

Isabelle and Evelyn are enjoying the Forest School and outdoor activities at Ledbury Primary School

Laura lives in Ledbury with her daughters, Isabelle, aged 6, and Evelyn, aged 2. Isabelle is in Year 1, while Evelyn attends Little Wrens Nursery.

# Settling into school life

Laura says that both girls have settled well into life at Ledbury, and that starting at the school nursery has been especially helpful for Isabelle: "Isabelle and Evelyn both love their time at Ledbury Primary and Little Wrens Nursery. Isabelle's transition to Reception was smooth, largely thanks to her time at nursery. Evelyn is following in her sister's footsteps and is also enjoying her nursery experience. The staff's approachable and supportive nature has always made us feel like it's family looking after the girls. The sense of community there is brilliant, and the girls feel very much at home."

# **Enjoying Forest School**

Both girls make the most of the activities on offer at school, including Forest School, the play areas, and the library, says Laura: "Evelyn adores the nursery and all the staff, and they have lots of outdoor activities which she loves. Both Isabelle and Evelyn enjoy Forest School. Being in nature is important to us as a family, and I love that they have a space which feels like they're in the middle of the woods. Isabelle is particularly fond of the play area her key stage group has and the wide range of books she can choose from in the library. All these small things collectively make the school experience wonderful for them all. The variety of activities ensures that the girls are always engaged and excited to go to school," adds Laura.

#### Clubs and extracurricular activities

Isabelle's favourite subjects are PE and Forest School. She also takes part in a dance club, and Laura plans to put her in more clubs as she gets older: "Isabelle attends DBeatz, which is an independent dance club held at the school, run by

Destiny, who collaborates closely with the school. As Isabelle moves up year groups, there will be more clubs on offer that she looks forward to taking part in. We love that the school offers such a wide range of extracurricular activities, as it gives Isabelle the opportunity to explore her interests and develop new skills."

# Teacher support and engagement

"The teachers at Ledbury Primary and Little Wrens Nursery are so friendly, approachable, knowledgeable, and like family. I feel like they genuinely care about the girls and have their best interests at heart," explains Laura. "The teachers have also been particularly supportive in helping Isabelle with her reading. They take the time to understand each child's unique needs and provide tailored support, which has made a big difference in Isabelle's academic progress."

As a parent, Laura loves how supportive the school is: "I feel like my girls are in safe hands, which is a huge relief for me. Knowing that they are cared for and supported in a nurturing environment allows me to have peace of mind." Laura also notes that Isabelle has grown and learned a lot since starting school: "The staff are lovely and supportive, creating engaging ways to teach. Isabelle has grown and learned significantly since she started, and it is wonderful to see her excited about learning. Her confidence has blossomed, and she is eager to participate in class activities and share her ideas."

### Children say

Isabelle says: "I really enjoy learning new things at school."

Evelyn says: "I love playing at nursery."