



Bishop Wilton CE VC Primary School

Love,
Laugh,
Live,
Learn



Welcome to Bishop Wilton CE VC Primary School

Foreword: Mrs Elizabeth Harros, Executive Headteacher, says...

It is with great pride that I welcome you to our wonderful school. Inspired by our Christian vision we want children to know that they set the direction for their own life and can be anything they want to be. We teach them that they are part of a local community where they can impact on the lives of those around them. Although only part of a small rural community, children learn that they are citizens of the world and can act locally to impact on global change.

Hub of the community

Our school dates from 1860 and has formed an important hub of the local community since then. We are a rural school located in a quiet village and have access to all the village facilities and the beautiful countryside. Although most children come from Bishop Wilton and the surrounding farms and hamlets, we also warmly welcome children from the surrounding area including Pocklington. In line with our Christian vision, our school is an important part of our wider local community, and our children take part in many village activities

Our fantastic curriculum offer

Although we are a small school, we are able offer to our children access to a broad and ambitious curriculum, having all the opportunities they may get in a bigger school. We are part of a federation with two other small rural schools and work with them to share resources and facilities. We make full use of our wonderful location and also take part in trips to access our local and wider communities.

Nursery

Our nursery is open to children from 2 years old and we offer flexibility of both full time and part time places. We

accept both 15 and 30 government funded hours. We have a dedicated nursery team who work tirelessly to make sure that the children are happy and get off to a great start.

Fantastic support

With incredibly high staff to pupil ratios, most of our formal teaching takes place in small groups or on an individual basis so children receive an amazing level of support.

Christian Vision of our school

We are a Christian school, and it drives everything we do. We have daily acts of worship which are based on Christian beliefs. We welcome all of the children to take part, whether they are Christian or have another faith or no faith.

Links with St Edith's CE Church

We have very close links with the parish church. We often celebrate important events such as Christmas and Easter in the church and invite the rest of the community to join with us. The vicar is a familiar face in the school, to lead worship and work with staff and children.

Love, laugh, live, learn

Our school motto is 'love, laugh, live, learn' and we all work together to make our school a joyful and loving place where our children can learn and live a full life.

Parent partnership

Our school is successful because we all work together to provide the best outcomes for your child. And you can see examples of this working by reading the case studies within this prospectus. We work very hard to involve you throughout your child's time with us.



Get in touch

I hope that our prospectus gives you an insight and understanding of our core values of love, courage, thankfulness, forgiveness, honesty and responsibility. We would be delighted to welcome you to our school. Please call the school office on 01759 368313 to arrange a visit and see why our school is so special.



Amy and Tom are flourishing in the beautiful rural environment of Bishop Wilton CE VC Primary School

Catherine and Martin live in Bishop Wilton with their children, Amy, aged ten, and Tom, aged eight.

Enjoying learning

Catherine and Martin are pleased with the academic progress made by their children in the lovely setting of Bishop Wilton Primary School. "Both Amy and Tom have done very well there and learnt to read quickly, and their writing is also good. They are now in the same class because it is a Year 3 to 6 group. It works well, as the children are in reading groups according to their ability and the younger ones are inspired by the older ones to try different things," Catherine says.

Countryside location

The couple chose Bishop Wilton as they live in the village and wanted their children to be able to walk to school each day. "Amy started doing two half days a week in the nursery when she was three and enjoyed it. She went into Reception, which is part of Key Stage 1, when she was four and settled in well. She has always loved going to the school and liked going on the welly walks around the village. They take the children out for their welly walks, whatever the weather," Catherine says.

Varied activities

"The children also enjoy being taken to play in the woodland and build dens there. Even though it is a small school attended, by about 40 children, the staff offer them a wide range of activities," Catherine says. "I am very impressed with Amy's and Tom's class teacher, and how she gives individual attention to all pupils, despite their different ages."

Art activities

Amy enjoys English and is also doing well in Maths. "She particularly loves doing Art at school and the staff do a lot of artwork with the children and enter some of what they produce at school into the annual Bishop Wilton Show in July. When Tom first started at Bishop Wilton, he used to love riding the trikes in the playground and playing ball games. He now likes playing on the astroturf with the sports equipment. They have a male PE teacher twice a week, who does a good range of sports with them, including table tennis and dance this term," Catherine says.

