



Jubilee Wood Primary School

Caring, Developing and Learning Together



Welcome to Jubilee Wood Primary School

Matt O'Brien, Headteacher, says:

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

A special place

Jubilee Wood is a thriving, happy and successful primary school located in the heart of Milton Keynes - we really are worth getting to know! Our school has many advantages that make our setting so special:

- the children are enthusiastic, charming and well-behaved
- the staff are exceptionally motivated and talented
- parents get behind the school so that partnership working is excellent
- the curriculum is very exciting and engaging
- and the premises and facilities are fantastic, making both learning and working here a pleasure for everyone!

Community support

The local community in Fishermead is wonderfully diverse and, as our motto goes, we **care, develop and learn together** as one so that our ethos and values nurture every single child. Our community supports us brilliantly: in the 2024 parent survey completed by 155 of our parents, 96% of them said they would 'recommend the school to another parent' and 97% said their child 'is happy at this school'.

No-one left behind

Over a 3-year period, standards at Jubilee Wood in the Y1 Phonics Screening, Y4 Multiplication Tables Check, and Y6 SATs match and, sometimes go beyond, the Milton Keynes and national average.

Our engaging curriculum and high expectations are ensuring that everyone achieves their full potential, with no-one left behind.

Attendance better than the national average

Our attendance levels are very high at Jubilee Wood - much better than the national average - so we know that our children really are excited about coming to school.

Pastoral care

Whilst academic achievements are an important part of life at our school, all our children also have the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of sporting and musical opportunities, as well as regular trips and residential visits. Our pastoral care is exceptional, ensuring all children are kept safe and are supported both inside and outside school. Overall, Ofsted described our children's 'Personal Development' as 'Outstanding'.

Parent partnership

Another very important part of our school is you, the parent! As you will see, by reading the many parent and child stories within this prospectus, you and your child are very important to us. We champion the link between school and parent and work very hard to involve you in every step of your child's time here... and increase your child's enjoyment of learning.

Excellent transition into Reception and Y3

We want children who are new to us to be as comfortable as possible from the day they start, so we do a lot of transition work with new families and feeder nurseries and infant schools so that children are supported every step of the way with getting used to a new school. Children in both Reception and Y3 settle in very quickly due to the sensitive care our team provides in helping them to feel at home.



Get in touch

If you would like to see why Ofsted rated us so highly, you might like to take a tour of Jubilee Wood - do please get in touch so that we can show you what the learning environment here has to offer. To make an appointment, please either call on 01908 257810 or email: office@jubileewood.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Jubilee Wood has taught all 3 of Hauwa's children and one has won a national poetry competition thanks to the encouragement of her teachers

Hauwa's eldest son
Mohammed is now in Year 9 at
high school, Salma is in Year 6
and Halima is in Year 4.



A published poet

"My son started Jubilee Wood in Year 3 when we moved from Birmingham to Milton Keynes. Salma started from Reception as did Halima," says Hauwa.

Hauwa's eldest daughter Salma loves to write, and her teachers encouraged her to enter a national poetry writing competition for children. "The children are doing fantastic. Mohammed had a great experience at Jubilee Wood, he was popular, and he was House Captain. My other two children are getting on very well. My daughter, Salma, won a national poetry competition all thanks to the support and encouragement at Jubilee Wood. She had her poem published in a book titled "Verses of Champions" which is a great achievement," says Hauwa.

A love of reading

"Halima loves reading. She reads a lot and loves literacy as well as mathematics. Salma also loves to read. School encourages them to read for at least 30 minutes at home. They both have a natural love for reading. They enjoy all aspects of school, I've never had any issues with their learning, they're doing very well," says Hauwa.

Friendly community

"They have many friends that they like to hang out with. They socialise in and out of school with different friends and as families we like to get together. The school community has been very welcoming, and we have a wonderful relationship with school. The journey so far has been very good," says Hauwa.

Moving to secondary school

"From what I have seen, the children are supported in their move to secondary school. The teachers have spoken to them about what to expect. The transition for Mohammed was a smooth one. He moved up with one of his other friends. Academically Mohammed settled into secondary school very well. I believe this is all down to Jubilee Wood - he exceeded expectations in all of his subjects, and this set him up well for the move to secondary.

He has found the setting and the teaching quite different but he's doing well," says Hauwa. My daughter is quite shy and on the quiet side. The academic progress she is making is fantastic we are very proud of how well she's doing. I don't think she's going to have any problems making the move to secondary school. She's on the right track and we get positive feedback from her teachers," says Hauwa.

