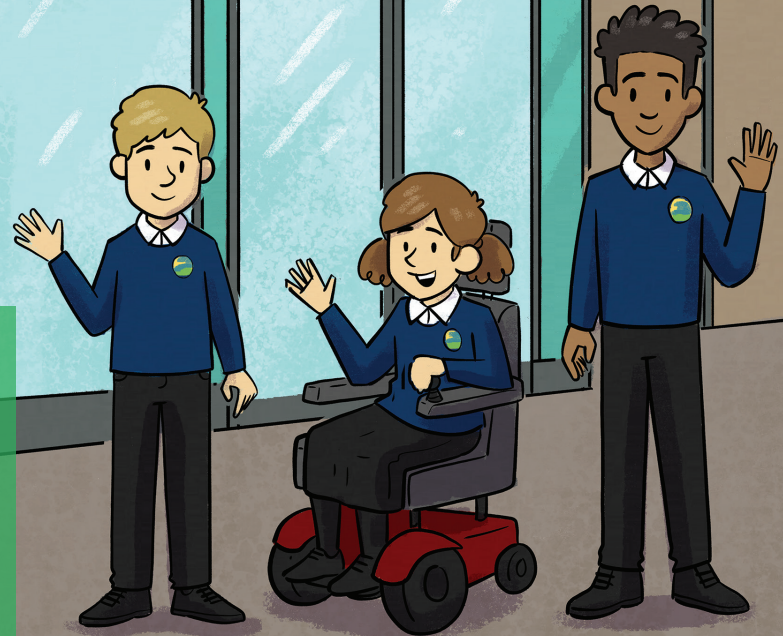


# Polden Bower School



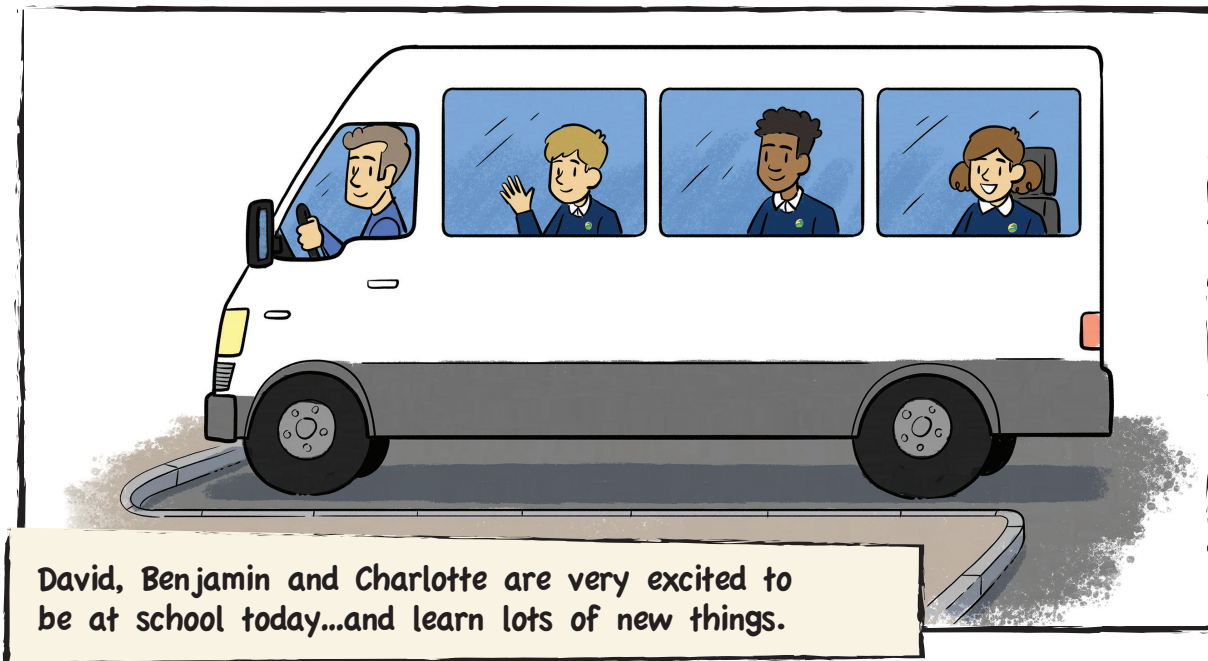
David, Charlotte and Benjamin are excited to be starting at Polden Bower



## How do I get to school?

Some of you will be collected at home and driven into school in a minibus or by taxi. There will be adults on the minibuses who will look after you. The taxi drivers are kind. Some of you will be brought into school by your grown-ups.