Music lessons

"Tom also likes Science and enjoys making things in DT and Food Tech. They have both been given the opportunity to learn a musical instruments at school and Amy plays the violin, and Tom plays the guitar," she says.

Helping each other

"At Bishop Wilton the children take part in collective worship every day and are taught Christian values. They are encouraged to be kind and support others. The different age groups all mix well in the playground and the older ones look out for the younger ones. The school has close links with the village church and the children attend services there," Catherine says.

Exciting trips

"Considering Bishop Wilton is a small school, the staff put on plenty of activities. Every child has a part in the Christmas play each year and the staff also organise great trips, such as when they visited London and slept on board HMS Belfast." Catherine, who is treasurer of Bishop Wilton Primary's PTA, is also pleased that parents are keen to help raise money for the school.

Father's view

Martin says: "Bishop Wilton is nurturing, challenging and inclusive. It has enabled our children to grow as individuals, both academically and personally – gently grounded in a Christian ethos. Amy and Tom value their friendships and are fond of their teachers. Most importantly of all, they are happy and love going to school every day, proud to be pupils at Bishop Wilton."

Children say

Amy says: "I love doing Art at school."

Tom says: "My favourite lesson is PE."

School day: settling in

Our school day begins at 8:45 am when the teachers come out onto the playground to greet the children and parents.

Lunch break runs from 12:00 pm to 13:00 pm and the school day ends at 3:15 pm.

A morning nursery session runs from 8.45am to 12:00pm and an afternoon session from 12:00pm to 3.15pm.

Wraparound clubs

We offer full wrap-around care at Bishop Wilton. Timings for breakfast and after-school clubs are as follows:

- Breakfast Club daily 7:45 am to 8:45 am
- After-School Club Monday to Thursday 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

There is a small charge for both clubs. For more information about costs and booking, please contact the school office on 01759 368313 or email us at bishop.wilton@eastriding.gov.uk

Uniform

We believe that school uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to our school community. Our uniform is kept as simple, practical and cost-effective as possible. Our school colours are royal blue, pale blue, navy, grey and blue/white check for summer dresses. Nursery children wear yellow rather than pale blue polo shirts.

Staffing ratios

Staffing ratios are incredibly high which means SEND pupils get a bespoke offer. Often children who haven't done well at other schools thrive at Bishop Wilton.

School meals and snacks

We provide hot nutritious school meals which are great value. We produce a great variety of meals, and we can cater for special diets. The menus and prices for each term are shown on our website. Children can also bring a healthy packed lunch to school.

We provide all children with water but children having packed lunches can also bring a healthy drink in an unbreakable container which fits in their lunch box.

Free school meals

If your family receives certain benefits, such as income support, your child will be eligible for free school meals. Claims can be made by contacting the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Please ask us if you have any questions or need any help with your claim.

Break-time and drinks

Snacks

We provide a free piece of fruit for all nursery and KS1 children as a mid morning snack. The KS2 children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack, either fruit or a cereal bar to help to fuel them until lunchtime.

Milk

Children up to the age of five are also provided with milk to drink. Speak to the staff in the main office if you would like more information.



Ethan and Nova have blossomed in the cosy atmosphere of Bishop Wilton Primary School

Lucy and Oliver live in Pocklington with their children, Ethan, aged five, and Nova, aged two.

Kind staff

Lucy and Oliver both like the small class sizes at Bishop Wilton Primary and the way children receive plenty of attention from the staff. "The nursery teachers are absolutely amazing and both Ethan and Nova have adored them, and now Ethan loves his teacher in Year 1," Lucy says.

Keeping in touch

Lucy is grateful for the updates parents receive from the school during the day when the teachers send pictures and descriptions of what the children are doing. "I remember the first time I received one after Nova started in the nursery. It was such a relief to see she was happy and enjoying herself painting. She had cried when I left her in the morning and it was lovely to receive the picture," she says.

Lovely scenery

"We live a ten-minute drive away from Bishop Wilton, but it is well worth the journey to be able to send Ethan and Nova to such a lovely school and it is a pleasant journey through beautiful countryside to get there," Lucy says.

Fun outdoors

Ethan started in the nursery when he was two. Lucy and Oliver had chosen Bishop Wilton because Ethan's cousins had gone there and enjoyed it. "He got on well with another boy who started at Bishop Wilton at the same time and they became inseparable and are still good friends now. Ethan loved going on the welly walks and going in the woods, or down to the beck. We send in a change of clothes so they can get as messy as they like," Lucy says.

