

# Anna moved her son JJ to Jubilee Wood and now he is thriving

JJ is age 7 and is in Year 3.



## Settling into a new school

In each year group there are either two or three classes at Jubilee Wood. JJ moved to Jubilee Wood in Year 1 in the autumn term and has settled in well. "JJ is enjoying school. He's on the school council and he's excited for everything that comes with that role, like the meetings and helping make decisions with other children. He nominated himself and then his classmates voted for him. He'll have the job for the year," says Anna.

## Quick to provide support

JJ had sometimes struggled with his emotions in the past, but Jubilee Wood have worked with him to help him process and understand his feelings. "In Year 1 JJ's teacher was fantastic. It was in her class that she noticed that JJ might need additional support with his emotional regulation. Within a week his teacher picked up that he needed help and started putting support in place for him. We've had meetings with school and the provision they've given is one of the main reasons, I believe, as to why he's thriving so well. It was daunting to move him as JJ doesn't handle change well, but Jubilee Wood made the move easy. I'm so glad he's at Jubilee Wood and enjoying school," says Anna.

## Structure and routine

JJ has adapted to the school day at Jubilee well and his teachers work with him to accommodate any changes so that he feels prepared and able to handle his feelings. "Jubilee Wood have a traditional approach to their day in that it is structured and there is a recognisable routine. They are nurturing and the teachers are aware of each individual child's needs. JJ has settled very well at Jubilee Wood. They've paid attention as to how to approach change and they make everything child centred. They communicate any changes with JJ and they work with him to help him regulate his emotions. They have a traffic light system so that he can identify how he feels. He can now communicate without getting caught in the details which he can find frustrating. They're very supportive and focus on every aspect of wellbeing not just academic learning," says Anna.

## Winning awards that build confidence

"JJ loves art and he has won awards at school for his work. He enjoys maths, science and history. He's also won an award for his creative writing. The awards are presented at their Celebration Assemblies. He's been awarded Star Learner and the head teacher does pick out special pieces of work. It means so much to the children and the positive recognition builds their confidence," says Anna.

## Affordable school trips

"JJ goes to breakfast club a couple of times a week. He doesn't participate in any extra curricular activities just yet but he is looking forward to joining clubs in the future. JJ has enjoyed lots of school trips, they've been to the beach. He's been to London and they go on class walking trips. They've been to the pantomime. Jubilee Wood put a huge effort into trips and they make it affordable for everyone," says Anna.

## Having fun with classmates

"The parents are friendly and approachable. We don't get chance to see everyone that often as we work full time. JJ had a party in Year 2 for his classmates and every one came and had a lovely time," says Anna.

## New parents just need to visit

"I would suggest any parent to arrange a meeting with school and go and visit. Speak to the senior leaders, who are so warm and welcoming. We were recommended Jubilee Wood from another parent. We've found that they make learning fun, JJ loves going to school. They nurture children and we've found that academically since joining Jubilee Wood JJ has come on so well. His handwriting is brilliant and he always wants to go to school. He comes home excited to tell us what he's been doing," says Anna.

## Children say:

**JJ says:** "I love going to school everyday."