



"Loving and Learning together as Jesus Taught us"

Our St Catherine's House System

At St Catherine's we operate a House System where each child belongs to one of four houses.

The Houses are named after Archangels.

Michael (pronounced Mick -i- el) - red

Gabriel - blue

Raphael - green

Uriel - yellow

The qualities represented by these Archangels are those to which we would all aspire. The Archangels are also recognised in a number of different faiths, giving the children the opportunities to further explore other religions.

What is a House System?

The children are being divided into 4 vertical mixed age groups from Reception to Y6. Each house will be represented by a colour: red, yellow, green and white, and the children will wear the colour PE T-shirt of their house.

How will the children be chosen?

- Children will be grouped with their brothers and sisters.
- There will be equal proportion of girls and boys.
- The groups will be completely mixed ability
- The children will not choose their house- staff will make this decision

What are the benefits of a House System?

- Children will learn about their namesake and understand the qualities that are expected of them
- It will provide the children with a sense of belonging and responsibility
- Younger children will look to the older children in their house for guidance
- Provide more opportunities for cross phase learning
- Y6 children will be given more responsibilities and captains of Houses will be elected. They will lead assemblies and distribute certificates to children who have demonstrated the values that their house represents.
- Events such as Sports day, Walk to School week, Charity fund raising are organised under the umbrella of the houses.