When you get to school, there will be adults there waiting to take you into school. Everyone will be pleased to meet you.



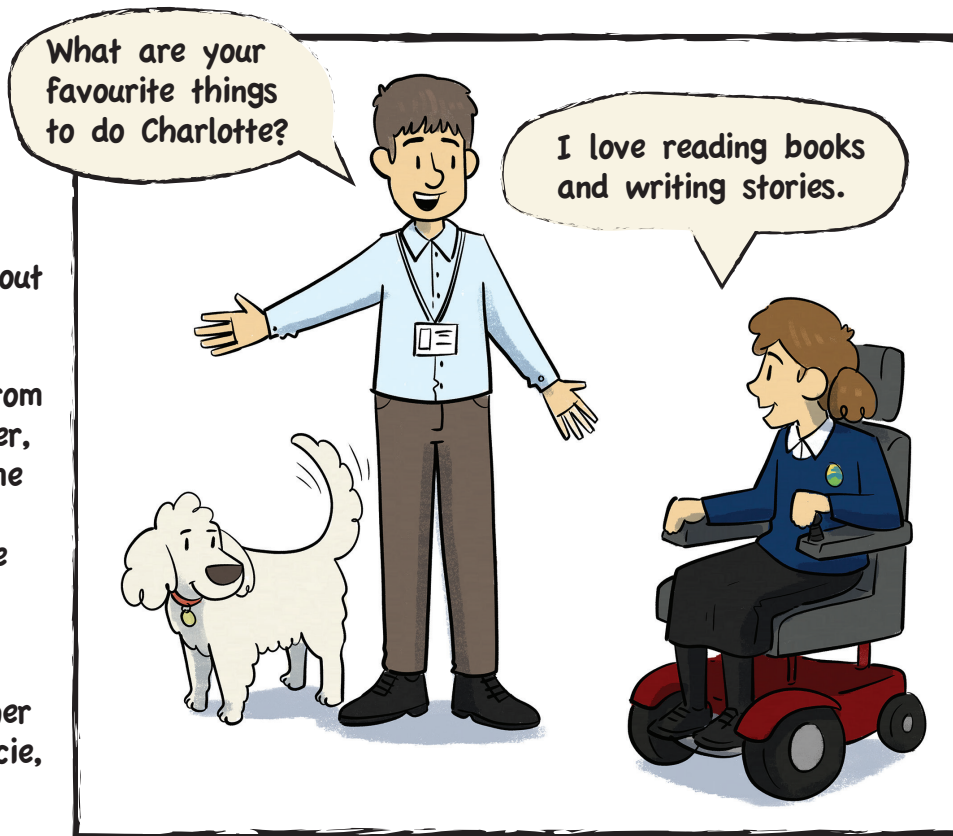
## How will you help me settle in?

You will visit the school before you start, giving you a chance to get to know the school and your new teachers.

Teachers will talk to you to find out what you like, and don't like.

Some children might have come from the primary school at Polden Bower, and some children might have come from a different primary school. Wherever you have come from, we will make sure that you settle in and have a lovely time.

Charlotte is very happy to meet her new teacher and loves to see Gracie, the school dog, wagging her tail.





## What will I do at school?



You will follow a curriculum that is adapted to meet your needs and interests. You will work in groups and have different teachers for different subjects.

Our classes are very small, which means that you will get individual attention from your teachers.

To enhance the curriculum and make learning even more fun, we will have additional activities, including:

- Fishing
- Swimming
- Hydrotherapy
- Forest School
- and many more



We will help you become more independent and confident.

