



Jackson and Eli have flourished since starting at Holly Hill Church School

Kelly lives near Holly Hill Church School with her two sons, Jackson, aged seven, and Eli, aged five. Jackson is currently in Year 2, while Eli is in Reception.

Settling into school life

Kelly reflects on how her boys settled into school life: "At first, Jackson was a bit overwhelmed by it all, but he soon settled, and Eli did the same." Despite initial nerves, both boys have thrived at Holly Hill Church School, quickly adapting to their new environment.

Fostering a love for reading

Reading has become a significant part of their school experience, particularly igniting Eli's enthusiasm for it. Kelly shares: "They both enjoy reading. I've been reading to them from an early age, and Jackson was always an avid reader anyway. Eli wasn't that into it, but his reading has really taken off since starting school."

Embracing diverse subjects and extracurricular activities

The boys have varied interests, and Holly Hill supports them in exploring these: "They both enjoy maths. Jackson loves art and sports."

Extracurricular activities also play a crucial role in both boys' development, helping them learn new skills and make friends outside of the classroom. Kelly says: "They're both in Forest School and loved that. Jackson did dodgeball, which he also enjoyed along with Lego club."

Supportive and approachable teachers

Kelly speaks highly of the teachers at Holly Hill Church School: "I've got a great rapport with all of them. Every single one of them is fabulous. They're always waiting at the gate, always say good morning and good afternoon, and have a chat with us. Nothing's too much trouble for them."

Kelly is particularly impressed with the support provided to Jackson: "Jackson is awaiting assessment for autism, which was something I picked up on when he was at nursery, but I felt like I wasn't really listened to. I noticed he was struggling with emotions more than other children. He's very academic and bright but has struggled with his feelings. I spoke to his Reception teacher about it, and she pointed me in the right direction. We're now on the waiting list, but it was nice to know that the support was there when I felt nobody else was listening."

Preparing for the future

The school has also been instrumental in helping Jackson prepare for his transition to junior school. Kelly shares: "He recently had his transition day for junior school and was a bit upset and overwhelmed by the idea of attending a bigger school. Since then, his teacher has talked to him, and he's been fine since."

Instilling strong values

Kelly appreciates the values taught at Holly Hill: "The values they teach there are wonderful. It is a religious school, and I'm not particularly religious, but I do like the values they teach the children. My children are polite, their manners are impeccable, and they learn patience and kindness."

"They deeply care about all the children. I've never seen a child upset going to school; they all run into school in the morning," Kelly adds.

A nurturing and inspiring environment

Kelly praises the overall environment at Holly Hill Church School: "It's hard to describe just how lovely a place it is. The children absorb what they've learnt in school and bring it home with them. On the academic side, my children have flourished since they started school. Their reading is ten out of ten. They learn about all these inspirational people, and the things they come home and tell me are brilliant."

Kelly adds: "I'm sad it's only an infant school. Jackson will be leaving soon, and I'm really sad about it. The teachers are amazing. I couldn't recommend it more."

Children say:

Jackson says: "I love doing art. My school is really cool."

Eli says: "I love maths and seeing the caterpillars turn into butterflies. I really like my school."

