



Our vision for Roch CP:  
To be a happy, safe, nurturing community,  
with positive values at its core,  
Opening the Hearts and Minds of its learners  
through inspiring, authentic experiences,  
Opening Doors to the world of  
opportunity and possibility.

**School Brochure 2023-24**

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Roch CP School is a happy hard working community school where children engage in a wide range of learning experiences. It is situated in a rural setting just outside the Pembrokeshire National Park. It is within a mile of the sea and is overlooked by an historic castle.

The school, opened in 1973 and is a semi-open plan design built on three distinct levels. At the lowest level is the school hall and kitchen where we have school assemblies, music and P.E., lessons and the children eat lunch. On the second level are two Foundation Phase Classes, boys and girl's toilets, cloakroom , first aid room and school offices. The third level consists of three Key Stage 2 classrooms, two 'spare' classrooms which are currently used as 'break out' rooms. a recently revamped well stocked attractive library, a withdrawal room for additional needs support, staffroom and boys and girls toilets .

The school playground is marked with numerous pitches and games. Beyond the playground is a large playing field which is well used during the drier months.

The school grounds have been developed over many years and now include a conservation area with pond, a school garden, poly tunnel, willow house and fruit trees. There is a trim trail which provides the children with challenging, physical play, and there is a wealth of play equipment provided for the children to access and share in their free time. Happy children are learning children and the school works hard to make learning fun and an enjoyable experience as well as providing a focus on the rigorous teaching of the basic skills of literacy and numeracy. We actively listen to the voice of the pupils and have busy school and eco-councils.

The school is committed to being a health promoting community and healthy and sustainable practices are part and parcel of school life through schemes such as healthy snack times, recycling and composting of organic waste. We hold the "Green Flag" as a recognition of our commitment to environmental issues.

Roch is a member of the St. David's Cluster of Schools; however the area served by the school is split between the catchment areas of the secondary schools in St. Davids and Haverfordwest for school admission and transport purposes.

## **Staffing from January 2024 :**

### **Teaching staff**

Mr C Evans	Headteacher and Inco
Miss D Moszoro	Deputy head & Year 5 & 6 class teacher
Mrs K MacDougall-Williams	Nursery & Reception class teacher
Mrs K Smith	Year 1 & 2 class teacher
Mrs E Gulhati	Year 2 & 3 class teacher
Mr C Stringer	Year 4 & 5 class teacher

### **Learning Support Assistants**

Mrs E. Couceiro , Mrs J Luke, Mrs E Pinson-Harries, Mrs. C. Llewelin-James, Mrs. M. Day,  
Mrs T Bennett Mrs H James, Mrs R Hancock  
Mrs. V. Rollings 1:1 pupil support  
Mrs. T. Bennett 1:1 pupil support  
Mrs. S. Howcroft 1:1 pupil support  
Mrs. N. Davies 1:1 pupil support

### **Secretary & Financial Administration**

Mrs R Weale

### **Lunchtime supervisors**

Mrs H James Mrs. M. Day Mrs. N Davies Mrs T Bennett

### **Cook**

Mrs A Goldsmith

### **School caretaker**

Mr J Fairclough

### **Cleaners**

Mrs C Hughes & Mr J Fairclough

### **Dates and Opening Times**

The dates for the school year are as follows.

#### **Spring Term 2024**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> February- 16<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Summer Term 2024**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> May — 31<sup>st</sup> May

### **School Hours**

Infant	9.00 am - 12.00pm 1.00pm - 3.15 pm
Junior	9.00 am - 12.25pm 1.15pm - 3.15 pm

Please note that the teaching staff and support staff are supervising on duty on the playground from 8.45am.

Children who arrive in school before this time must attend breakfast club.

## Admission

Nursery pupils can begin part time school in the afternoons during the term in which they are four. Prior to starting we arrange for the children to have at least one taster session in school.

