



WELCOME

We are very proud of our School, which has firm foundations based on Christian values, and is a member of the Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust (DEMAT)

We are a family school. With our team spirit, we all work together to offer a happy, caring and stimulating environment, allowing adults and children to thrive in a learning community.

Learning is life-long and we are committed to providing the highest quality start to your child's educational journey, so they can develop personally, socially and academically to the best of their abilities. This requires strong partnerships with our parents and the community. With your support we strive to ensure your children work to their potential.

The purpose of our prospectus is to give you a better understanding of life within our school, providing details of the organisation and curriculum.

We look forward to meeting you and working together for the benefit of your child. If I can help you in any further matter, then do not hesitate to contact me.

I do hope you and your child enjoy your time with us at St John's Church of England Primary School.

Mrs Sally Williams
Head Teacher

THE AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

St John's is a Church of England Primary School. We pride ourselves on providing a welcoming, caring, supporting and secure environment in which Christian values are central to the ethos of the school and its community.

'Learning to love, loving to learn'

We believe in a compassionate community. As a family we celebrate the unique qualities of each individual within it. Through the joy of learning we endeavour to raise aspirations by broadening children's horizons. Our vision is underpinned



by the Christian concept of "love thy neighbour".

We have developed our aims as a Church of England school based on recognising its historic foundation. The school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with

the Church at parish and diocesan level. The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Primary education started with Church schools and there has been a church school on our site since 1900. The school caters for children from 4 to 11 years and serves primarily Stanground Village, as well as parts of Fletton, as it has for the last 100 years. Situated south of the River Nene, on relatively high ground overlooking The Fens, the area was historically part of the Isle of Ely in Cambridgeshire and of Huntingdonshire.

The Parish of Stanground is a large and ever growing community with its own shops, fire station, primary schools and secondary school. The two Church of England churches in the Parish are the larger, more traditional and older church of 'St John the Baptist' in Church Street and the smaller but more modern-build of 'St Michael's and All Angels' in Mace Road. Both churches offer a warm welcome to anyone wishing to visit, either for worship or at our social events.

We have close links with our partner Church St John the Baptist, which is a distinctive landmark across the city with its black tipped spire and beautiful interior that goes back hundreds of years.

Our children also attend Church for festivals and at the end of each term, bringing together our Church and School families.

PARENTS

We value a close working partnership with parents therefore we encourage close relations between school and home. We hold parent consultation evenings each term and have regular Open Mornings.

We value volunteer help in the classroom, both from parents and members of the local community. DBS clearance is required for all adults working with children. There are numerous tasks which benefit from extra adult help including art, craft, cooking, sewing, using computers, hearing readers, maths, games, etc. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to help or you have a skill or hobby that you feel could be of benefit to the school.

The Friends of St John's

A committee of parents called 'The Friends' work to help the school through organising various fundraising activities. All parents are automatically members of 'The Friends' and are notified of events through Friends fliers and school newsletters.



The success of 'The Friends' relies upon the active membership. This could involve attending meetings to decide on the events that should take place, helping to plan them or simply baking cakes and lending a hand.

This is an association for the benefit of the children and the School. It raises funds for extra equipment for your child(ren) as well as providing "treats" throughout the year. Over the past year the Association has been responsible for organising events including the Christmas Fayre, Discos and the Summer Fete.



ADMINISTRATION

Admissions

The Local Authority (LA) is responsible for the admissions policy, with an intake of 30 children each year.

Reception Children

Children are admitted into our Reception Class in the September of the school year during which they will be five years old. Pupils attend on a part time basis initially. Most children are full time by the end of September.

The School Day

Gates open at 8.45am and children go straight into classrooms.