Extra-curricular activities

"The children have been on many activities and trips. My son was on the school football team. Salma plays netball and plays on the school football team. She enjoys Stunt and Tumble at after school club and is in the choir. My youngest plays football, she likes to dance and does yoga. There are lots of activities for the children to get involved with. They even go to cooking club which is great as they come home wanting to make things with me. The teachers are very hands-on with the clubs and the children really enjoy them," says Hauwa.

Knowing each child as an individual

"I'm confident in Jubilee Wood. They have a 1-2-1 personal approach with the children. All the teachers know the children and what they're interested in. My children have made significant progress, and they keep improving which is wonderful to see. There is a strong sense of right and wrong and the children are learning how to behave as good citizens; school are always quick to address and handle any issues. It makes me feel very comfortable that school know how to handle all the characters and individuals that come to school. They knew how to encourage Salma with her writing and that's something I will always be grateful for," says Hauwa.

Children say:

Salma says: "I love to write poems."

Halima says: "My favourite things are dancing and cooking club."

School day: settling in

School times

The school day starts at 8.55am (though children mostly attend classes in 'Soft Start' from 8.40am onwards) and ends at 3.30pm.

Wraparound

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7.35am until 8.40am, with the last drop off without food provision at 8.10am. Apart from the many after-school clubs we run from 3.30 to 4.30pm each day, we do not currently have after-school 'care' provision. Many of our parents use local child-minders for this purpose.

Uniform

We encourage and expect all children to be smartly dressed for school and to wear our school uniform. Jubilee Wood Primary School uniform is a red sweatshirt, white polo shirt and charcoal grey trousers/skirt. The uniform, with school badge, is available through our school supplier Maisies. Uniform can be purchased elsewhere though, and does not have to have the school logo on it. For further information on the uniform and how to order it please talk to the school office or visit www.maisies-superstore.co.uk/ and order online.

You can also visit their shop at: Maisies Superstore, 60-64 Church Street, Wolverton, MK12 5JW

Food in school

All our meals are prepared on site by our own catering team. There are always four choices of lunch, and include a salad bar, and vegetarian and halal options. We pride ourselves on ensuring that our food provision is healthy, nutritious and delicious.

Packed lunches, drinks and snacks

Children are encouraged to eat healthily and as part of the Healthy Schools initiative, children eat a piece of fruit or vegetable for mid-morning break. We also encourage children to drink water regularly during the day, and they should bring in a bottle for this purpose each day. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch from home, we ask that it should contain only healthy ingredients in line with our policy.

Free school meals

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are all entitled to a free school meal. We encourage all parents who are eligible to take up this option. Older children may also be eligible for free meals. If you think this applies to you, please ask in confidence for an application form from the school office.



Anna moved her son JJ to Jubilee Wood and now he is thriving

JJ is age 7 and is in Year 3.



Settling into a new school

In each year group there are either two or three classes at Jubilee Wood. JJ moved to Jubilee Wood in Year 1 in the autumn term and has settled in well. "JJ is enjoying school. He's on the school council and he's excited for everything that comes with that role, like the meetings and helping make decisions with other children. He nominated himself and then his classmates voted for him. He'll have the job for the year," says Anna.

Quick to provide support

JJ had sometimes struggled with his emotions in the past, but Jubilee Wood have worked with him to help him process and understand his feelings. "In Year 1 JJ's teacher was fantastic. It was in her class that she noticed that JJ might need additional support with his emotional regulation. Within a week his teacher picked up that he needed help and started putting support in place for him. We've had meetings with school and the provision they've given is one of the main reasons, I believe, as to why he's thriving so well. It was daunting to move him as JJ doesn't handle change well, but Jubilee Wood made the move easy. I'm so glad he's at Jubilee Wood and enjoying school," says Anna.

Structure and routine

JJ has adapted to the school day at Jubilee well and his teachers work with him to accommodate any changes so that he feels prepared and able to handle his feelings. "Jubilee Wood have a traditional approach to their day in that it is structured and there is a recognisable routine. They are nurturing and the teachers are aware of each individual child's needs. JJ has settled very well at Jubilee Wood. They've paid attention as to how to approach change and they make everything child centred. They communicate any changes with JJ and they work with him to help him regulate his emotions. They have a traffic light system so that he can identify how he feels. He can now communicate without getting caught in the details which he can find frustrating. They're very supportive and focus on every aspect of wellbeing not just academic learning," says Anna.

