

# Matilda's musical talent is being encouraged to develop by the inspirational staff at Broom Valley Community School



Aimee and Daniel live between Moorgate and Wellgate in Rotherham with their children, Brandon, aged 16, Amy, aged 15, and Matilda, aged eight

## Enthusiastic performer

Aimee and Daniel are delighted that Matilda's love of music and singing are being encouraged at Broom Valley Community School. "Matilda loves singing and learning the ukelele at school and she was very excited when she was singing in a group who performed at an event with lots of other schools at Sheffield Arena," Aimee says. "They rehearsed one afternoon a week and she learnt the songs at school and practiced them at home. She was excited and buzzing while they were being trained for the event. She was in a group from the school who went by coach and was one of 5000 children, who all wore white tee shirts and sang the songs beautifully, directed by a conductor. It was lovely when all 5000 children sang together and we know how much Matilda enjoyed it."

## Happy at school

The couple chose Broom Valley Community School for Matilda because it is a short walk from where they live and their childminder's children had attended the school and been happy there. "Matilda started at Broom Valley when she was four and settled in well and has always enjoyed going to the school. She likes the staff, has made lots of friends, and is thriving in the environment," Aimee says.

### Independent learner

Matilda has benefited from the varied curriculum the school provide for the children and is being offered lots of valuable experiences to help her skills develop, Aimee says. "She is already showing she can learn independently, which is good preparation for the future. Now Matilda is in Year 4, she will tell us she is going to do her Maths homework and then she just goes off and gets on with it. She is quietly confident, both socially and academically and I think the school have played a big part in that."

### Playing music

Aimee is pleased the staff do lots of activities with the children and that they go on walks and trips out, which Matilda enjoys. She is also grateful for the variety of after school clubs the school offer the children. "Matilda is really interested in the ukelele and enjoys learning it with her class and she tries hard to do it well. Matilda is always very modest, but she will try hard at things she is interested in, and the school encourage this, which is great."

### Avid reader

"She loves school and it is a big part of her life now, and we are very pleased with how the staff have encouraged her interests. She is doing well academically and is achieving to the right level in Maths. Matilda's reading is very good and she now shows a good depth of understanding of the texts, the school have told us."

### Encouraging teachers

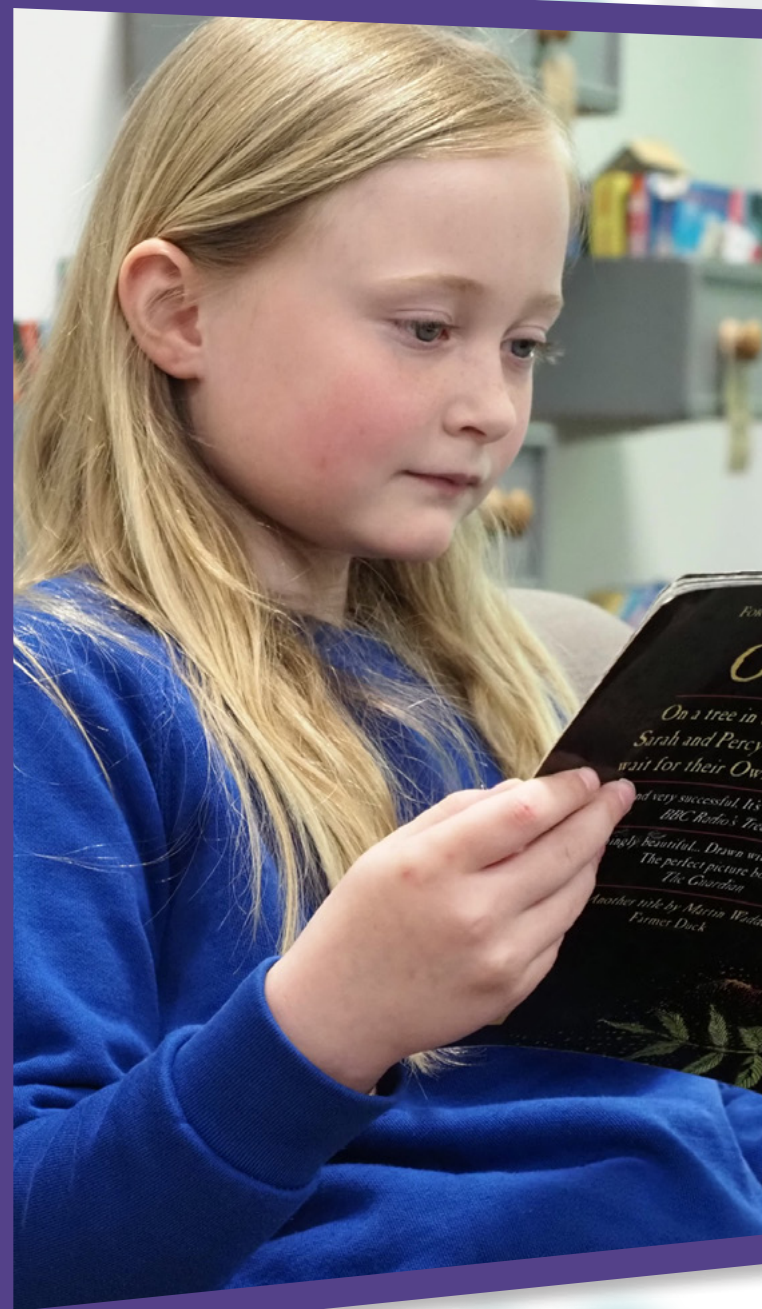
"We are pleased Matilda is happy at school and has made plenty of friends there. She is now looking forward to taking part in another big singing event at an outside venue with 1000 children from other schools in Rotherham. She has loved singing from being a toddler and she naturally enjoys music and we are delighted the school are encouraging her to fulfil her potential," Aimee says.

### Friendly environment

"We have found everyone at the school very friendly and I know that if I ever want to speak to anyone at the school about something I would be able to. We are pleased there are children from lots of different cultures and backgrounds at Broom Valley and that everyone is well integrated and gets on well together."

### Children say

Matilda says: "My favourite thing at school is learning. I enjoy English lessons and I like writing stories."



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