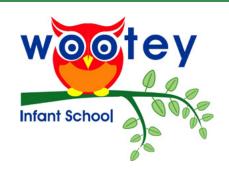


Alex and Rebecca live near Wootey with their children, Sebby, aged nine, Zachary, aged six, and twins, Elodie and Imogen, aged three.

# Sebby, Zachary, Elodie and Imogen all enjoy learning in the beautiful surroundings of Wootey Infant and Junior Schools



#### **Ideal location**

Alex and Rebecca love the way their children are all being taught on the same campus in the lovely setting of First Friends Nursery, and Wootey Infant and Junior Schools. Sebby, aged nine, is in the Juniors, Zachary, aged six, is in the Infants, and the twins, Elodie and Imogen, aged three, attend the nursery on the same site. Alex says: "Wootey is a wonderful school and we are lucky It is close to our house and we can drop them all off together at the same place."

# **Outdoor space**

The couple chose Wootey when Sebby was about to start school because they had heard good things about it. Alex says: "It had a nice feeling when we went to look round and the teachers seemed engaged and approachable. We thought the spacious grounds were incredible and liked the fenced off area for Reception children."

The only place in Alton with specialist staff at Nursery, Infant and Junior working together in one location.

# Happy at school

Sebby is currently achieving well in the Juniors. "He loves football above everything else, but he is confident with the work, soaks up all the information and is always keen to know more about different subjects," Alex says.

# **Enthusiastic pupil**

"Zachary is motivated by Sebby's success and is also excelling at school, while being encouraged to be his own person. He is in the top group for reading and loves being creative, making things such as paper airplanes, and models out of cereal boxes. He enjoys showing his friends how to make things and sharing his passion."

# **Enjoying the nursery**

Elodie and Imogen love the nursery and being close to their older brothers, Alex says. "Last year when Zachary was in Reception, the girls were often able to see him in the Reception play area and Sebby playing in the fields."

# **Nurturing teacher**

Sebby had attended nursery elsewhere because there wasn't one at Wootey when he was nursery age. Alex says: "After he started in Reception at Wootey, he settled in well and his first year was great but then Covid changed everything. The school sent emails and videos to keep him engaged with learning. His teachers were great, they nurtured him and helped him to settle back into school. His Year 2 teacher then made sure he was well prepared for going into the Juniors."

# **Approachable staff**

Zachary was able to go to the nursery on the Wootey campus

from being three and a half, the year before he went into the Infants. "Zachary settled into school quickly when he started because he had been going in to drop Sebby off and would often talk to the teachers," Alex says.

# Family feel

Elodie and Imogen can now have the full Wootey experience, from the nursery until they are 11. "Although the nursery is run by a separate company, nursery children are often involved with the school and will go to dress rehearsals for shows and watch the Infants and Juniors taking part in sports day. Wootey is like one big family," Alex says.

#### **Giving back**

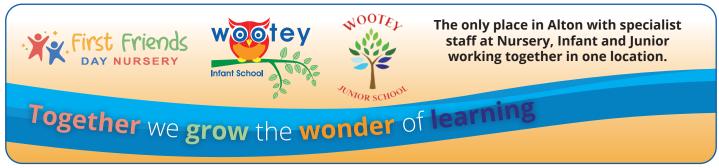
"It is great not to have to drive the children to different schools and we can teach them about road safety while walking with them to school. I have now been approved as a Parent Governor. I applied for this role in order to be able to give something back to the school. I am looking forward to being involved, because I want Wootey to continue to be as good as it is now, so my children all get the same positive Wootey experience."

# **Children say**

Sebby says: "I love playing football with my mates. I also love finding out new things and talking about it at home."

Zachary says: "I love play to learn time, and being able to play on the big fields."





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