Individual support

"Ethan is now a confident reader and loves to read road signs to me and says he wants to be a scientist when he grow up. He also loves PE and doing different sports. I am pleased that there are only a few children in Year 1, so everyone gets plenty of attention," she says.

Making progress

"Nova is now settled and comfortable in the nursery. I used to take her to 'stay and play' there to get her used to it before she started. For the first couple of weeks, she cried when I left her, but now she is happy to go. Now she has settled she is really enjoying art and colouring and painting. They have a little painting station and an area for drawing and colouring and she is already trying to draw faces. She is now used to the other children and I could see she was holding hands with the children on either side of her when they sent me a picture of her at circle time the other day," Lucy says.

Friendly children

"One of the things we love about the school is that it is small and inclusive. All the children are good friends with each other and they play football together in the playground. All the older ones have known Nova ever since she was born and they look out for her and say hello to her at school. I like the way the staff are gently teaching the children good values," Lucy says.

Achievement award

"On Fridays they have an assembly and give out awards for different things. There is an achievement award and the child who gets it can take the trophy home for the weekend. Nova was recently given it for coming out of her shell in the nursery. She has really blossomed and become more confident with people since starting. Ethan is also settled and happy at Bishop Wilton now and often comes out of school and tells me he has had a good day."

Children say

Ethan says: "I Like Phonics and playtime because it's fun."

Nova loves seeing Ethan at playtime.

Inspiring and creative curriculum: foundations for success

Our curriculum

Our curriculum is carefully crafted so that children in mixed aged classes are able to make good progress and learn the skills they need for later life and we use different overarching topics to do this. Our website gives you more detail of the curriculum. In KS1 there is a two year cycle which is planned to excite the children and get them learning in a hands on way.

We build on the skills and knowledge in KS2 and there is a four year cycle carefully planned to ensure progress and continuity. In addition, all the children in KS2 have the opportunity to learn the trombone and we study Spanish as our modern foreign language.

Enrichment activities

We are fully engaged with our local and wider community and take part in a range of community activities, trips and visits, which gives our children an awareness of the wider world. KS1 visit the wider local area of York and Hull and enjoy their trip to the seaside at Bridlington. KS2 travel further afield with a residential visit to Robinwood climbing, zip wiring and canoeing one year, and the following year an overnight stay in London, soaking up the sights of the capital, visiting museums and taking in a West End show. We love having visitors into school as well and have recently welcomed an artist, local musicians and the fire brigade in to work with the children.

Diversity

We teach about diversity, sustainability, innovation, and life skills so that our children have the foundations for a socially responsible and economically independent life. We are a fully inclusive community and are always looking to remove barriers to all of our children accessing all the opportunities available at Bishop Wilton.

Music

In Foundation stage, music forms part of everyday teaching and as the children move up through the school, we introduce specific music lessons. At a small extra cost, we offer instrumental music tuition from Year 2 via the music support service from the Local Authority

All junior children will start weekly whole-class music teaching using the trombone. We also have regular visiting groups and musicians or trips to see musicals in the West End so children can enjoy professional live music experiences.

Sport and P.E.

PE and sport are central to our curriculum, helping build children's confidence, resilience, self-esteem, physical well-being and health.

We have access to the federation sports coach who will take sessions with the children and provides support to our teachers. We are able to offer a full PE provision through the resources available to our federation. We pool facilities and take part in inter-school team games and a variety of competitions. Our children access our beautiful countryside through regular walks and opportunities to explore nature.

Wide range of clubs and fundraising activities

We provide a range of clubs such as computer club, Uno club, book club and lots more. We also take part in annual charity fundraising such as the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning, Red Nose Day and Children in Need.



Charlotte, Sophie, and Mollie are being encouraged to fulfill their potential by the caring staff at Bishop Wilton CE VC Primary School

Sarah and Stewart live in Bishop Wilton with their children, Charlotte, aged seven, and twins, Mollie and Sophie, aged five.

