



# The Redeemer

Church of England Primary School

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*'Believing, loving, caring, sharing;  
Everyone growing in the light of Christ.'*





## Foreword: Mr. M Power, Headteacher, says...

It is with great pride that I welcome you to our wonderful school.

### Exciting and vibrant

The Redeemer Primary school is an exciting and vibrant place to learn. The relationships our school builds with our children and their families enables us to create a friendly, caring and supportive atmosphere.

### Distinctively Christian Education

At The Redeemer, we aim to provide a distinctively Christian, stimulating and secure environment in which children are encouraged to strive to do their best in all aspects of their learning and development. We place great emphasis upon the wellbeing and personal development of each individual child. As a church school, we take on the role to support not just our pupils, but our families, parish and communities.

### Every day is different

No two days are ever the same at The Redeemer; our enthusiastic and determined staff work to ensure pupils achieve their own unique success and develop a love of learning and school through exciting and immersive learning experiences.

### Being part of our Parish Church

We have a wonderfully close relationship with our Parish Church and Whole School Worship in our Parish Church is integral to The Redeemer school routine, providing children the opportunity to pray, praise, sing and celebrate every day. The Redeemer is distinguished by its strong Christian Ethos, our close relationship with St Bartholomew's Church and our Christian values, attitudes and sense of pride is shared by our staff, pupils and parents.

Every Friday morning it is our pleasure to welcome all members of the Redeemer family to join us in our Celebration Worship.

We open each Friday Celebration with a special service from our Vicar, Chris Anderton, and then celebrate the achievements of our Stars of the Week from each class. We also celebrate birthdays in Key Stage 1, sporting achievements from our school teams and our very own Global Action Heroes – those who have been spreading our School Values, making the world a better place. Our Redeemer choir also wow us every week with their wonderful singing.

Everybody is welcome and we enjoy having many guests in our service

### Extra-Curricular Clubs that challenge our children

We offer pupils many opportunities to take on new challenges through a wide range of Extra Curricular Clubs plus a range of sporting events and competitions.

### Come and look around!

I hope that our prospectus gives you an insight and understanding of our Core Christian Values of thankfulness, forgiveness, love, compassion, wisdom, friendship and hope. We would be delighted to welcome you to our school to allow you to get a real feel for our amazing school. To book a tour Please call the school office on 01254 296400 to arrange a visit and see why our school is so special.



## School day: settling in

### School hours

Our school day starts at 8.50am and the school day ends at 3.20pm.

### Breakfast Club

The school has a breakfast club which starts at 7.30am each morning.

### The Redeemer Way

Throughout school, we promote The Redeemer Way, where we encourage children to show respect to everyone in school, always give their best and live out our school values.

We promote positive behaviour by praising in public and rewarding Pupil's efforts in Friday Morning Celebration Worship. We also use the ClassDojo system to increase motivation and share achievements with parents. We also use Hot Chocolate Fridays or SLT Tea and cake afternoons as a reward for those children who consistently show The Redeemer Way.

In school we PIP (praise in public) and RIP (reprimand in private) – modelling mutual respect - to ensure all children have a calm, productive environment to achieve their very best.

### Uniform

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to the school community. The school uniform is kept as simple and practical as possible and the colours are yellow polo shirts with grey trousers or skirts and purple cardigans and sweatshirts with our school logo on. School uniform is available from Grays of Blackburn.

### School meals and snacks

At The Redeemer the range of food on offer is excellent, nutritional and healthy. Our School Meals are provided by Dolce who are specialists in schools catering, providing the education sector for over 20 years with the tailored care and attention you could only expect from a family firm. Dolce have a variety of special, themed days each year such as Bonfire Celebration Lunch and Chinese New Year. The days of the week inspire our menu, we enjoy Mega Mondays, Around the World Tuesdays, Roast Wednesdays, Thursday is School Favourites and Friday is Fishy Friday.

Children eat their dinner in two sittings in the hall between 12:05 pm and 12.45pm.

Children can also bring a packed lunch if this is preferred. School lunches are planned on a three-week menu cycle. Dolce support parental involvement in their children's menu choices through; access to recipes and the ability to pre-order with your child, the ability to block all dishes containing your child's allergen, log dietary info that will be made visible to the cook at the hotplate and pay online by card or Direct Debit



## Creative curriculum: foundations for success

At The Redeemer, we aim to offer all pupils the best quality curriculum, with well-sequenced subjects, high-quality teaching and memorable experiences. Through this, we aim to instil a love of learning and a curiosity in every pupil in our school that extends beyond the classroom and their time in our school. Our Curriculum is also used to further promote our school values and demonstrate how they underpin our lives.

### Progression and continuity

We aim to provide an inspiring curriculum, nurturing the development of every child enabling them to be the best that they can be. Our curriculum is designed to:

- Provide children with experiences that awaken their desire for knowledge that leads them to become initiative takers and resilient learners.
- Provide children with awe and wonder in order to develop their spirituality.
- Ensure children live out our school values taking pride in everything they do.

### SEND

We believe that every child has a right to a fantastic education. We ensure all children are given the support they require to meet this entitlement.

Children diagnosed with Special Educational Needs are given tailored plans, reviewed termly by teachers and parents, to help them receive the support they need to ensure they thrive in school.

