



At St. Matthias we welcome all children regardless of ability, culture, religion or gender. We value each child as an individual with their own particular collection of abilities, needs, learning styles and interests. We celebrate each child's successes to enable all our children to enjoy their time in the Early Years and leave feeling assured of their own self worth and with enthusiasm for learning.



## Meet the team



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**St. Matthias  
Early Years**

**The Spire**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND LEARNING TRUST  
*collaborate • learn • achieve*



Our Early Years Team love teaching at St Matthias and quickly build positive relationships with parents and children new to the unit. Having combined rooms extends the variety and type of learning available to children as well as having the advantage of working alongside different adults. At St Matthias, we believe that children in the Early Years need to have opportunities to learn through play as well as small group and individual focus activities. Having access to more space means that all of the children in the Early Years can use more resources such as: sand, water, iPads, maths, writing, reading, playdough, small world, construction and our very well resourced outside areas.



We strive to design a curriculum that is fun, purposeful, balanced and broad, ensuring your child has a thoroughly enjoyable time with us whilst naturally working towards the Early Learning Goals as set out in the curriculum guidance for the Foundation Stage provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

We believe that children learn through play and practical exploration and we aim to provide exciting learning opportunities carefully tailored to the particular interests and needs of the children within the group. We particularly promote positive relationships, effective communication and the development of the confidence to explore and think creatively.



## Opening Times

### St Matthias Nursery

9am—12 noon **Morning Session**

12noon—3pm **Afternoon session.**

All children are entitled to 15 hours nursery funding and we also accept those who are eligible for 30 hour funding. Please speak to the school office if you require more information.

**Nursery Lunch will be taken at 12.00pm.** Children staying over the lunch period have the option to bring their own packed lunch or to have a pre booked hot or cold school meal for £2.30.

Our Nursery children are welcome to attend extra nursery sessions at a charge of £13.50 for the three hour session subject to availability.

If your child is booked in for a session for a term then you will have to pay for that session even if you can't make one. This is to ensure that we have the correct child:staff ratios in place. Our Nursery children are also able to utilise our Whizz Kids wrap around childcare. For more information speak to the school office.

**Early Years Manager—Mr Carl Salmon**