



**Matthew and Joanne Pullen live in Loughborough with their sons Jack, five and Luke, three.**

## **Joanne and Matthew's hopes and expectations were greatly exceeded after their son was offered a place at Thorpe Acre Infant School**

Jack had been quite shy amongst people he didn't know well, so Matthew and Joanne were understandably worried that he might feel out of place at a school where he knew no-one at all.

### **Settling in with new friends**

Joanne says: "What particularly impressed us was that the teachers were not only understanding of Jack's feelings but were willing to do what they could to encourage him to make friends and to fit in with the others. They came up with ideas to help him integrate, such as focussing on his

love of Thomas the Tank Engine. They got him and some of the other children to help make and paint model of Thomas so they were all doing something they enjoyed together; a clever and thoughtful way of creating friendships."

### **Personal touch**

"I really like the personal approach and the fact that they treat each child according to his or her own strengths; at one Parent's Evening, I was very touched that Jack's teacher obviously had an insight into what makes him tick and that he was seen as a valued member of his class."



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