Where necessary, children are supported further in interventions and with direct adult supervision to allow children to develop any areas for improvement.

We also ensure the success of SEND pupils by maintaining our school community as a safe and inclusive space so that every child, whatever the possible barrier, feels part of our family.

### Reading

At The Redeemer, we believe in the power of reading to change lives and strive to give all our children a life-long love of reading.

We have our designated Class Novel time, where all classes have a book/novel of their choice read to them by their teachers. At Lunchtimes, we open up our library to all classes, who come and visit to celebrate their new reads and take out their next book. All children are also given at least one home reading book to enjoy at home, which they choose independently from our Home Reading Shelves, which are topped up throughout the year with different texts and new releases. Through this we show all children that pleasure that can be had in reading.

### Music

At The Redeemer it is really important for us that our pupils develop a passion for, and commitment to a diverse range of musical activities. This is achieved through high-quality teaching and a range of extra-curricular musical activities.

Pupils also have the opportunity to further enhance their musical talents through the opportunity to Sign Up for 'Rock Steady', which is an external company who offers affordable lessons to pupils during school time. Through these lessons pupils learn to play in a band, they are supported by real musicians, they are given the opportunity to perform their favourite songs and each term they are involved in a Live Performance.

We also offer pupils the chance to develop their keyboard and piano skills through paid tuition during school hours from Mrs Keeling who offers tuition to pupils in Yr 1 through to Yr 6.

## Enriched curriculum: trips, P.E and Clubs

### Trips

Educational visits or visitors to school are arranged relating to the work being done in class. Year 2 enjoy a day's trip at Water Park Adventure Centre and other year groups have recently enjoyed trips to:

- Eureka.
- Chester Zoo.
- Fair Haven Lake.
- Butterfly House.
- Smithills Farm.
- The Pantomime.
- Play Factory.
- Lancaster Castle.
- Blue Planet Aquarium.

### Water Park

We are very proud of our links with the Water Park Lakeland Adventure Centre situated on Lake Coniston in the Lake District.

In Year 6, all children will have the opportunity to spend four nights away from home at the Water park supported by staff from our school.

During the day, children will take part in Kayaking, sailing Rock Climbing, Hiking and many more activities. The children gain independence by preparing their own lunches, serving one another and washing up their dirty dishes. In the evening, they spend time exploring the wooded areas through different adventure games and even enjoy marshmallows around a fire.

### Physical Education

Physical Education and Sport are very important at our school. We believe that physical ability and sport can greatly contribute to the holistic development of a child. Our vision for P.E. in our school is to provide children with a movement foundation for lifelong participation in physical activity. As our children progress through the school they will participate in:

- Cross Country.
- Netball.
- Cricket.
- Swimming.
- Rounders.
- Football.
- Gymnastics.
- Athletics.
- Golf.

Additional to these activities is our participation in the Multi Skills Festival, Dodgeball Festival, Kurling Competition and the BMX and Scooter Festival. We also have a number of school sports teams who regularly compete against other schools in our area.

### Clubs

At The Redeemer, we offer a large number of during and after school clubs run by staff in school and some outside agencies. Our After School Club provision is supported by Children's University, a charity set up to inspire children in their passions and promote learning beyond the classroom. All children receive a Children's University Passport, where their activities are logged. When children have achieved a certain number of hours, they receive an award culminating in a 'graduation' ceremony for those who have gone above and beyond:

- Chess
- Sewing
- Book Club
- Karate
- Film Club
- Step Up Aerobics
- Lego WeDo Coding
- Hockey
- Pet Club
- Book Art
- Running Club
- Creative Club
- Art Club
- Board Games
- Lego WeDo Coding
- Tag Rugby







## Admissions... and getting involved

### Admissions arrangements

At The Redeemer, children may start school in the September of the academic year in which they are five. All school admissions need to be made through Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. Admissions and in-year transfer requests can be made online or by contacting the Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council School Admissions team.

### Application process

- The closing date for September applications is in mid January of that year.
- You will be notified of your child's placement by the following April.

Contact details for the Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Pupil Admissions Team

- Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, King William Street, Blackburn, BB1 7DY, UK
- Tel: 01254 666 605
- Email: to [admissions@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@blackburn.gov.uk)
- Web: [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions)

## Getting involved

### Voluntary helpers

We always welcome volunteers from our school and wider community to help with activities such as school visits, or supporting children in class etc. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please speak to your child's Class Teacher or the School Office for more information.

### The Redeemer PTFA

The Redeemer PTFA is a great way for you as a parent/guardian or friend of the school to become more involved and gives you a chance to get more closely acquainted and feel a part of where your child/grandchild will spend their primary education. As a parent/guardian you automatically become a member of the PTFA and are welcome to attend all meetings and events.

Fundraising is an important part of the PTFA's job and the committee is keen to hear new ideas for interesting ways to help raise income.

We organise a variety of fun events for students, parents, staff and the wider community including singalongs, summer fairs, occasion gifts designed by the children for you to purchase, and many more.



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## Vision

As a unique part of God's, diverse family, we will live out our Redeemer Values, nurturing all to become the best they can be. Together, we will help each child learn that through believing, loving, caring, sharing everyone will grow in the Light of Christ.