

Moving from one end of the country to the other, George and Becky Grace and their three children have embraced life at Shap Church of England School

George and Becky Grace have Daisy in Year 4 and Freddie in Year 1, their third child is yet to move up to school

From Devon to Shap

George and Becky moved their family to Shap from Devon the year the "Beast of the East" struck, and Becky remembers it was still snowing in May. "We were used to seeing daffodils in December in Devon, but Shap is an affordable place to live with your family and it's a very active, outdoor area. There are 1,200 people in Shap, and it is well resourced with a strong community. The school's vision is that the church is at the heart of the community and school is the extension of that for families with

young children. There is a huge amount that goes on and school works hard to include everyone," says Becky.

Above and beyond

"School go above and beyond in terms of providing opportunities for the children. They've just completed two weeks of daily swimming training at the lido and that's in preparation for the triathlon. There are theatre workshops, they had a professional rapper come in and teach them a rap about the school's values, they have had breakdancing and skateboarding tuition. There

has been a debate trip for children excelling in English, they have a chess competition and an inter-school football tournament. They had a STEM day with 3D printing which was great," says Becky.

Children say:

Daisy says, "I like getting to visit the bookshop with school to choose books for the other children."

Freddie says, "I like that we can play outside even if it's raining."

