



Our School Prospectus 2016-17



Family, Faith,
Celebrating Achievement

Welcome to Baydon St. Nicholas Primary School

This prospectus should give you a feel for what our school is like. We are proud of our school and hope you will enjoy reading this prospectus. If you like what you see, please come and visit! We would be delighted to show you our school.

Our Mission Statement

“Baydon St Nicholas School has high standards. We effectively support and challenge, recognise and celebrate achievements and aim to be an ‘outstanding’ school providing care and learning for all our pupils. We approach all our commitments from within a framework of family and faith”.



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1 Ethos and Aims

We provide a friendly caring environment at Baydon St Nicholas School where children can develop positively.

Our aim is to:

-  Promote positive relationships and communication;
-  Treat everyone as individuals;
-  Develop active, independent and enthusiastic learners;
-  Participate in our Christian family;
-  Broaden our knowledge, understanding and respect for those in our local & global community;
-  Promote positive relationships and communication;
-  Encourage personal and spiritual well-being;
-  Value and make a positive impact on our world



"The well-embedded Christian ethos of the school, developed over many years by the headteacher and taken up wholeheartedly by the staff, provides a secure and nurturing environment in which all children are confident, empathetic, polite and honest".

SIAS Report 2013

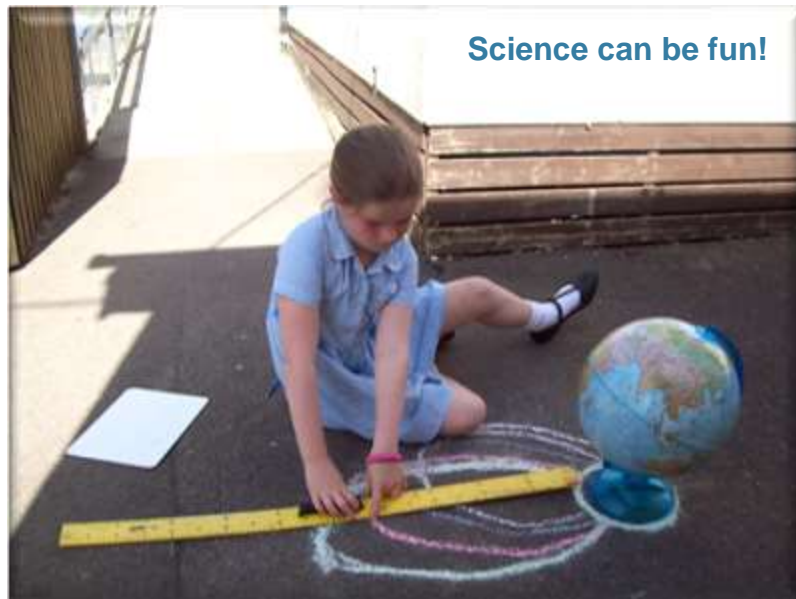
2 Teaching & Learning

At Baydon St Nicholas, the curriculum has been designed to cover a full range of activities to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural and social as well as the mental and physical development of each child. This prepares them for the opportunities and experiences beyond their primary school education.






We aim to bring the curriculum alive by making links between individual subjects and applying them to topics. Broad whole school themes are interpreted by individual teachers taking into account the needs and interests of the pupils in the class. For an overview of the curriculum, please visit our school website at baydon-school.org.uk



The school's performance of "The Lion King"



We have five classes in school which are currently organised as follows:

-  Robins (Foundation and Year 1)
-  Goldfinches (Year 1 and Year 2)
-  Skylarks (Year 3 and Year 4)
-  Kites (Year 4 and Year 5)
-  Hawks (Year 5 and Year 6)





We try to make learning as fun and as varied as possible by giving children opportunities to develop new skills, sometimes using the outdoor spaces as a classroom.



"Pupils have extremely positive views of school and talk animatedly about the many exciting clubs, visits, musical opportunities and interesting topics they study. Their enthusiasm for school contributes significantly to the progress they make in lessons".

