



## 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."