for PE, games, sports, swimming etc.

² Available from Larry Adams, 7a Banks Road, WK. (0151 625 9424)

Our School/



Term Dates 2016 - 2017

WIRRAL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Autumn Term 2016

Open	Monday 5 September to Friday 21 October
Half-term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
Open	Monday 31 October to Friday 23 December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 26 December to Friday 6 January

Spring Term 2017

Open	Monday 9 January to Friday 17 February
Half-term	Mon 20 February to Fri 24 February
Open	Mon 27 February to Fri 31 March
Easter Bank Holidays	Friday 14 April and Monday 17 April
Spring break	Monday 3 April to Monday 17 April

Summer Term 2017

Open	Tuesday 18 April to Friday 26 May
Half-term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
Open	Monday 5 June to Tuesday 25 July

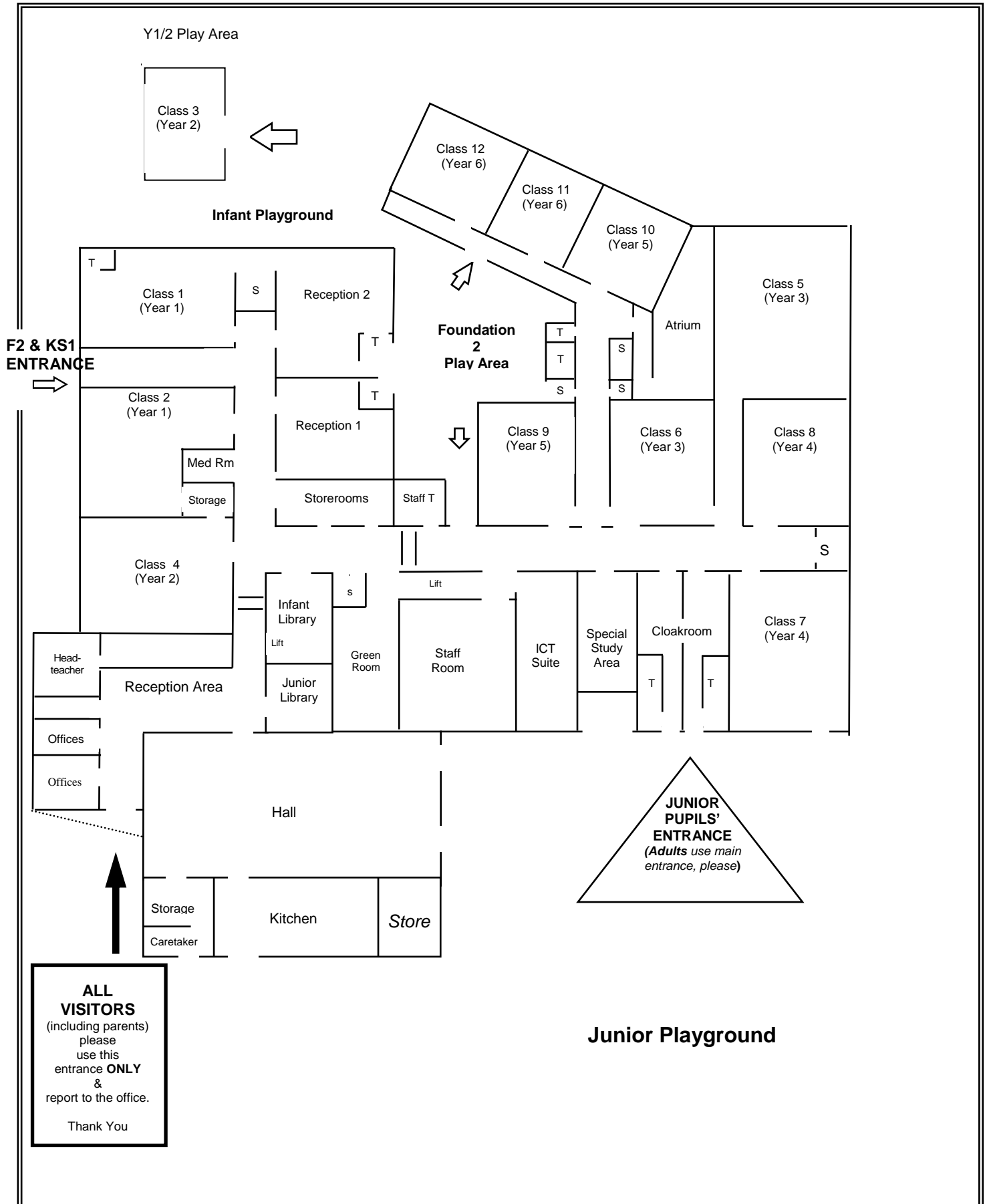
Autumn Term 2017

Open	Monday 4 September
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INSET DAYS (School Closed to Pupils)

