



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Live, Love and Learn Joyfully
in the Family of Christ**

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Welcome

I warmly welcome you and your child to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, part of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust. I am very proud to be Executive Headteacher at Sacred Heart, a school that fosters a nurturing, family atmosphere through 'living, loving and learning joyfully, through the family of Christ.'

Sacred Heart is a one form entry Catholic Primary School situated in spacious, attractive grounds in the centre of Ware. We are very proud of our Catholic ethos, developing a love for learning rooted in our Catholic faith. We are an inclusive school and encourage applications from children with other faiths or non-faith.

As a family member of the Trust, we benefit from strong collaboration, shared expertise and opportunities that enrich the education and experiences of our pupils.

Our children are happy to come to school, learning through an exciting curriculum and gaining confidence to achieve their full potential. We have high expectations for all learners, developing the skills for life, encouraging good self esteem and a positive, healthy mindset.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please arrange a visit, by contacting the school Office Manager, Mrs Cooper, on 01920 461678.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Keating
Executive Headteacher



This is a happy school, where everyone receives a warm welcome.

OFSTED, October 2024

Our School

School Vision and Values:

Sacred Heart provides a secure, nurturing and respectful environment. Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do. We are a community whose aims and work are lit by the vision of the Gospel.

We aim for each individual to reach their academic, social and emotional potential and ensure British Values are promoted so that our children go forward into secondary school as respectful, tolerant young people. As a Catholic School, we welcome and embrace children and staff of different or no faith.

We provide a rich and diverse, broad and balanced curriculum. This gives our pupils the opportunity to explore their creative talents, sporting potential, appreciation of music and deep understanding of the world in which they live.

Staff at Sacred Heart work closely with parents, governors, the Parish and community to build a bright future for children. We give our pupils a voice and build their self-esteem, helping them to become confident and emotionally resilient individuals.

Pupils at Sacred Heart live out the school's mission statement: 'Live, Love and Learn joyfully in the family of Christ'. The pupils are delightful, and their behaviour is exemplary. They are polite, welcoming and speak enthusiastically about their school. A culture of respect and inclusion is deeply embedded, reflected in pupil comments such as, 'You are respected no matter your background'.

**Diocese of Westminster
Inspection Report, February 2025**





The Difference of Belonging: How Trust Membership Benefits Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



Sacred Heart joined the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust since 2021. Since then, Sacred Heart's pupils have benefited enormously from being a part of this Trust and the wider family of Catholic schools that it represents.

Sending your son or daughter to a St Francis of Assisi Trust school means they will benefit from the Trust's expertise and guidance of our Headteacher, school leaders, and Governors, helping them to make well-informed decision for the school and leading to improved outcomes for all our pupils.

Put simply, being part of the Trust brings real benefits for our pupils. As part of a larger family of schools, Sacred Heart benefits from shared resources and greater efficiencies, helping us to make the best use of our funding and invest more in our children and their learning. Across the Trust, over £5 million has been delivered directly back into Trust schools since 2021. Our pupils also benefit from wider opportunities to learn, develop their interests and take part in experiences beyond their own school.

At the heart of Trust membership is a shared commitment to helping every child flourish. Being part of the Trust gives our pupils more opportunities to learn, grow in confidence and develop personally, academically and spiritually. Through our shared Catholic values and close links with other Trust schools, our pupils are encouraged to grow in confidence, develop their talents and become caring, responsible children who show kindness and respect for others.

Download or scan the QR code to read the full Trust Impact Report and discover more about the difference Trust membership makes across Sacred Heart and all our Trust schools.



[Click the image to read the full Trust Impact Report](#)



Safeguarding

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This means we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place. All staff (including volunteers and Governors) must ensure they are aware of procedures, which include regular volunteers in school being subject to a DBS check.

All staff are interviewed and appointed in accordance with safer recruitment guidelines.

We have five **Designated Safeguarding Staff** and a Safeguarding link Governor, for further details, please visit our [website](#).

