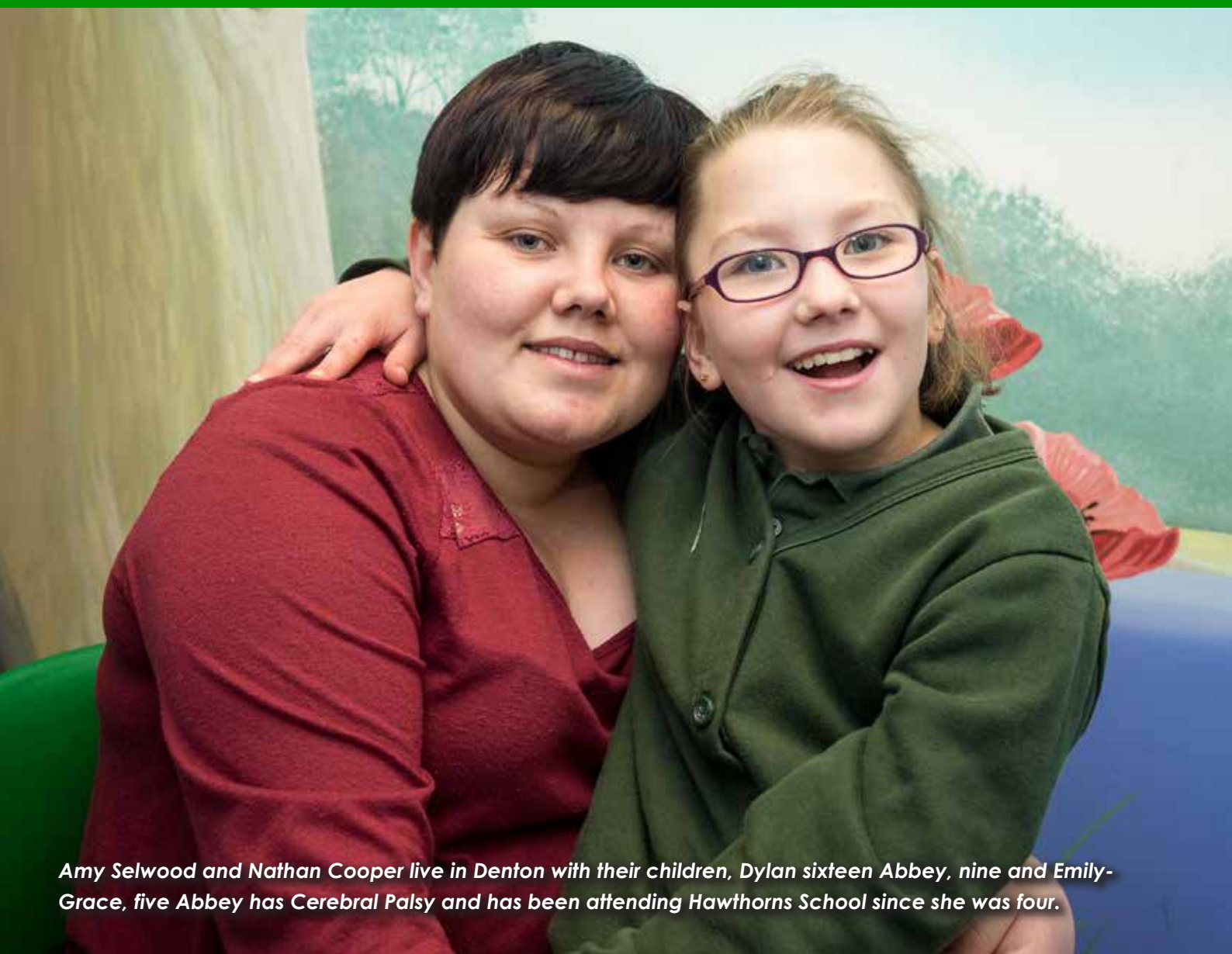


Amy and Nathan believe Hawthorns School is instrumental in their daughter's increased confidence and enthusiasm for life:



Amy Selwood and Nathan Cooper live in Denton with their children, Dylan sixteen Abbey, nine and Emily-Grace, five Abbey has Cerebral Palsy and has been attending Hawthorns School since she was four.

Outstanding teaching staff:

When Abbey first started at Hawthorns School she had language and communication difficulties with very little language ability. She was also a little girl who lacked confidence. "The first month Abbey was anxious about being left but it didn't take long for her to feel more settled. She can't get to school quick enough now!" explains Amy. She believes the teaching staff have been instrumental in helping Abbey to feel safe and contented at school. "The teaching staff are outstanding. They are so wonderful and patient and always willing and able to help. I feel certain this is a big part of why Abbey loves going to school," says Amy.



One to one specialist support:

For Amy, one of the key strengths of Hawthorns School is its ability to offer one to one support. "Abbey has received one to one speech therapy since the beginning. We've seen some great changes in her speech during the time she has been at Hawthorns. Having the time to dedicate to each individual child and their unique needs is fantastic and I'm sure it has really helped Abbey to progress as well as she has."

Abbey also receives one to one support with numeracy and reading. "Her maths has come on incredibly," says Amy. "She comes home now and writes out her own sums to practice maths. I think the one to one work the staff have done with Abbey has been wonderful in increasing her confidence. She's so outgoing now, she's happy to participate in absolutely anything at school, which is so different to when she was younger and first started at Hawthorns," explains Amy.

Transformation:

Amy and Nathan are delighted with the changes they have seen in Amy and are thrilled at how their daughter's confidence has developed during her time at Hawthorns School. "Due to Cerebral Palsy, Abbey had mobility problems which has needed support from the school. Abbey loves participating in sport now and is always willing to try something new; it's been great to see how much she's grown as a person and how keen she is to get involved in everything."

Nothing is too much trouble:

Amy adds: "Nothing has ever been too much trouble for any of the staff. They have been brilliant throughout; very flexible and always willing to liaise with other specialist staff to support Abbey's needs. I think this really helps to make a relaxed and welcoming environment for both children and parents."

Amy also really likes 'A Quiet Place' where Abbey can go with a member of staff and receive a relaxing hand massage. "It's a lovely room with calming lighting. I know Abbey really enjoys her time in this space."

Friends of Hawthorns School:

Amy's Aunt is also impressed by Hawthorns school and the support Abbey has received. As a result, Amy's Aunt registered 'Friends of Hawthorns' as a charity to raise funds for the school. "Parents had already set up a fundraising group, but my Aunt loves the school and has seen how quickly Abbey has come on, so she became Chair and set it up as a registered charity. It means we can all get involved in raising money for the school and helping to supply extra facilities for the children," says Amy.

Amy adds: "Hawthorns School is an outstanding place with the most amazing staff! When Abbey moves on, we will miss it so much. During her time there she has developed into a very confident girl who is willing to give anything a try! I can't recommend it highly enough!"



Children say:

When asked what she likes about school Abbey said: "Everything!"