



Nicola and Todd live near Wootey with their children, Nicola's daughter, Ellie, aged 21, Jensen, aged 9, and Elsie, aged 7.

Jensen and Elsie have been encouraged to fulfil their potential at Wootey Infant and Junior Schools



Happy at school

Nicola and Todd regularly recommend Wootey Infant and Junior Schools to other families because they are so pleased with the experiences their younger two children are currently having in the Juniors. Nicola says: "Wootey is a fantastic school with a lovely outdoor play area set in beautiful grounds and both Jensen and Elsie are always happy to go there every day."

Good choice

Nicola herself attended Wootey Infant and Wootey Juniors, and her husband, Todd, attended the Juniors, after moving to live in the area. Older sister Ellie, attended both the Infants and the Juniors and went on to do very well at secondary school. Nicola says: "I always knew Wootey was a good school because of our own experiences. There are plenty of other schools in this area we could have chosen. But we wanted Jensen to go to Wootey Infant because it is in a lovely setting and we knew there was plenty of open space for him to play in, which would suit him."

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Fun outdoors

Jensen started in Reception when he was four years old. "He settled in and adapted to the school well, even though he had attended a nursery elsewhere because Wootey didn't have a nursery at the time, Nicola says. "The Reception area is fantastic for young children because it is separate from the rest of the school and has its own playground, although the children can play on the fields as well.

Jensen had a smooth transition into school and loved playing and learning outdoors."

Supportive staff

By Year 1, it had been identified that Jensen was behind with his reading and had additional needs. "Because he was an August baby, he was young in the year, but the staff in the Infants were great and recognised that he needed support and he was given additional help with his reading."

Caring SENCO

Jensen has now been diagnosed with dyspraxia, which is also known as developmental coordination disorder. Nicola says: "In the Juniors, the teachers quickly realised he was behind with his learning and organised extra help for him. The SENCO was incredible and got on with it quickly and Jensen noticeably benefited from extra support. We are very grateful for all the care he has received."

Reading time

"The teachers arranged for Jensen to be taught as one of a small group and for him to have more one-to-one reading time. The staff also helped him with his emotional wellbeing and his sensory needs. They just seem to 'get him' as a person and have worked with us as a team to help him," Nicola says.

Next step

"Jensen tries very hard at everything and won't give in and he has done fantastically well in Wootey Juniors," she says. "Now he is in Year 5, he is looking forward to going to a mainstream secondary school. We are confident he will get plenty of help from staff at Wootey with his transition, and we are grateful the staff have also been supportive to us."

Enjoying art

Elsie is currently thriving in Wootey Juniors, having also had a lovely experience in the Infants, Nicola says. "She is now doing well at everything and particularly loves arts and crafts at school. Elsie has made lots of friends and enjoys singing in the school choir and playing football at school. I am pleased my nephew is going to keep up the family tradition by starting in the nursery soon, so that he can also have lovely experiences in the Infant and Junior schools."

Children say

Jensen says: "I love all the different topics we learn about."

Elsie says: "I just love everything about school."



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