	EYFS	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
School Starts	8.55am	8.55am	8.55am
Break	10.40am – 10.55am	10.40am – 10.55am	10.40am – 10.55am
Lunch	12.20pm – 1.20pm	12.30am – 1.30pm	12.30pm – 1.30pm
School ends	3.15pm	3.15pm	3.20pm

Absences

Parents should notify the school of all absences either by personal visit, telephone or letter. All unexplained absences are marked as 'Unauthorised Absence' on the registers. We are not allowed to accept explanations from the pupils themselves.

Money

Money that needs to be brought into School should be placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name and class written on it. There should be a clear indication for what the money is for. Whenever possible please give money to your child(ren) to avoid queuing at the School Office.



Meals

School meals are provided by our own excellent in house catering staff who ensure that the children are presented with a balanced nutritious meal. All meals must be paid for in advance. The children should bring their lunch money in a sealed envelope clearly marked along with their class and name. Free school meals applications may be made at the School Office; you will need to provide proof of your National Insurance number, and office staff will assist you if required.

From September 2014 all Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children will be able to receive free school meals under the Government's Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Parents who are in receipt of relevant benefits, are still requested to complete the application for free school meals as the school may be entitled to receive pupil premium funding, which would support your child's education.

Packed Lunches

Children may go home for lunch or bring sandwiches if preferred. The lunch should be packed into one clearly named container. Please ensure that the packed lunch provides a balanced meal. Sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks are not permitted. We are a Health Promoting School and expect parents to share the same commitment.

Fruit and Milk

Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be given fruit daily. Key Stage 2 children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit for morning breaks. Milk is provided free of charge for children under 5 years of age, however, an application must be made to Coolmilk which can be done by completing a form available at the School Office. All children are also offered a glass of milk at lunchtimes.



School Uniform

Our school colours are red, white with grey or black. Therefore, the children are encouraged to wear white shirts or blouses, bright red sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigans and grey or black trousers or skirts. In the summer the girls may wear red and white checked dresses. The only jewellery worn should be stud ear rings and watches. Children should wear black enclosed toe shoes without a heel due to health and safety issues.

For PE lessons plain black/navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt may be worn with, depending on the weather, warm clothing for outdoor lessons from October to April. Footwear is bare feet for indoor sessions and trainers for outside. We ask for children with shoulder length hair or longer to tie it back and jewellery to be removed or covered over during the lesson.

We expect all children to wear school uniform which is conducive to the working atmosphere of the school. We recommend that you write or sew your child's name on each piece of clothing as this makes it much easier for us to trace the owners of lost property.

Items of uniform with the school logo, are available from Total Promotions Limited:

- Red Sweatshirt - £8.25
- White Polo Shirt - £6.75
- Red Reversible Mistral Jacket - £13.99
- Red Book Bag - £3.25
- Green High-Viz - £5.00

To order please visit our website. You'll find the Total Promotions link under About Us/Uniform, alternatively contact them direct on 01733 374705. Your order can be delivered to the School Office at no extra cost.

CURRICULUM

We provide a creative, broad and balanced curriculum, which caters for the educational and social needs of our pupils. We cover the full range of subjects from the National Curriculum 2014 and provide appropriately purposeful and cohesive learning for all our pupils.

Literacy

We believe that children develop positive attitudes towards reading by being presented with a variety of reading material and structured teaching. At Key



Stage 1 we teach reading through a combination of phonics (sounds) and the development of a sight vocabulary. From the youngest age pupils are encouraged to take their reading books home and share them with their parents. Handwriting is an important skill and the children progress from printing to joined-up handwriting, and from pencil to pen. We encourage children to write for a variety of purposes

and audiences. Speaking and listening are the most common uses of language and we therefore plan a lot of work around discussions, presentations and active listening.

Numeracy

Numeracy is a vital everyday skill and we aim to develop our pupil's confidence in handling numbers, shape and interpreting data. We teach mental agility and problem solving. We also believe that all children should learn their multiplication facts.

Thematic approach

We have a thematic approach, which we have developed over the last few years, based on progressive learning skills through a common theme. We have launch days with visitors; special events during the term and trips out for all classes, culminating in a celebration event at the end of each term. Though the learning is creative and cross curricular, the subject areas are planned for and delivered to ensure all children learn the appropriate skills using first hand practical experiences, either in school or through visits.