After being shown around and settled in, the parents leave and return at the end of the school day, when they can discuss with the teacher how the child has enjoyed and adapted to his/her first experience in school.

Provided that the parent and teacher both feel that the child is ready and happy to go to school he or she will start on a full time basis, the following term. In special circumstances there is a degree of flexibility and arrangements can be made for the children to attend on a part time basis until they are ready for full time education.



This transition period can be for a few weeks up to a maximum of half a term, though the sooner a child can take part in the full school day, the sooner he or she will be able to experience the full benefit of school life.

All admissions are handled by the school admissions officer in County Hall. Please note that parents need to re-apply for a place in the Reception class even though they are in nursery in school.

## The curriculum

The school has constructed its own curriculum in line with the Curriculum for Wales which became statutory for all primary schools Wales in September 2022.

The curriculum has at its core the following 4 purposes:

To create:

- Ambitious Capable Learners
- Enterprising and Creative Contributors
- Ethical, informed Citizens
- Healthy, Confident Individuals

The curriculum itself is made up from the following 6 areas of learning and experience (AoLEs):

- Languages, Literacy & Communication
- Mathematics & Numeracy
- Science & Technology
- Humanities
- Expressive arts
- Health & Well Being.

It also includes Religion, Values & Ethics, Relationships and sexuality education and computer and digital skills.

The curriculum is built upon knowledge, skills and experiences. We provide a curriculum to impart knowledge, develop skills and provide experiences which allow children to achieve the 4 purposes.



A cross curricular approach is planned by the teachers to form a practical, relevant curriculum in which children can make connections about themselves, the local area and the world. We try and use the outdoor environment whenever possible.

## **Inclusion and Additional Learning Needs**

The school is proud of its reputation as an "inclusive" community. The needs of all children are met in the classroom. The class teachers make adjustments to ensure that all activities are appropriate for all children and ensure that all children are challenged at the appropriate level.

Children who need extra support may undertake a structured program of support recommended by external experts. Pupils will also be able to access the web based programmes Lexia and Mathletics in school and at home.

We also work closely with outside agencies to meet the needs of the children with involvement by speech therapists and educational psychologists. We believe in a policy of keeping parents informed and invite parents in to discuss progress.

## **Attendance**

The school monitors pupil attendance closely and we would like to see all pupils in school every day. However we understand that there are times when a child will not be in school for example if they are ill or have medical appointments. If a child is absent, we ask parents to telephone the school before 9.15 am. If the school has not been informed of the reason for the absence the school will make contact with you.

If parents plan to take their child out of school for other reasons, for example a holiday, parents must apply to the head teacher using a form available from the office. The head teacher will decide whether to authorise the absence or not. Children need to be in school for 9.00am so that they are ready to start the school day, if they are not they will be marked as late. The children can arrive in school from 8.45am when a member of staff is on duty to supervise the children. Any children arriving before this must attend breakfast club.

## **School Uniform**

A range of very reasonably priced school uniform is available to order from Rhoda in the school office. We ask that all children wear their uniform to school whenever possible.

There is a rail of second hand school uniform outside the headteacher's room that parents can take what they need at any time.

## **Before and after School**

A breakfast club provides free care and breakfast from 8.00am daily. After school the kids club runs independently from the school but in the school building and offers an excellent service to parents. The children can stay there until 5.45pm, parents must make arrangements with kids club directly to arrange child care.

## **Extra Curricular clubs**

The school has recently changed its approach to extra curricular clubs and runs them during lunch time this enables all pupils to participate if they wish rather than clubs only being attended by children whose parents can collect them after school. The children have a choice of different clubs each term eg netball, sports club, art and craft, homework club, board games club and sketchbook club.

## **Complaints Procedure**

The Headteacher and class teachers are available to discuss any issues that may have arisen during the school day and we always wish to deal with these effectively and within the given time frame.

The school has a clear policy for dealing with complaints, should they arise. Copies of this are available on the school website or from the Headteacher on request.

