



Enoch has been warmly welcomed into the supportive environment of Hawkesley Church Primary Academy

Enoch lives with his parents, Chui and Stephen, and his mother's cousin, Carrie, and her husband, Aydin, and their children, Cordin and Ydin, in Kings Norton.

Enjoying school

Enoch, who is four, is now flourishing in Reception and enjoying all the activities, having made excellent progress since he joined Hawkesley Church Primary Academy just over a year ago. Chui says: "Enoch started in the nursery and has since moved up into Reception. He is very happy at the school and he likes drawing and learning phonics."

Good progress

Chui and Stephen chose Hawkesley Primary for Enoch when he was due to start school because it was the closest to where they lived and they knew it was a good school because of all the positive things Carrie and Ayden had told them about it. "Enoch did not speak English until he arrived in the UK but he quickly picked it up. He is doing very well at school now and English has become his first language," Chui says.

Well-motivated

Enoch has made some good friends at school and enjoys all the activities and he loves bringing home awards and certificates for his achievements. "Enoch is very encouraged by the rewards system at Hawkesley Primary. The children earn points for good behaviour and good work, which are recorded on the Class Dojo system and each day they make one child VIP of the Day," Chui says.

Encouraging good work

"The parents think the rewards system is good as it encourages children to behave well and to try to achieve their best work at school," she says. "They also have a Star of the Week award and the child will get a special certificate. They are celebrated in front of the whole school and parents are also invited. The children can be rewarded for things such as being helpful, being a good friend to someone, behaving well at lunch-time, or having good school attendance."

Keeping in touch

"The teachers are good at communicating with parents and making sure they know what is going on with their children. They are very helpful to us at Parents' Evenings and show us the children's books. They keep us informed about events that are coming up using the Class Dojo App and if you ask them about anything they always respond to you quickly."

Collective worship

Chui's cousin Carrie, and her husband, Ayden, are delighted with how well Cordin, who is five, is doing in Year 1. "He particularly enjoys Maths because he likes answering the questions. He also likes collective worship and he often comes home and asks us to play the songs they have been singing at school. He loves taking part in all the activities they do," Carrie says.

Challenging the pupils

"Cordin is advanced for his age in reading and in maths and he goes up to another class to do his reading, which we think is good for him. We are glad that he is being encouraged to progress and we want him to continue to be challenged," she says.

Detailed reports

Both families are impressed with the way the school send out reports across all the subjects about the progress their children are making. Ayden says: "Even in nursery you are given a very informative report about how your child is getting on, which we think is very good. There are lots of positive things to say about Hawkesley Church Primary Academy and so we do not hesitate to recommend the school to other families."

Children say

Enoch says: "I like drawing and playing with my friends at school."

Cordin says: "I like answering maths questions during lessons and reading."