Monday 5th September 2016
Friday 23rd December 2016
Friday 26th May 2017
Monday 24th July 2017
Tuesday 25th July 2017

St Bridget's School



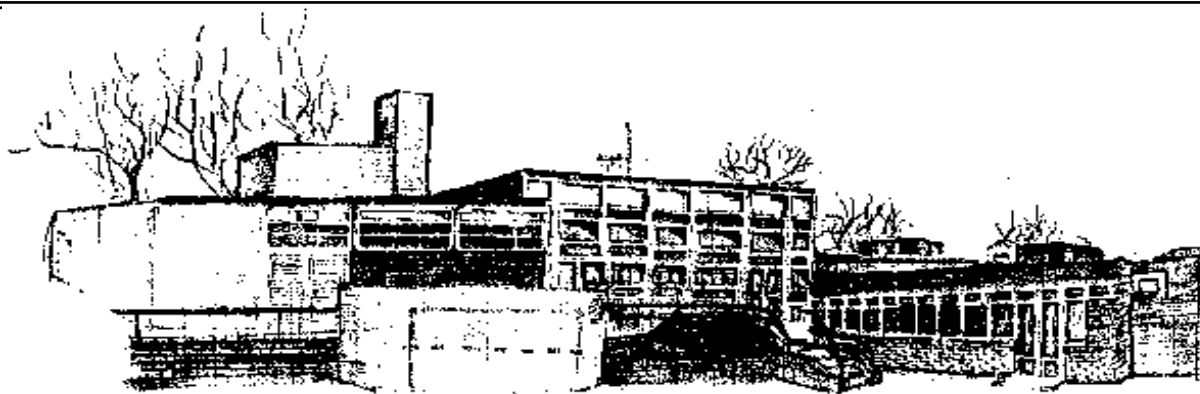
St Bridget's School Zone List

Our school catchment zone

These roads (or parts of them) form the designated catchment area for our school.
(also see page 8)

Abbey Road Albert Road Alexandra Road Ashmore Close Ashton Drive Banks Road odd numbers 29 and above even numbers 92 and above Barton Hey Drive Beach Walk Beatty Close Boundary Road Caldy Chase Drive Caldy Road Caldy Wood Carisbrooke Close Carpenters Lane Cholmondeley Road Church Road Church Walk Croft Drive Croft Drive East Croft Drive West Davenport Close Devonshire Road Dunraven Road Eaton Road Echo Lane Egerton Drive Fleck Lane Grosvenor Avenue	Headland Close Heatherleigh Hilbre Court Hilbre Road Hilbre View (<i>only this part of Grange Road</i>) Holm Hill Hydro Avenue Jellicoe Close Kale Close Kings Drive Kings Drive North Kirby Close Kirby Mount Kirby Park Links Hey Road Long Hey Road Ludlow Drive Macdona Drive Madeley Close Madeley Road Melloncroft Drive Melloncroft Drive West Mereworth Mill Hey Road Monks Way Mostyn Avenue Mount Road Norfolk Drive Pikes Hey Road Princes Avenue Priory Road	Rectory Road Riverside Rubbing Stone Sandy Lane Shore Road Shrewsbury Road Simonsbridge South Parade (inc Hilbre Court) odd numbers 63 and above South Road Stonehey Drive St Bridget's Lane Surrey Drive Telegraph Road:- from Caldys Cross Roads to the Cottage Loaf The Fairways The Finney The Green The Kirklands The Oatlands Thorsway Townfield Road Victoria Road Village Road Warwick Drive Westbourne Road even numbers 32 and above odd numbers 49 and above Westward Ho Wetstone Lane York Avenue
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St Bridget's School History



A drawing of our present school, built in 1968 - as seen from the junior playground

St Bridget's school is closely connected with the Parish Church of West Kirby.

As a **controlled school**³ we have a fixed **catchment area**⁴. Wirral Local Authority (WLA) in accordance with its policy will deal with requests for admission (up to our limit of 60 per school year). To comply with Government regulations, children start school in the September of the school year in which they become 5 years old. The parents/guardians of these children need to apply to WLA for a place by early December of the previous year. The government has stipulated that there may be no more than 30 children in any Key Stage 1 class and places will be allocated in accordance with this policy. However, all F2 children who live in the catchment area, and whose parents/guardians have complied with the application procedure, will be granted a place at our school up to our admission number (see also page 8).

The present building, completed in 1968, is the fifth school on this site. The original school, dating back to 1825, was built onto the church. The benefit of church schools is the close link that they forge with the parish church and the family feeling that prevails. It is hoped that this early link will help the children in later life.

