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A Solihull primary school is celebrating after the official school performance table has revealed it is the best in the area.

94% of pupils at St George and St Teresa, Dorridge, achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics in their Key Stage Two SATs, which is nearly one-and-a-half times the Solihull Borough average and over one-and-a-half times the national average.

These scores mean that the school is also ranked as one of the top 1% of state primary schools in the country.

The school achieved over three times the national average for pupils gaining the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at Key Stage Two.

St George and St Teresa was visited by Schools Minister Nick Gibb only last month as he aimed to capture what he had witnessed in order to share this with other schools.

The school beat national averages across the board:

94% of students achieved the Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined compared to the Solihull average of 65% and National average of 61%.

- Expected Standard in Reading: 97% (Solihull average: 75%, National average 72%)
- Expected Standard in Writing: 97% (Solihull average: 78%, National average 76%)
- Expected Standard in Writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling: 97% (Solihull average 79%, National average 77%)

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- Expected Standard in Mathematics: 97% (Solihull average 78%, National average 75%)

Also 29% achieved the Higher Standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined compared to 10% in Solihull and 9% nationally.

- Higher Standard in Reading: 55%, compared to 25% nationally
- Higher Standard in Writing: 42%, compared to 18% nationally
- Higher Standard in Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 55%, compared to 31% nationally
- Higher Standard in Mathematic: 45%, compared to 23% nationally

The School is rated as Good by Ofsted and as Outstanding by the Diocesan Education Service, which is responsible for directing Catholic schools concerning the development of curriculum provision for Religious Education and strengthening Catholic life.

Head teacher Des Foxon attributed the school's success to a focus on the personal development of every child, working closely with parents and never ceasing to strive to be better.

He said:

“We are thrilled with these results, staff and pupils have worked so hard to achieve these. The School has at the heart of its work, the personal development of each child. These results will ensure that our school leavers are very well equipped for secondary school, and we wish them all the very best as they make that transition.

“Everything we do is about ensuring that the school is better than it was yesterday. St George and St Teresa is going from strength to strength. Support from parents is so much valued and appreciated. We work in close partnership with our families to make St George and St Teresa School a true community.”

Of his visit, Schools Minister Nick Gibb also said:

“It was a pleasure to see first-hand how the teachers and pupils at St George and St Teresa Catholic Primary School achieve such high academic standards, particularly in reading and in maths, with nearly every child reaching or exceeding the expected standard.”

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MEDIA NOTE: Please find attached a photo of pupils at the school for your use.

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