In science at Key Stage 1 the activities are very practical and introduce the notion of 'fair testing'. In Key Stage 2 the lessons emphasise both practical investigations and scientific knowledge. We use our school pond and environmental area when appropriate.

Design Technology is concerned with planning, making and evaluating, for example, in the areas of sewing, cooking, woodwork, model making.

In ICT, we use various types of equipment to enhance the children's learning. The equipment includes cameras, mini notebooks; laptops, mini iPads as well as visualisers, computers and tape recorders. All pupils aim to gain skills in email, internet use, multimedia presentations, word processing, spreadsheets and graphics.

The humanities are taught through topics. The emphasis for younger children is on the difference between past and present, and the local environment. For the older pupils we ensure that the full range of prescribed knowledge and skills are taught to each child.

We teach the children to use a variety of artistic techniques and different media (paint, pastel, charcoal, clay, and fabric), giving each child the skills with which they can express their own creative abilities.

In PE we teach children to enjoy physical activity in its many forms. Through dance, gymnastics, a variety of team games and athletics, we aim to develop the pupils' bodies as well as their minds. We have specialist coaches and established

links with Stanground College and our local schools, allowing us to compete with other schools in team sports, such as netball and football.

All of our children have a number of opportunities to sing, and our school has traditionally had a high reputation for the quality of our singers. We are fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school which ensures the children receive experience of a range of music skills and use both percussion and tuition instruments.

Assessment

The pupils' work is continually assessed using teacher assessments. At the end of Year 1 (phonics), Year 2 and Year 6 standards are assessed and reported following national guidelines. Once it is available the latest data for parents is posted on our School website.

Personal, Health & Social Education

We believe that it is vitally important that the children learn about themselves and about other people. We therefore teach about feelings, attitudes and social relationships throughout the school using our SUMO and PSHE programmes. We are also a Health Promoting School. In Year 5 & 6 the children receive sex education with the support of the School Nurse, to prepare them for the next stages of their life.



Learning Mentors

We are fortunate to have learning mentors who support individuals and groups of children who need extra social and emotional support to help them access learning.

Religious Education

Our RE teaching is based upon the County Agreed Syllabus. It teaches about the Christian faith whilst also providing factual information about the other main religions of the world.



Collective Worship

Each day we have a form of collective worship during assemblies which involve either the whole school or a particular Key Stage. Worship is of a Christian nature in accordance with the trust deeds of our school. Our worships include praise and celebration, when we recognise children's achievements in work and behaviour, both in and out of school. Year 6 pupils take on responsibility for arranging the hall for Collective Worship, with music, words and the Bible, cross and candle on display.

Residential trips

We value residential trips which we provide for Key Stage 2 on an annual basis.

Garden area

We have developed a vegetable garden area with raised beds, supported by our Governors, which the children help to manage during gardening sessions. They grow radishes, carrots and potatoes amongst other vegetables which are then used in our school kitchen. This complements our cooking programme.

School Council

Our School Council represent all the pupils in school and work together to improve the school environment from changes to lunchtimes to the school grounds, from fundraising to meeting with representatives and the Head teacher in decision making. They play an invaluable role in school and represent the pupil voice.

Safeguarding

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our care and we expect all stakeholders to share this firm commitment.

Our Child Protection procedures are intended to safeguard all children in our school and any actions are taken first and foremost in the interest of the child. Please see our website for details of our safeguarding leads and governors; our safeguarding policy; related policies and our home school agreement.

St John's Church of England Primary School Prospectus 2015 to 2016



The Governors and Staff at St John's Primary School are committed to providing high quality education for the benefit of every individual child who attends the school. Parents are encouraged to discuss any aspect of their child's education with a member of staff, the Head Teacher or a Governor. Arrangements to do so can be made through the School Office.

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