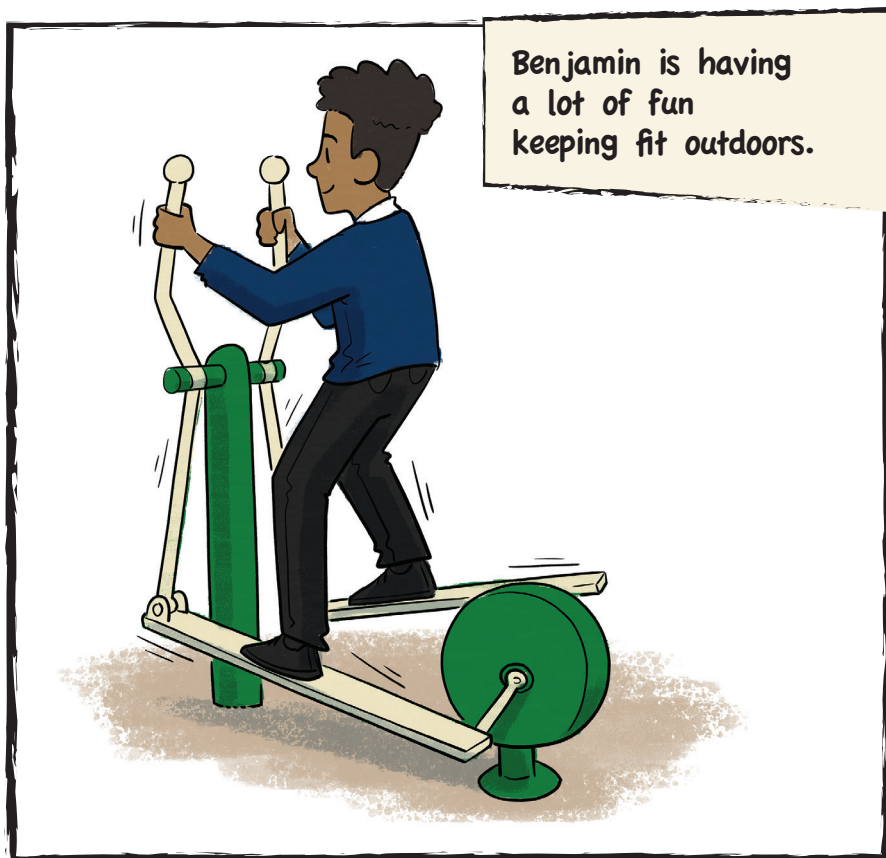
We have some fantastic facilities, including a fully functioning kitchen with laundry facilities, where you will learn how to prepare meals and wash clothes.

It's great fun cooking for each other and eating meals together in the dining area.

We also have a 'whole school enrichment week', and activities such as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

What are you looking forward to doing at Polden Bower?

## What other facilities does Polden Bower have?



Our school is easily accessible with wide corridors and doorways. We have:

- Sensory rooms
- Fantastic outdoor spaces
- Astro turf areas
- Games areas and equipment

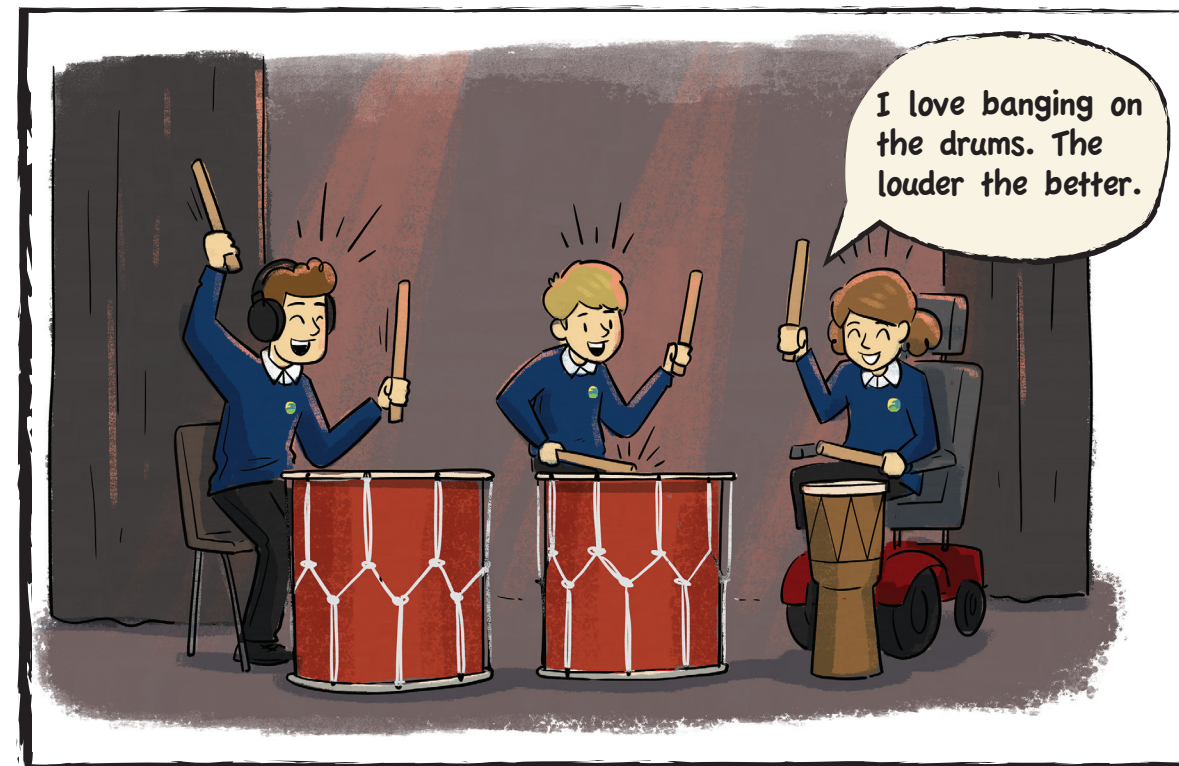
We also have brilliant outdoor exercise equipment.