Ofsted, November 2012



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Being a church school

We feel that building children's esteem is crucial in developing well rounded individuals, able to relate well with others and to learn effectively. We support this by having a regular Celebration Worship where each class has an opportunity to celebrate individual and group success with the rest of the school community.



An act of worship takes place daily. Christian themes are explored and developed through story, song, drama and artwork, reflecting family and community values. We are lucky to have close links with the clergy and celebrate important Christian festivals such as Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas in the local church, after which our school is named. The "Open the Book" team come into our school on a weekly basis to act out Bible stories which bring the stories of Jesus to life, much to the huge enjoyment of the children and staff.

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Facilities

Baydon School has been on the current site since 1843. The original school building is still in use as a classroom. Over the years the building has been extended. In 2010, the school was able to add a new extension to the building and renovate other areas of the school, including the hall and the original school classroom.



Outside Areas

The Paddock is a fantastic space that is used for PE sessions, play times, sports day and outdoor learning opportunities.





Our school community

All groups that make up our school community work tirelessly together in order to care for our school. We are lucky to have a supportive Governing Body, and FOBS (Friends of Baydon School; the name given to our PTA) who are fantastic in their fundraising efforts. FOBS have recently raised enough money to buy a full set of iPads for use in class. In the summer, FOBS organised a fabulous Party in the Paddock with live music, bar & BBQ and various entertainment for children which raised over £700!



Our local community

We work with other schools in the Marlborough area and are members of the Marlborough Area Education Partnership (MAEP). Members include seven other local Primary schools and St John's Marlborough.



On the sporting field, we regularly take part in various competitions with other schools which gives the children the opportunity to test their sporting skills.

We are also supported by members of the community in expanding the range of experiences pupils at Baydon St Nicholas receive, such as running Bikeability for Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Many of our parents give up their free time to come into school to help out, be it listening to the children read, accompanying the school on day trips and helping supervise lunch times.



St John's invite all the MAEP Primary Schools to take part in a summer musical festival.

Well-being

Being happy and healthy

Ensuring a happy, healthy environment in which our children enjoy learning is what we strive for. We do our utmost to make it easy for children to approach staff with their problems and concerns. We teach that bullying is never acceptable behaviour. We promote healthy eating and children aged 4-7 receive fruit for snack every morning. Each child is requested to bring in a water bottle and is encouraged to drink throughout the day. When outside we ask that pupils are provided with suitable attire (e.g hats in the summer; raincoats in the winter).

School lunches

Pupils have the choice of eating a hot lunch in school or bringing in a packed lunch from home. Hot meals are provided by Sue Brady Catering and all pupils in Foundation and Key Stage One are offered the option of receiving a free meal as per Government Policy. School meals for all other pupils are available for the price of £2.50 per day and are booked electronically directly through Sue Brady either for two weeks at a time or on a termly basis.

Support when needed

Medical

All school staff are trained in first aid and are aware of procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency. If a child is taken ill during the day and is thought to be unable to complete the rest of the session, parents will be contacted. Staff and Governors are also trained in child protection procedures.

Special Educational Needs

Children with every type of need are supported at our school. We make every effort to ensure that all children make the best possible progress, develop well as individuals and lay foundations in skills for later life.

"Strong links exist between parents, carers and school. This helps staff to identify early any areas of concern and put in place appropriate support. The school's support for those pupils whose circumstances might make them potentially vulnerable is very effective".

Ofsted November 2012

Wagtails

Wagtails After-School Club, our Wrap Around Care Facility

Wagtails is open to all children who attend St Nicholas School aged from 4-11 years old.

It offers a Breakfast Club and an After School Club which operates from Monday to Thursday.

The Club offers a warm, friendly, secure environment where the children can relax with their friends and promotes a 'home from home' atmosphere. The children choose from many different activities.





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