



Nuwan and Rohan have enjoyed excellent teaching and fun activities in the friendly surroundings of St Paul's C of E Primary School

Suranga and Gemma live in Cambridge with their sons, Nuwan, aged 15, and Rohan, aged 11.

Quality teaching

Suranga and Gemma are delighted with the standard of teaching at St Paul's C of E Primary School and the variety of interesting extracurricular activities they offer. Suranga says: "Nuwan is now thriving at secondary school, where the former St Paul's students achieve top grades each year, thanks to the good start they had at primary school. Rohan has also enjoyed his time at St Paul's, particularly playing in the school football team and being part of the Computer Programming Club."

Making friends

The family chose St Paul's because they wanted Nuwan to go to a school close to their home and it was just a short walk away. "We had come to live in Cambridge after living abroad and we went to have a look at the school and liked it," Suranga says. "Nuwan started in Reception at the age of five and made friends quickly, and one of them is still his best friend now."

Choice of clubs

The school provide great lunchtime and afterschool clubs and Nuwan particularly liked the Minimus Club, run by students from the Classics department at Cambridge University, Suranga says. "They learnt Latin, and some Greek and Roman history. Nuwan is still interested in this and chose Latin as one of his optional subjects at secondary school. He also enjoyed going to the chess club after school."

Good preparation

Like many pupils from St Paul's, Nuwan started at secondary school as a confident student, Suranga recalls. "St Paul's is a small school and Nuwan got to know everybody. His confidence was built up and he was well prepared academically for the challenge of secondary school, which is a testament to the good teaching he received."

Football and computing

Suranga says Rohan has also enjoyed his time at St Paul's and made lots of friends that he sees outside school. "He loves playing for the school football team and has enjoyed the Computer Programming Club, which recently came first in a computer programming competition in Cambridge."

Replacement Monster

One of Rohan's highlights at St Paul's has been playing on the new climbing frame, known as The Monster. Suranga says: "The old Monster had been in the playground for 30 years and needed replacing, so some of the parents got together and built a new wooden climbing frame that was even bigger."

Supportive Governors

Suranga, who is a Governor of St Paul's, says: "There is a strong governing body made up of parents, and local people interested in the school, and they all have something different to contribute. St Paul's has had a challenging time financially, although they are lucky to have had support from the church linked to the school. As I work in the financial sector, I have been able to offer advice while serving as a Governor."

Wraparound care

For many families, the amazing breakfast and after school clubs at St Paul's are a big bonus, Suranga says. "They help parents who have to drop children early, or pick them up late, because of work commitments. The current Headteacher realised how much they were needed and since they were established, they have been a lifesaver for families. The school provide children with breakfast, and snacks after school, and the children play across the year groups and make new friends."

Children say

Rohan says: "What I like about my school is that even though it is small and I know everyone, I have friends from all over the world."