Winning awards that build confidence

"JJ loves art and he has won awards at school for his work. He enjoys maths, science and history. He's also won an award for his creative writing. The awards are presented at their Celebration Assemblies. He's been awarded Star Learner and the head teacher does pick out special pieces of work. Its means so much to the children and the positive recognition builds their confidence," says Anna.

Affordable school trips

"JJ goes to breakfast club a couple of times a week. He doesn't participate in any extra curricular activities just yet but he is looking forward to joining clubs in the future. JJ has enjoyed lots of school trips, they've been to the beach. He's been to London and they go on class walking trips. They've been to the pantomime. Jubilee Wood put a huge effort into trips and they make it affordable for everyone," says Anna.

Having fun with classmates

"The parents are friendly and approachable. We don't get chance to see everyone that often as we work full time. JJ had a party in Year 2 for his classmates and every one came and had a lovely time," says Anna.

New parents just need to visit

"I would suggest any parent to arrange a meeting with school and go and visit. Speak to the senior leaders, who are so warm and welcoming. We were recommended Jubilee Wood from another parent. We've found that they make learning fun, JJ loves going to school. They nurture children and we've found that academically since joining Jubilee Wood JJ has come on so well. His handwriting is brilliant and he always wants to go to school. He comes home excited to tell us what he's been doing," says Anna.

Children say:

JJ says: "I love going to school everyday."

Curriculum: inspiring and challenging pupils to achieve to their full potential

Inspire and challenge

Jubilee Wood has a rich and exciting curriculum aimed at inspiring and challenging children to achieve to their full potential. We see the results of this every day in happy and engaged classrooms across the school. We work hard to ensure our curriculum meets the needs of all the children we serve in every single respect.

A Great start in the EYFS

Our Nursery and Reception curriculum has been highly praised for the quality of the staff's interactions with the children and the creative way they set up the environment to allow our very youngest children to learn imaginatively through play. The indoor and outdoor spaces are highly stimulating in Nursery and Reception and support the children to develop the confidence and skills they need to make a great start to their school career.

High quality

Our Year 1-6 curriculum is based on high quality 'core texts' that the children study for a half-term in most cases, getting a deep understanding of the book being studied and encouraging a love of reading that will impact the whole curriculum.

Joined up learning

A key feature of the wider Jubilee Wood curriculum is children consolidating and applying their literacy and maths skills in other 'topic' lessons. For example, a child who has learnt how to write a diary extract in literacy, could then use this ability to write an account of the experience of being an evacuee in the Blitz, drawing upon their newfound knowledge of this period in time from their history lessons.

A child might then create art and listen to music once again drawing inspiration from the same historical period being studied. Plenty of opportunities for children to consolidate maths learning across the curriculum are also given, for example in science or computing lessons.

All-round personal development

The children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development is very important to us at Jubilee Wood and their personal development is extremely well promoted (Ofsted described it as 'Outstanding'). With ongoing personal growth, children will be able to access learning and to make the most of the opportunities they have across the curriculum. Our wider curriculum ensures that children have many opportunities for personal development, and this ultimately leads to the very good behaviour, attitudes and conduct that the children display across our school.

Inclusion: an education for all

We aim to provide equal access to the curriculum for all the children, including those with learning, physical, sensory and emotional difficulties. All the children are assessed regularly. If the results of an assessment indicate that further intervention is required, the teachers will speak about any concerns with you. We are able to access a wide range of specialist support services. The school is fully accessible for anyone with a physical disability. If you would like to speak to our SEND Co-ordinator, please contact the school office.



Jubilee Wood has reassured Chey that her children, Noah and Alexia, are at a great school which treats every child as an individual

Chey has Noah in Year 5 and Alexia in Year 3.



A great school

Chey had the choice of 3 schools when first looking at primary school options for her children and she's never looked back since choosing Jubilee Wood. "I was unsure as to which school to pick at first as there are three schools within walking distance from my house. I'm so glad I picked Jubilee Wood - I feel that my children have had tonnes of opportunities. They are thriving at school and get excited about what they're learning about. I work with children and it's not often you get children so positive about going to school and wanting to learn. Jubilee Wood makes learning fun," says Chey.

Lots of opportunities

"They're both doing music lessons. I have looked at this before out of school. School have made it accessible and affordable. They have been learning about ancient Greece and they went to a museum to see artefacts and learn more about their topic. Jubilee Wood work hard to bring learning to life," says Chey.

