



# HARVEY IS HAPPY AND MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN THE CARING ATMOSPHERE OF BUTTON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Sarah lives in Northern Moor with her sons, Thomas, aged 15, and Harvey, aged 6.**

## **KIND STAFF**

Sarah can't thank the staff at Button Lane enough for all the support they have given to her son, Harvey, and herself. Sarah says: "Harvey is now thriving in Year 1 and doing very well academically. He has had a lot to cope with because of my health issues, but the school have been unbelievably kind to us both."

## **ENJOYING OUTSIDE PLAY**

Sarah had heard good things about Button Lane, and the school is close to where the family live, so she

decided to send Harvey to start in the nursery at the age of three. Sarah's eldest son had attended another school but Sarah wanted Harvey to go somewhere different. "Harvey was very shy when he first started but the teachers were brilliant with him. He settled in and was enjoying it all within a couple of weeks. He wasn't potty trained, but the nursery staff said they would sort it out and he was quickly trained. Harvey loved all the creative things they did in the nursery and playing outside in the lovely play area," she says.

## SAD TO LEAVE

Harvey struggled with the transition to Reception and cried on his last day in the nursery. "Even though they had done visits to Reception and he knew he was going up, he was upset because he had become very attached to the staff. However, he became attached to the TA in Reception within a couple of days," Sarah says.

## READING SUCCESS

He always enjoyed listening to stories but struggled to look at books because he had eyesight problems, but this was picked up by the school when he was in Reception and he had an eye test and now has glasses. "Now Harvey can see better, he is on a reading programme and is catching up. He started to do well with learning in Reception and he came out of his shell and began to play with the other children. He has plenty of friends at school now," Sarah says.

## SMOOTH TRANSITION

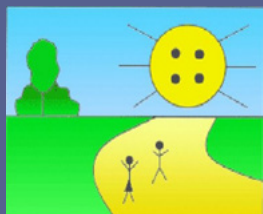
Harvey settled well in Year 1. He knew exactly where he was going when he went back after the holidays and he took moving up in his stride, Sarah says. "He has done well academically in Year 1, even though he has had a lot to cope with because of my health issues. As a family we have had amazing support from the staff at Button Lane and when they have known I am struggling they have picked Harvey up in the mornings and taken him to school for me because I couldn't do it myself."

## FUN IN THE FOREST

Sarah says Harvey absolutely loves Forest School and comes home afterwards with a beaming smile on his face. "He loves having hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows outside and enjoys learning and trying new things outdoors."

## REWARDING ACHIEVEMENT

The staff give the children incentives to do well, with an award system and praising children in the parent newsletter, she says. "Harvey has loved getting certificates when he has done well in something and getting his name in the parent newsletter. The staff have had a chat with me about my health and they told me they would always make sure Harvey was okay at school. They have sent reading books home for Harvey for the summer holidays so he can keep going with his reading. They have been amazing, and I can't thank the school enough for the support they have given us. As a single Mum, they have made me feel I am not alone with my health issues."



# ONLY THE BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH

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# CHILDREN SAY

**Harvey says:**  
"My favourite thing about going to Button Lane is doing Forest School."