



Zidan is benefitting from the multicultural and supportive environment of Holly Hill Church School

Kulvinder lives with her two sons, six-year-old Zidan, who is in Year 1, and Zakariyya, who will soon be starting Reception.

Playing with friends and learning

Starting school can be a daunting experience for any child, but Zidan has truly flourished at Holly Hill Church School. Kulvinder shares: "He really enjoys it. He wasn't sure at first, but he settled in, and he's doing really well."

He really enjoys playing with his friends and learning. He likes reading and knows how to read a difficult book."

The nurturing environment and supportive teaching staff have played a significant role in Zidan's smooth transition and academic success. "Their way of teaching really works, and they've given him a lot of confidence to learn," Kulvinder adds.

Engaging in extracurricular activities

Extracurricular activities are a great part of school life, and Zidan has taken full advantage of the opportunities available at Holly Hill, which help him build social skills and explore new interests. Kulvinder notes: "He's enjoyed doing Lego Club and Arts and Crafts in the past."

Holly Hill also offers numerous workshops throughout the year involving students and parents. "They have five or six workshops a year going on that the parents can get involved with, such as reading, RE, etc.," Kulvinder explains.

Overcoming challenges

Like many children, Zidan faced challenges in his early school years, particularly with confidence. However, the dedicated teachers at Holly Hill have been instrumental in helping him overcome these obstacles. Kulvinder shares, "The teachers have really helped grow his confidence. He wasn't very confident in Reception, but they've really helped him to progress."

Celebrating diversity and inclusion

One of Holly Hill Church School's standout features is its commitment to multiculturalism and inclusivity. Kulvinder appreciates the school's open and accepting environment, stating, "It's multicultural. They do RE on different religions and what they celebrate; it's open to everybody."

She further elaborates on the importance of this diversity: "Some other Christian schools have to go to church and all this stuff, but this isn't Holly Hill's culture. Asian people should trust the school and send their children there without having any doubts."

Kulvinder also addresses common misconceptions among local parents, saying, "I've spoken to other local parents that want to move to more Asian communities because they believe it will be better for their children, but that's not the case. The school is brilliant for education, and it's definitely multicultural, and more people should understand that."

Instilling good values and celebrating achievements

Holly Hill Church School places a strong emphasis on teaching good values and recognising student achievements. Kulvinder shares: "The children are being taught good values, and they are celebrated with certificates on a Friday. My son was even rewarded one for drawing a family picture. I've never seen other schools do that type of thing."

Looking ahead

As Zakariyya prepares to join his brother at Holly Hill, Kulvinder is confident in the school's ability to provide a supportive and enriching environment for both of her children. With its dedicated staff, inclusive community, and commitment to fostering academic and personal growth, Holly Hill Church School has proven to be an excellent choice for Zidan and his family.

Children say:

Zidan says: "I enjoy playing with my friends in the playground and taking part in the activities in class."