A trip to the seaside

"The younger children get to go on trip to the beach and I was lucky enough to get to go with them. It was magical. There were children who had never been to the beach and had never seen the sea. The teachers thought nothing of taking their hands and going in the sea, nothing was too much, it was amazing. A very special day. That's just one example, they're like that with everything that they do at school," says Chey.

Learning together

"Each year group focusses on doing a performance about what they're learning about. Whatever topic they're learning, they break it down, so that everyone has a part, and they showcase it to the rest of the school. It's such a lovely way to bring everyone together.

They split into classes and so every child gets a speaking part and a piece of acting with maybe an instrument, everyone is made to feel special. Parents are invited and it's lovely," says Chey.

After school clubs

"Every term there are different after school clubs the children can attend. At the moment, for example, Monday is music club, and this is in addition to their lessons, Noah goes to choir on a Tuesday, Alexia does dance on a Wednesday and Noah does football on a Thursday. There is so much for them to do. The dance lessons are taught by an external teacher, and it works out at a £1 per week which is just brilliant for families. It's great for them to have the opportunity to try things at school and then if they really take to it we can pick it up as a hobby at home," says Chey.

Sports day and the summer fete

"The children love sports day. I spend the whole day there as there's one session in the morning and one in the afternoon. The children always love seeing the parents' race. There's a summer fete which everyone goes to. It's always well thought out and everyone's catered for. School is very good at noticing details. The staff know every child, their favourite thing to do and what they're struggling with. They know their parents. It's that sense of knowing each child as an individual that makes Jubilee Wood feel special. It's also reassuring to know that your children are safe and that's so important when the children are little and just starting school," says Chey.

Children say:

Alexia says: "I love playing with my friends."

Noah says: "I like going on the school trips."

Enrichment: trips, visitors and clubs



Residential trips

We have two residential trips each year: Year 4 visit Everdon for two days in the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, doing fun activities in the local meadows and forest. Meanwhile, Year 6 spend three days at Caldecotte, which includes exciting outdoor adventure activities like climbing, sailing and archery. We help a great deal with the cost of these overnight trips so that virtually all of our children, no matter what their home circumstances, are able to attend and join in the fun. These types of trips help the children to grow in confidence and deepen their friendships with each other.

Trips out of school

We have very regular outings and trips to many local venues like the MK Theatre, MK Museum and Campbell Park, joined by the excellent Part Trust rangers there. We also very often go beyond our city to galleries, museums and other exciting destinations like Cadburys World in Birmingham, The Space Museum in Leicester, and Woburn Safari Park. Every two years we take all the younger year groups to the beach for a day of fun in the beautiful sand at Walton in Essex. Meanwhile, on our doorstep, we often take our younger children to our wood over the road from Jubilee Wood to do Forest School-style activities in a lovely natural setting.

Visitors

Just as often, we let the entertainment come to us – each year a farm visits us in the playground; each autumn some alpacas spend the day with us; and outreach from the local zoo brings some reptiles and fascinating creatures to our classrooms. We have also had wonderful days in the company of professional authors sharing their writing techniques with our children for the day; actors playing the role of historical figures to help the children imagine what life was like in the past; and archaeologists teaching children how they can investigate history through digging for artefacts.

Clubs

Typically, we have between 15 and 20 after-school clubs/activities each week. They include:

- Infant, junior and girls' football
- Netball
- Arts and crafts
- Chess
- Choir
- Music
- Coding
- Gardening
- Infant and junior cooking
- Film
- Running
- Dance
- Yoga
- Spanish.

Jubilee Wood School has provided Halyna Pakhar and her family more than just lessons, they've provided hope that the world is still full of good people

Halyna has her daughter Zlata in Year 5 and Feliks her son, is in Year 1.



Joining a new school and starting a new life

Halyna and her children Zlata and Feliks joined Jubilee Wood when they moved to the UK from Ukraine in 2022. "Feliks joined the nursery and Zlata joined in Year 3. We moved from Ukraine to the UK. The children spoke very little English," says Halyna.

Support from teachers

"I remember my first parent's evening at Jubilee Wood for Zlata. Zlata was trying to fit in and she was working hard at her lessons. Her teacher said how hard Zlata was trying to be friendly with everyone and always smiling. Her teacher had tears in her eyes as she was sharing this with me. She said, "If she was mine, I would be really proud of her." I remember that so clearly, her teacher was so kind. I was so worried about her reading and writing but her teacher was so understanding. She was amazed at how Zlata was doing. Her teacher understood the difference in the letters and the language that Zlata had been used to and couldn't believe her progress," says Halyna.