If you would like to contact a Designated Safeguarding member of staff, please contact the school office.

The school works in partnership with parents to support children in every possible way. However, the law places clear responsibility on schools to ensure that they work together with other agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children.



Curriculum

Our Early Years has high ambition for all learners, regardless of their starting points. Our rich and diverse Early Years environment inspires Reception children to learn through both adult directed and child initiated play activities. Learning is planned and based upon individual children's interests to develop and motivated and engaged learners.

Akin to Early Years, our whole school curriculum intent is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum to all children in our school, regardless of ability or any special educational need. We strive for excellence in all areas to help children fulfil their potential in a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment.

The curriculum within each subject area is focused on progression of skills through revisiting areas of learning. Prior learning is developed and consolidated using a mastery approach aimed at creating a deep understanding of subject matter.

Special Educational Needs

We firmly believe that every child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential regardless of any barriers to learning or special educational need. We are committed to early identification and establishing an appropriate intervention programme to support their academic, social and emotional needs. We may also seek the support of specialist services from outside of the school if required.

For further information, please visit our website.



Pupils know the high expectations that staff have of their work and their behaviour. Pupils strive to meet these high standards. Pupils' positive attitudes to their learning are palpable.

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Voices from Our Community

It's a real privilege to be part of this 'joyful learning in the family of Christ' at Sacred Heart school, after all Jesus was a teacher too, and we are all learning from him and from each other, all of the time.

Fr Charles Cahill, Parish Priest



'Sacred Heart is a wonderful community that leads by example, encouraging kindness and Catholic values in everything they do'.

Diocese of Westminster Inspection Report, February 2025



'Sacred Heart is a friendly and loving school that likes to welcome everyone'.

Pupil Voice, June 2026



Admission

Choosing the right school your child can be a daunting decision. To help you make that decision we encourage and welcome visits to our school, to meet our staff and pupils. Please contact the school office on **01920 461678** to arrange a visit. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy looking at our website.

Sacred Heart is a Catholic school serving the community of Ware and surrounding villages. We welcome applications from all faiths, as well as pupils with no faith, which ensures we remain a dynamic and vibrant community.

Sacred Heart is an academy, which means the governors have responsibility for admissions to the school. In order to apply for a place in our Reception class (or an in-year place in any year group), you will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to the online Hertfordshire County Council application form.



**School
Admission
Webpage**



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Wraparound Care

- We offer a breakfast club on-site run by our school staff for children who attend Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. The club is open every morning from 7:45am until the start of school, during term time only.
- Children are offered cereal, toast, yoghurts, fruit and fruit juice. After eating children are offered a wide range of activities. Fees: £5.00 per day per child.
- Foundation Sports and Play Club provides our after-school supervision from 3.15p.m. to 6.00p.m. To secure a place, please visit [Foundation Play](#) website. Foundation Play also run holiday clubs during the school holidays.
- Foundation Play provide peace of mind to all parents and carers by providing a safe and stimulating environment where children can play, have fun and learn whilst being cared for by our qualified and experienced staff.



OPAL

Sacred Heart feels passionately about the importance of high quality outdoor play and accessibility for all children.

The School is delighted to have achieved the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Platinum Award 2026, recognising its commitment to providing outstanding play opportunities for every pupil. Over the past two years, staff and pupils have worked together to transform playtimes and lunchtimes into vibrant, engaging and inclusive experiences.

Through high-quality outdoor play, pupils are encouraged to explore, collaborate, problem-solve, build friendships and develop resilience, making a positive impact on their wellbeing, confidence and enjoyment of school.

The ethos of OPAL is: 'Regardless of gender, race, ability or location – every child should have access to amazing play opportunities every school day of their lives.' OPAL, 2024.



Photo Gallery



Parents are very supportive of the school and know that the school will support them when needed.

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We warmly invite you and your children to begin this exciting journey with us!



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