There are lots of events where your grown-ups are welcomed into the school to see what work you have done.

Some pupils put on displays and performances for their grown-ups to enjoy.

David and Charlotte are enjoying making a lot of noise.

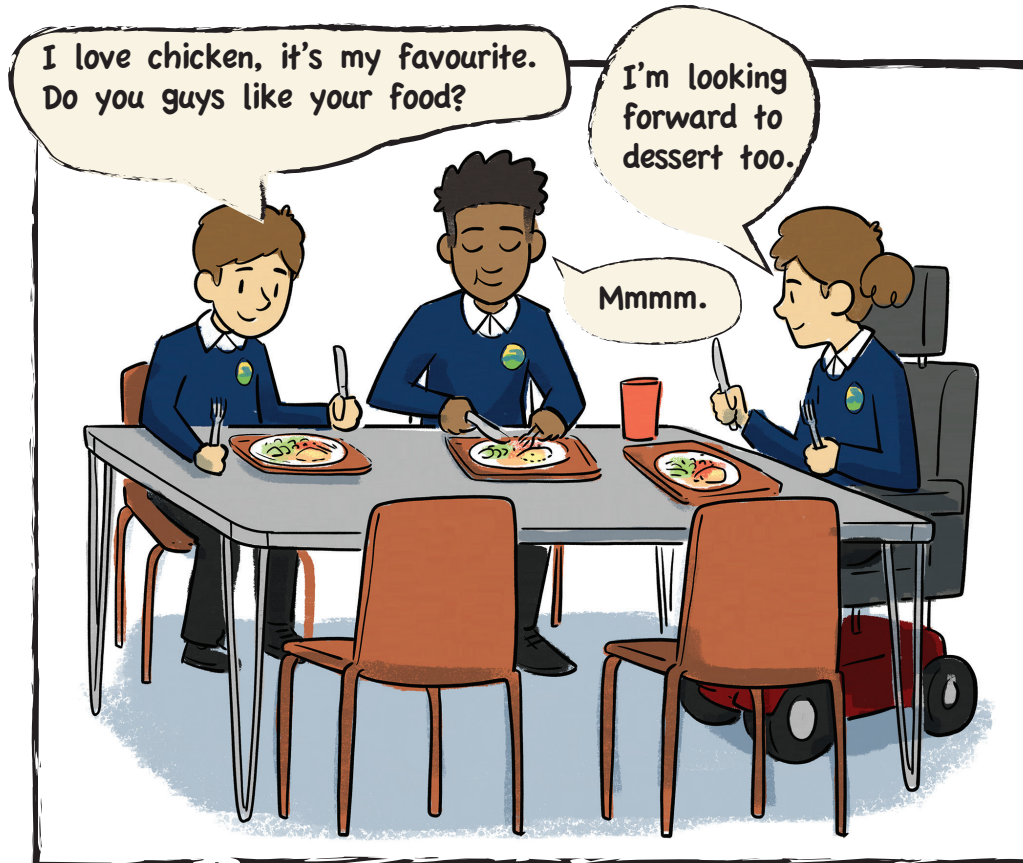
Your grown-ups will also come into the school to take part in celebrations such as Christmas festivities.



What are your favourite games?