Fantastic progress

"In November 2023, a year after starting, Zlata was moved to the top sets for literacy and writing. I was so impressed at her progress. The school is so supportive. Whenever I was worried about her understanding or not being able to do something, as soon as I shared my concerns, the teachers were there to reassure me. They just said to give her time, and they were right. I cannot express enough how supportive school have been," says Halyna.

Settling in

"Zlata has a lovely group of friends and I'm in touch with their parents. They have playdates and birthday parties together. She has a good bunch of friends in school which I'm happy about. The children go to after school clubs. Zlata has enjoyed cooking and film club," says Halyna.

Help for parents as well as children

"School have been supportive outside of teaching the children. When we had to move from our accommodation, I didn't have a job and getting that first job in the UK is difficult. I emailed our head teacher at Jubilee Wood. I used to run a small nursery back home. I was sending my CV everywhere and not getting to interview. I said to school what I was looking for and I explained I was willing to do anything. They first interviewed me as a catering assistant. Then the next day the head teacher rang me and said "We want to offer you the job of breakfast club assistant and 1:1 reader." It was so thoughtful. I felt so cared for as part of the school's community, they helped me so much. I was amazed at how helpful they were," says Halyna.

Wonderful memories

"I left my country, my husband behind and my home. School have been wonderful and I'm still in touch with everyone. I have such good memories, they were all so kind and I'll never forget it," says Halyna.

Moving forward

"In January I was offered another job. I was looking for more hours and school couldn't offer me more hours. I'm so grateful they gave me that first opportunity. It helped me to feel confident and my children are doing well. I've had such great feedback for the children and I'm so happy that the children are settled and making progress. They are happy to go to school everyday. I think when people hear stories like mine and how school and all the staff have helped us it makes you believe the world is still a good place," says Halyna.

Children say:

Zlata says: "I love reading."
Feliks says: "I love Maths."

Sport, P.E., Music and Performance

Sport and P.E.

We are very lucky to have a full-time Sports Coach at Jubilee Wood who teaches most of the twice-weekly PE lessons throughout the school. The PE curriculum includes gymnastics, dance, football, cricket, athletics and tag-rugby.

Pop-up swimming!

Every two years, we hire a large swimming pool which is erected in our playground; this allows our children to swim every day for 3 weeks so that they can grow their confidence in the pool, supported by trained instructors and lifeguards.

Competitions

Our Sports Coach and our large number of very enthusiastic volunteer staff help our children to compete in a great number of inter-school sports competitions, and in recent times these have included football, netball, badminton, tag-rugby, rounders, athletics and basketball.

A chance to dance

In addition to the specialist Sports Coach, we also have a specialist dance teacher who comes to us for two terms a year, helping the children to express themselves to music, and this always culminates in a performance for their parents – this always proves very popular!

Music

Our music provision at Jubilee Wood is supported by a specialist music teacher who at different stages of the year teaches all year groups for their weekly music lessons. Whole class lessons are taught for a range of instruments from Years 2 to 6:

- Ocarina.
- Recorder.
- Ukelele.
- Keyboards.
- Guitar.

Many of our children also have one-to-one weekly music lessons in violin and guitar.