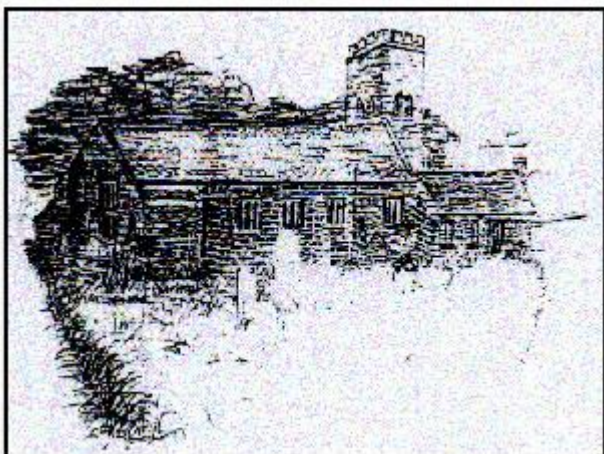
The present St Bridget's School was built as a one-form entry (3 infant and 4 junior classes), but since 1968 various additions have appeared. We now have 16 classrooms (see plan on page 18): most of the classes are housed in the main building. Class 3 is taught in the mobile classroom in the infant playground, and we have 2 classes per year group and children normally remain in the same group from Reception to Year 6. All classes currently have 30 or less children, setting is used in Key Stage 2 for Maths and English.

Our well-equipped hall is used, among other things, for PE, drama, and movement. We have a computer suite with 30 computers and 2 mobile laptop trolleys that connect via Wi-Fi. The school has 2 playgrounds, one for use by infants, and one by the juniors, both marked out as netball courts and used for games lessons. Within the infant playground, we have a Foundation 2 play area and a Y1/Y2 play area, thus conforming to government guidelines. Although we do not have a field attached to the school, we do have two fields - the Rectory field opposite the school gates and, within walking distance, the Devonshire field - both suitable for football and athletics.

³ A Controlled Church of England School (no less than an Aided Church of England School) is a church school functioning within the partnership of the church and the local authority. Its Christian nature is an important aspect of the school life, the religious teaching is mainly in accordance with the agreed syllabus, but this may be supplemented by specific church teaching. Worship at its assemblies is linked with the worship of the church, in accordance with the provision of its Trust Deed. Under Section 9 of the 1988 Act concerning pupils' attendance at religious worship or education, the school will respect the rights of parents should they wish to exercise their entitlement to withdraw children from religious worship or education. These children will be able to read in the library adjacent to the hall.

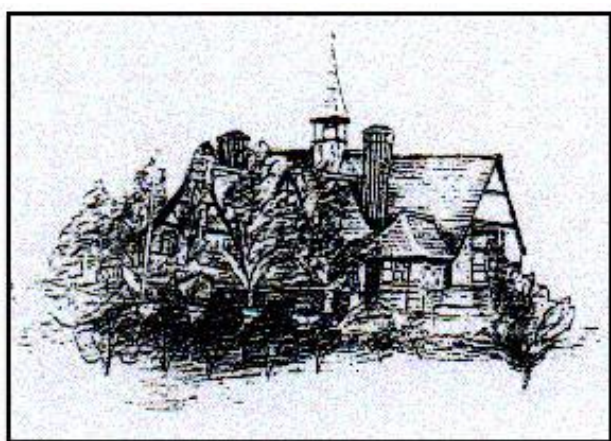
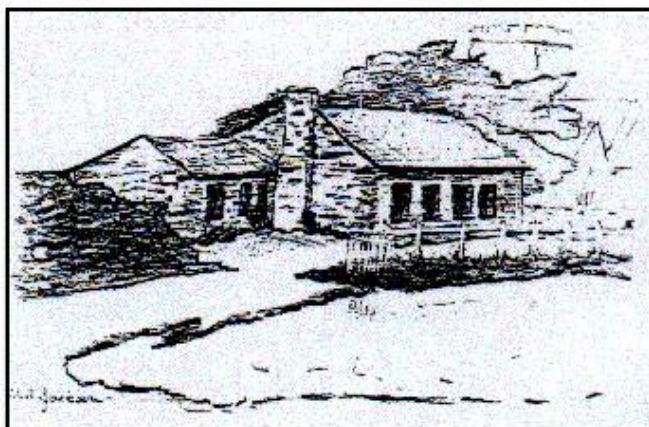
⁴ All housing seaward of Column Road (but not Column Road itself - except for the area known as "Hilbre View") as far as Townfield Road, Park Road, and Victoria Drive. We are sometimes able to take children from outside the area. The Governors like to encourage practising members of the church who wish their children to be educated in a Church of England school. All children within the catchment area have an automatic right to a place at the school, **assuming there are available places**. A printed street list of the catchment area is on page 17.

St Bridget's Schools



The original St Bridget's School dates back to 1825 and was attached to the west end of the north side of the church, near the tower. This was used as a schoolroom until 1848, when the "Old School" was built. The outline is still visible.

This "Old School" was used as a village school from 1848 until 1864.



This is the predecessor to the current school and was opened on June 4 1885. An infant section was built in 1899 and the school remained in use until 1968

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