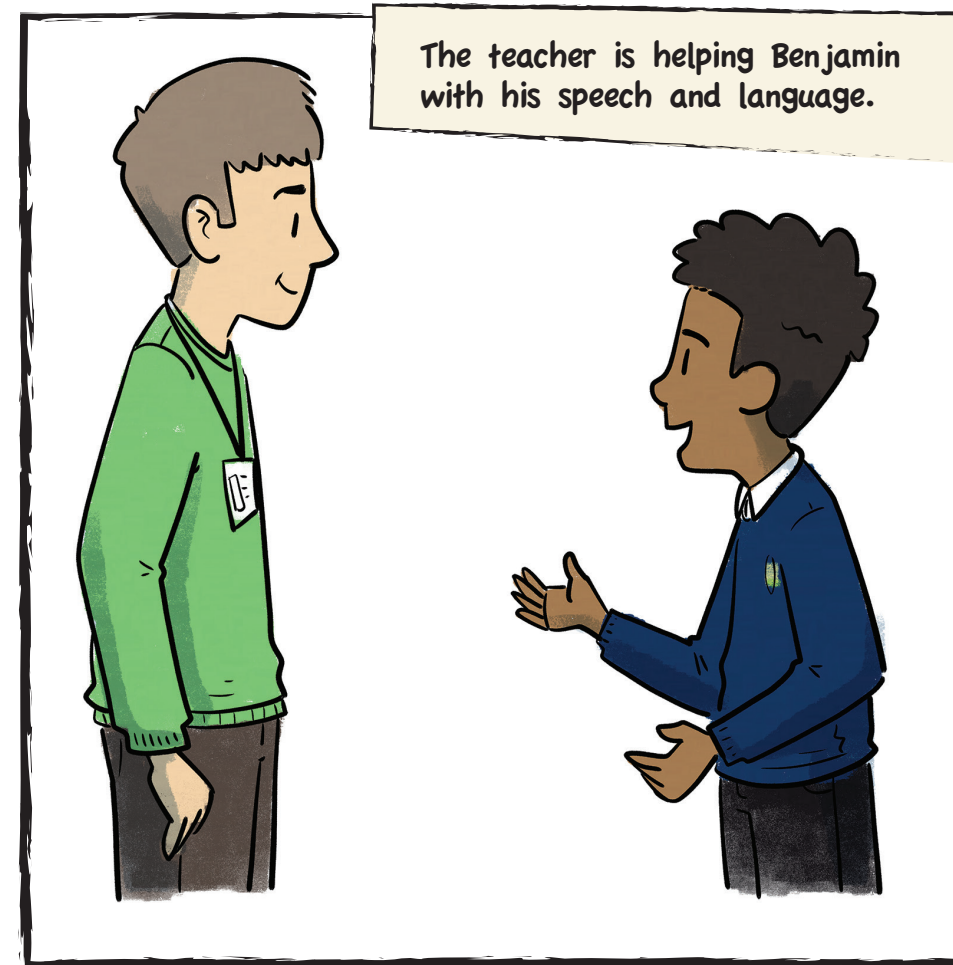
## What extra help will I get at Polden Bower?



Polden Bower is a happy, safe place where everyone is treated equally, as part of the Polden Bower family.

We want all pupils to be happy and confident and proud of their achievements.

David, Benjamin and Charlotte are having a lovely time eating lunch and sitting with each other.



We have a wide range of specialists and help, including Speech and Language Teachers, Physiotherapists and Educational Psychologists. Which means we can help you in lots of different ways.

We even have a Family Team, where we can help your grown-ups, for example by helping with application forms.

We also have Holiday Clubs, where you can come to Polden Bower to have fun with your friends during school holidays.

Would you like to have fun in our Holiday Club?

## What happens at the end of the day?

Sometimes there will be an assembly,  
involving all children at our school.

At the end of the week, we celebrate the 'Star of the Week' for each class. The 'Star' will be a pupil who has done well, tried hard and been kind. Charlotte is proud to be awarded 'Star of the Week'.

When it is time to go home, you will have help to collect your belongings and go outside to travel home.



## How will Polden Bower communicate with my family?

We will be keeping in touch with your grown-ups to let them know all the fantastic things you have accomplished at school.

Messages to your family will be put in 'pupil planners', or someone from the school will ring your grown-ups.

**Your family can also  
ring or email us.**





Charlotte, David and Benjamin are having a fantastic time on a school trip. They love coming to Polden Bower and they think you will too!



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