Mixed age classes

Sarah and Stewart are delighted their three daughters are all thriving in the friendly atmosphere of Bishop Wilton Primary School. Sarah says: "Charlotte is benefitting from being taught in a class along with older children in Key Stage 2 because they have mixed age groups for reading and she can progress at her own pace. If children are ahead, they can do advanced work, and they are often inspired by older children to try more challenging things."

Phonics and Reading

Sarah and Stewart's twin daughters, Sophie and Mollie, are enjoying Phonics, and Reading and Writing in Key Stage 1. "They both flourished after starting in the nursery at the school when they were three, and were potty trained within the first term supported by the nursery staff," Sarah says.

Useful wrap-around care

The couple looked at other schools in the area but chose Bishop Wilton because other parents had been encouraging about it. Sarah says: "The wrap-around care offered by the school is a great help to working parents. The school is open from 7.45 am to 5.30 pm from Monday to Thursday. On Fridays, there is a breakfast club from 7.45 am, but it is the normal school pick-up time at 3.15 pm."

Good start

Charlotte started at Bishop Wilton when she was four and settled in brilliantly, Sarah says. "She had a taster day, and then had play dates with other children who were going there. We also went to 'stay and play' one morning a week at the school before she started. She had no problems settling in, it was as though she had always been there."

Mixing well

Sarah says Charlotte enjoyed being Mary in the school nativity play the first Christmas after she started. "Considering the size of the school, they put on great productions, which are of high quality. She also loved playing with the older children in the playground."

Attentive teachers

Charlotte is enjoying learning Spanish and she likes Maths, Science and Reading, in Key Stage 2, which caters for the children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6. "She's in a class of 18 and they have a full-time teacher and a full-time Teaching Assistant, so they get lots of attention. All the girls are good friends with each other and she gets on well with the older ones. She is doing well in everything and likes all the after-school clubs," Sarah says.

Learning through play

After the twins started in the nursery, they enjoyed all the activities. "They loved sensory play, water play, and making their own play dough. They liked doing crafts and dressing up and loved the nursery playground and the Wendy house," Sarah says. "There was free flow from the nursery to Key Stage 1 most of the time. There were only a few times when the nursery children couldn't go in, when they would put a sign on the door. So, it was a smooth transition for them when they went up to Key Stage 1 and they settled in well."

School values

"The school have a good relationship with the local church and they go there to perform the nativity play and hold their harvest festival. We are pleased the children are learning good values, such as courage, responsibility, and forgiveness, because it is a school with a Christian vision."

Children say

Charlotte says: "I love Design Technology and Science because we do lots of Power Points and the teachers work very hard."

Sophie says: "I love PE and Sports Club. The teacher is really fun."

Mollie says: "I love welly walks. We get to see animals and splash in puddles."

Admissions and getting involved

Admissions arrangements

Nursery intake

Children can be admitted to the nursery after they turn two years old and can join at the beginning of the following term. Contact the school office for an application form and to arrange a visit.

Reception intake

East Riding of Yorkshire Council deals with admissions. They will contact parents in the Autumn before their children turn five. We encourage parents to let us know if they would like to apply for a place for their child. We recommend that you come and visit us, and a senior teacher will show you around and answer any questions.

Transfer during the academic year

If you have a child who would like to transfer to our school, please make an appointment to have a look around. We will be delighted to give you a tour. We know that parents worry about moving so always ensure that children joining us mid-year settle in quickly and happily.

Contact details for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Admissions Team

- **Address:** East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire, HU17 9BA
- **Tel:** 01482 392100
- **Email:** schooladmissions@eastriding.gov.uk
- **Web:** https://emsonline.eastriding.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Get involved and be a voluntary helper

When your child joins Bishop Wilton School, you will automatically become a member of our Parent Teacher Association 'Friends of Bishop Wilton School'. Our Friends association has helped fund school trips and purchased play equipment. There are a range of opportunities to suit your availability. You can donate raffle prizes, and food or get involved in helping with running fund-raising activities and attend committee meetings. We also welcome parent volunteers to help out in school. Volunteering could include reading with the children, helping out with trips and visits, even just helping to keep our lovely grounds looking great.

You could also help out by becoming a Governor.



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Core values

Our core values are based on key Christian principles:

Love

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself." John 4:8

Courage

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Thankfulness

"Giving thanks always and everywhere and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

Forgiveness

"And forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us." Matthew 6:12

Honesty

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour." Exodus 20:16

Responsibility

"Train a child up in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

