

I am Joanna Seymour, the new CSEL (Catholic Senior Executive Leader) of our Christus Trust. I will be working alongside the Headteachers, staff and pupils of the six schools that make up our collective. I am looking forward to working together across the Trust to improve the education and life chances for the children in all of our schools, shaped by a mission to follow the example of Jesus.

Christus Catholic Trust is formed of six primary schools, working together in partnership to create one learning community, following in the steps of Christ.



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School – South Ockendon

Holy Cross is a small, one-form entry Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School for boys and girls with a part time nursery. It was founded by the La Sainte Union order who remain its trustees. Our school is Christ-centred and based on Gospel values. We aim to educate the child as a whole being, taking account of their spiritual, academic, emotional, social and physical needs. We are a fully inclusive school with the highest expectations and aspirations for all our pupils. We support the whole school

community to ensure our children thrive academically, spiritually, physically, culturally and emotionally to ensure they are well prepared for their next stage of education and life in the 21st century. We are committed to cultural entitlement and provide a rich and varied curriculum that motivates and engages learners through representing the diversity of our school community and offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Stanford-le-Hope

During the pandemic, our pupils have had limited opportunities to visit places and enjoy new experiences; therefore, we have made this a priority since returning in September 2021. Enrichment activities have included a whole school pantomime, a Year 6 trip to Colchester Zoo, a Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace, a Year 4 trip to Canterbury Cathedral, a Year 3 trip to the London Science

Museum, a Year 2 African Drumming experience, a Year 1 trip to the London Transport Museum and a Reception visit to our parish church. All of these activities have linked to – and enhanced – pupils' learning.

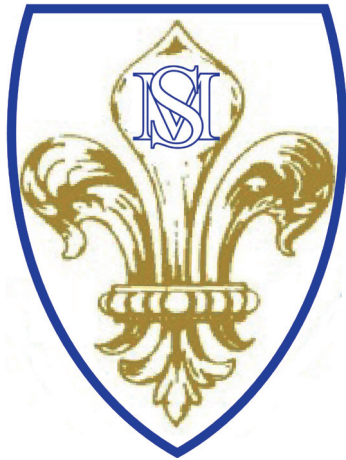


St Mary's Catholic Primary School – Tilbury

At St Mary's, we work together to ensure that Christ is at the centre of all that we do. We hold the scripture message of "Love one another as I have loved you" very close to our hearts and expect all those in our school to treat others and be treated with kindness and respect; living out our school mission statement: Respect ourselves, Respect others, Respect our world, Love God.

We have the highest aspirations and expectations for all of our pupils – encouraging them to be the very best they can. Our learning experiences ensure

creativity, discovery and independence, supporting children to develop the skills they need to become lifelong learners and to make a valued contribution to the society in which they live.



St Peter's Catholic Primary School – Billericay

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay, is a welcoming school from the point of first contact and, on arrival, this continues with everyone you meet, reflecting a strong collegiate, caring atmosphere that pervades the school. It is an exceptionally well led school with an explicit Catholic ethos. The Mission Statement, 'Loving and learning together with Jesus' is lived throughout the school and beyond as a result of the dedication of all to the whole child.



The curriculum is exciting and engaging and meets the needs of St Peter's children, focusing on a balance of knowledge and skills, building curiosity, discovery, independence, resilience and creativity. Concepts are at the core of topics, deepening thinking and character building as well as enabling lifelong learning. The



Catholic nature of the school permeates all aspects of school life, recognises the uniqueness of the individual and encourages pupils to develop their gifts and talents to the full.

Some quotes from parents and children:

"The dedication, unbelievable hard work, support and sheer love that the staff have shown the children is just incredible." Year 5 parent

"My teacher is such fun and I love her lovely smile. I really think she deserves an award for all the lovely things she has done for us and all the hard work she has put in this year." Year 4 child



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School – Basildon



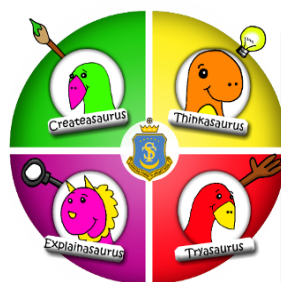
At St Teresa's we support a positive, nurturing environment where pupils can flourish. The cultural diversity of our school is widely celebrated through careful planning and curriculum choice. Pupils are enthusiastic about learning and use the learning wheel to support their learning. Pupils use mistakes as opportunities to learn and improve and have developed a strong desire to do their very best.

Pupils are polite and well mannered, and they show respect towards each other. Pupils know what types of behaviour are acceptable and follow the school's rules and pupil designed Core Values of Love, Accept, Respect and Reflect.

The quality of education we offer is "Good" and pupils' achievement is at least in line with National expectations from GLD to Y6 SATs. We are closing critical learning gaps created by Covid and we have a 3-year plan to ensure all gaps are closed. Children receiving the Pupil Premium Grant make accelerated progress from starting points.

SEN provision is good.

Our Learning Wheels



Our Early Years Learning Wheel



Our Key Stage 1 & 2 Learning Wheel

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School – Grays

St Thomas' is a diverse and inclusive community of over 600 pupils and their families; more than half of our children are black and we are proud of our racial diversity. Over half of our children are Catholic but we embrace families of different faith backgrounds and a significant minority whose families have origins in other countries.



Whatever their religious denominations, our children are extremely knowledgeable about the Bible and the example of Jesus, which we strive to follow. Behaviour at St Thomas' is excellent: there is much harmony, care and mutual respect between children and towards adults.

Adults and children strive to be the best that they can be, working together to achieve high academic, moral and social standards.



Christus Catholic Trust Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the gift of our pupils, staff, and leaders of the Christus Catholic Trust.

We ask You to bless and guide our thoughts, words, and actions. In all we do, may our young people grow in wisdom and stature, to come to know, love and serve You.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You, the Father, forever and ever.

Amen