Proud to perform

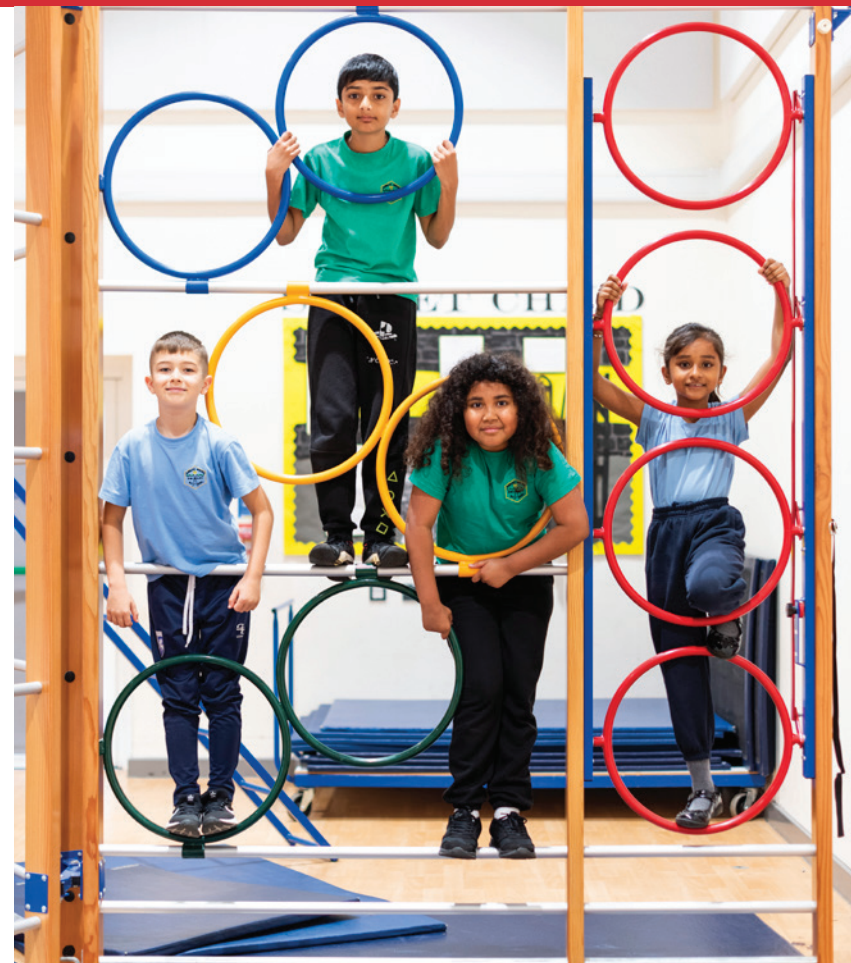
Each year, the many children learning an instrument perform for their parents and the rest of the school in a Musicians' Celebration Assembly. Our weekly junior choir club is enthusiastically attended in very large numbers, with the choir performing for audiences throughout the year, including at the annual Young Voices evening concert in Birmingham with thousands of other primary age children from across the country. Each year our Year 6 children perform a musical with the children singing showtunes, both collectively and sometimes solo – this musical theatre sees the children at their dramatic best and gives them the confidence to perform before an audience. The infants performing their nativity musical and regular 'Class Assemblies', which parents are always invited to, also give the children the frequent chance to practice their performance skills and to sing with control and confidence.

Music for the mind

A weekly after-school music club for the infants with our specialist teacher further supports our younger children's musical growth. Weekly singing assemblies are very much enjoyed by the children, allowing them to sing as part of a supportive and caring community, enhancing good mental health and wellbeing.



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Admissions and getting involved

Admissions

The school works in conjunction with Milton Keynes City Council for regular admissions, and details of the co-ordinated scheme for admissions are available in the local authority's booklet, available from the school. This booklet also explains how parents can express a preference for a school and give reasons for that preference. Information about the equivalent process for in-year admissions, and lots more useful information, can be accessed at <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning>.

Applications for both entry points to Jubilee Wood Primary School in September 2025 should be made via the Milton Keynes City Council portal that can be accessed via the website link provided above. Alternatively, equivalent paper applications are available from the Council on request.

MK City Council, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. Telephone: 01908 691691

Getting involved

Volunteers

We welcome parents and family members into school as volunteers to help with listening to the children read, and as helpers on trips out. All offers of support are gratefully received.

Governors

Our team of experienced, committed and knowledgeable volunteer governors work closely with the Headteacher and senior leadership team to oversee the strategic development of the school. Volunteer governors have been elected, nominated or co-opted from several stakeholder groups including school staff, parents and carers, the Grand Union Partnership and the wider community. If you would like to know more about the governors, or you would like to put yourself forward for a parent governor role, please contact the Headteacher via the school office.



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Our Vision and values

Caring, Developing and Learning Together is our Mission

Our values inform all that we do and are expressed through our commitment to:

- Creating a safe and secure environment in which children can thrive in every respect.
- Ensuring everyone takes responsibility for their actions, showing care and concern for others, the school and its contents.
- Providing a wide array of opportunities to support children's personal wider development.
- Working closely with parents, children and governors to promote positive attitudes and behaviour and to create a culture of respect.
- Working together to remove any barriers to high achievement.

Our vision is to:

- Inspire one another and create a learning community where all succeed.
- Aim high so we all reach ambitious goals.
- Embrace the diversity of our school and wider community.
- Provide a happy, safe and caring environment for all.
- Promote co-operation, respect and partnership within our school community



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