

Collective Worship

Collective Worship plays a key part in the school day. Every morning as a class the children participate in Morning Prayer, as the children progress through the school the children begin to take ownership of this and leads some aspects of this. At the end of every day the children also worship together as a school. This is detailed further in our Pocket Guide to Collective Worship and Collective Worship Policy.

Prayer

In St Augustine's and English Martyrs prayer life is important. The children learn to say traditional Catholic Prayers such as The Angelus Prayer (said daily at 11:50am), the "Hail Mary" and The Lord's Prayer.

Children also participate in writing their own prayers and many prayer books are available for them to use. We also have a Parent Pocket Guide on Traditional Catholic Prayers .

Curriculum

RE in a Catholic School is a core subject in line with Numeracy and Literacy. Children will be taught approximately 2 ½ hours of RE a week. The school uses a Catholic Education Scheme called "Come and See" and works in close partnership with the Diocese of Nottingham, which is the diocese in which our school belongs. RE is taught through a topic based approach and follows the liturgical year. It is linked to the principals laid out by the Vatican Council and teachers the children about key sacraments, festivals and the role of the church in our homes, parish and world. More information about the curriculum can be found in the Pocket Guide to RE in St Augustine's and English Martyrs .



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What is Distinctive about a Catholic School?

Catholic schools are guided in all they do by an important and coherent vision of education. This vision is based on the truth revealed by God about ourselves, our life together in community and our ultimate destiny with God. This gives rise to an educational endeavour centred on the person of Jesus Christ, who is our Way, Truth and Life. Over a long period of time, this approach to education has proved to be one that prepares children and young people well for whatever roles they take on in society or public life, as well as for their personal and family lives. By choosing St Augustine's or English Martyrs Catholic School for your child you are, in effect, seeking an alternative model of education. Catholic schools are clear and robust in the principles which guide them and the moral framework within which they educate. We encourage our parents to be actively involved in its life.

"Since parents have conferred life on their children they have the most solemn obligation to educating their offspring. Hence parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. Their role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it". An extract from the Vatican Document on Christian Education.

The aims of St Augustine's and English Martyrs are to help everyone within the school community to grow in faith; to make the most of every ability they have been given; to achieve academic excellence and to prepare well for adult life in a modern and diverse society.

Central to all that we do in St Augustine's and English Martyrs is our school's Mission Statement and this underpins all that we do across the curriculum.

We strive to grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus.

We see education as the total development of the child, this includes his/her spiritual and physical growth as well as his/her intellectual and psychological growth. The primary source of all human growth is the home. It is under the guidance of family love that children best discover how to be themselves, and to "grow in wisdom and grace". St Augustine's and English Martyrs Schools are a community of learning with a distinctive educational philosophy based on the Gospels which permeate all its activities. It is attentive to the needs of each individual child's needs. The curriculum is seen as a unity in which spiritual, moral and educational elements cannot be separated. Every human experience is seen as an opportunity to deepen our knowledge and love of God. St Augustine's and English Martyrs School community reflects the values of the Gospels and expresses this in forgiveness, trust, freedom, justice, non-violence and discipline which is neither demeaning nor humiliating and the recognition of all achievement and talent.