

# St Osmund's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break to a new school year here at St Osmund's. I hope that you all managed to enjoy a good holiday with your children and that you managed to enjoy the sunshine!

I would like to begin by thanking you for such a lovely, warm welcome. The staff have been very supportive of me, and the children have been every bit as warm, welcoming and well-behaved as I remember from my visits in the summer term. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Jolly for all her hard work and support in ensuring I have a smooth 'transition' in to the school.

As you may know, I am new to Salisbury having moved from 'up north', although my wife is from the South West originally. We feel privileged to live in such a beautiful place and as headteacher, I feel especially honoured and excited to be leading this wonderful Catholic school.

As a father of 2 girls, I know how important your child's education is to you. I believe that our Catholic primary school should, first and foremost, be a happy place where children develop a love of learning and develop their sense of faith. We should challenge our children to achieve the very best that they are capable of and instil in them ambition and a drive to succeed. With these key foundations for learning, the children will be well placed to succeed at secondary school.

My overarching priority is to ensure that this school continues to improve on its journey towards outstanding. A key part of that will involve immersing myself in the ethos of the school; looking closely at how the school's values are developed and celebrated every day – both in the children's attitudes to school and in the respect and love they show for one another - they underpin all of our work at the school. I will also be focusing on further building the team around me as we look to provide the best education possible – academically, spiritually, socially and culturally. I know that I can count on you to support our high expectations in all areas, especially in behaviour and achievement.

I am really looking forward to the months and years ahead ensuring that this school continues to improve and helping our children to be the very best that they can be.

With all best wishes,

Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher