



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 grows 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.