

Spanish for Primary Children

¡Hola!

My name is **Sandra Bernal** from **Hola Chicos Spanish Club**, and I am delighted to share a little about my fun and engaging Spanish clubs designed especially for **primary-aged children**. Before I start my classes in your school, I will be fully insured, hold an enhanced DBS, plus have up-to-date safeguarding training. I will also be able to provide a letter of assurance.

I am a native Spanish speaker, experienced working with primary age children and passionate about languages, with a strong focus on early language development. My sessions use the award-winning **La Jolie Ronde** programme – trusted by parents and schools for over 40 years – to provide children with strong foundations for future language learning while supporting the primary curriculum.

Each session is lively, interactive and carefully tailored to suit primary learners. Through games, songs, storytelling, role-play and engaging activities, children build confidence and develop a genuine love of languages in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Why Start Learning a Language in Primary School?

Research consistently shows that the primary years are one of the most effective times to begin learning another language. During this stage of development, children's brains are especially receptive to new sounds, patterns, rhythm and pronunciation, making language learning feel natural rather than forced.

In primary school:

- Language development is rapid and highly flexible
- Children instinctively learn by listening first and then copying — just as they did when acquiring English
- Speaking and understanding develop before reading and writing
- Confidence grows through repetition, play and positive reinforcement



Young learners are curious and uninhibited. Because they are less self-conscious than older pupils, they are more willing to experiment with new words and sounds, which supports more authentic pronunciation and stronger long-term retention.

When learning is active, playful and engaging, children absorb language almost effortlessly. Through songs, games, storytelling and interaction, they build strong foundations that support future language study, boost memory and concentration, and strengthen overall communication skills.

Starting early not only enhances current school learning but also provides children with a confident head start as they move towards secondary education.

**“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.
If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”**
— *Nelson Mandela*

Benefits Beyond Language Learning

Early language learning supports many other key areas of development, including:

- **Speech & Listening Skills** – improving sound discrimination, pronunciation and attention
- **Confidence** – children gain confidence through speaking, singing & participating in group activities
- **Memory & Concentration** – repetition and familiar routines strengthen memory skills
- **Social Skills** – taking turns, joining in and communicating with others
- **Early Literacy** – reinforcing listening skills, rhythm, rhyme and an awareness of sounds
- **Curiosity & Cultural Awareness** – encouraging an open-minded interest in the wider world

How My Classes Work

La Jolie Ronde's Spanish structured and progressive programme, is carefully designed for young learners, with a strong emphasis on:

- Familiarity and repetition
- Short, lively activities
- Learning through fun and exciting games and activities
- Building enthusiasm and enjoyment
- Children explore everyday topics they already understand. This helps children feel confident and secure while learning new Spanish words and phrases.



What I Offer

- A **unique programme** developed specifically for primary years
- Learning through games, songs, role plays and languages related activities
- A **structured and progressive programme** that supports wider learning and development
- **Small groups and short sessions**, tailored to pupil attention spans
- **Rewards for special achievements**, building confidence & motivation
- A strong foundation for **future language learning**
- All communication with parents – there is nothing for the school to do



Learning Through Fun

Above all, my sessions are about **having fun**. When children enjoy what they are doing, **learning happens naturally** and **Spanish becomes a positive & familiar part of their school experience**.