



## Zainab and her sons Prince Jeremiah and Jonathan love West Acton and are looking forward to a very special performance

Zainab has Prince Jeremiah age 10 in Year 6 and Jonathan age 5 in Reception

### Good location

Zainab and her family live close to school and it was the location that first attracted Zainab to choose West Acton. Zainab says, "I first chose West Acton because of its location, it's close to home and when I moved to the area it made sense for the boys to attend. At the time the school was rated "good" by Ofsted. In my opinion it should be "outstanding". There are lots of children from different backgrounds at West Acton and school manages families

leaving and joining the school very well. They're incredibly welcoming and every child is cared for."

### Solid foundation

Prince is preparing to leave West Acton and head off to high school. Zainab is confident he'll do well as he makes the move to Year 7. "Both the boys love going to school. Prince has made some lovely friends and he's looking forward to going to high school in September. He's good student and his teachers are very proud of him, as am I. Prince

enjoys Maths and Science and he likes his PE lessons," says Zainab.

### Safe environment

"West Acton feels safe, I trust the staff to take care of the boys and I know they feel safe too. The teachers are friendly and they're good at keeping in touch. They use apps and technology to make sure parents are kept up to date. They're forward thinking when it comes to technology. You feel you can get in touch if you need to, nothing is too much trouble. On the app the teachers can share updates of what the children have been doing and parents can share notes from home," says Zainab.

### School values.

School live by their values of courage, collaboration and consideration. Zainab says, "The Head Teacher awards the children every week if they've been seen to do something towards the school values. Both my children have received awards and it felt very special, they were so excited to come home and tell me. School is very good at acknowledging good behaviour and encouraging kindness."

### Reading and writing

"The teachers are very good. I was impressed at how quickly the boys were learning to read and write. They come on so quickly when they start, it's great to see them improve. The teachers are patient," says Zainab.

### Trips matched to learning topics

"My youngest loves to go on the school trips. School is very good at organising trips that align with what the children

are learning. If for example they're learning about animals, they'll be taken to a local farm.

The trip usually takes place before a new topic of learning, it helps the children visualise and understand what they're learning about," says Zainab.

### Performing at St Paul's Cathedral

"Prince went on a school trip to the poet Keats' house. The children were asked to write a poem about an object they were drawn to in the house. Prince and four of his classmates have been chosen to perform their poems at an event at St Paul's Cathedral. The event is coming up and we're all very excited. It's not just for school, it's for everyone. West Acton are excellent at creating opportunities for the children," says Zainab.

### Recommend West Acton to anyone

Zainab says, "The team at West Acton are fantastic, I would recommend the school to anyone. The Head Teacher is wonderful. She is very prompt and updating the parents and getting back to you. She is very good at reassuring parents and making sure everything is done properly and that the children and school are safe and secure."

### Children say:

**Prince says:** "I'm looking forward to high school."

**Jonathan says:** "I like going on school trips."

