



Headteacher Adam Wilson (centre left), teachers and pupils from La Salette Catholic Primary School in Rainham
(Image: La Salette Catholic Primary School)

A primary school in Rainham where pupils "learn exciting new things each year" has been praised by Ofsted for its "strong standards".

La Salette Catholic Primary School, in Dunedin Road, has been rated as a 'strong standard' in almost all assessment areas following its latest Ofsted inspection, including achievement, inclusion, and personal development and wellbeing. Under the new Ofsted framework, introduced in November 2025, a 'strong standard' grade means leaders are working above the standard expected of them. The only area where the school received an 'expected standard' rating was for its early years provision.

In a report published earlier this month, Ofsted said pupils are "proud to be part of their school community" and "enjoy talking about their learning". The report said: "Pupils make impressive progress through the well-taught curriculum, learning exciting new things each year. They build warm professional relationships with staff."

"Pupils appreciate that teachers identify gaps in their learning and go back over content that they might not be sure of. Pupils said that teachers always find the right way to help them understand."

The education watchdog noted during the inspection that teachers have "high ambitions" for pupils, which are "realised in practice" as students achieve well across all subjects. The school is described as having a "sharp focus" on reading, writing and maths, while recently investing in new curriculums across several foundation subjects, such as history and geography.

Teaching is "inclusive" and "consistently well adapted", inspectors found, and pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are provided with "expert help".

The curriculum is enriched by a "broad and inclusive" personal development programme, which features learning about gender stereotyping, British values and staying safe online.

La Salette headteacher Adam Wilson told the *Recorder*: "We are thrilled that Ofsted has recognised the excellent education that our children receive at La Salette. Our staff and governors work tirelessly to make sure all our children love coming to school and achieve all they are capable of. Our parents, priests and parish community are amazing and work with us at every step to make our school such a special place for our children to thrive in."

La Salette Catholic School's Ofsted Report can be read here [Ofsted June 2026](#)