



**Upton  
St Leonards**  
C of E Primary School



“Let us remember that  
as many hands build a house,  
so many hearts make a school.”

Excerpt from the Upton St Leonards school prayer





## Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our school.

Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision. Upton St Leonards Church of England Primary School provides a secure and caring environment where children are able to flourish and be happy. Quality teaching leads to memorable learning and so excellent progress.

Values based education is at the heart of all learning at our school. Guided by the Christian values and ethos that underpin our work here, we aim to provide the best possible education for every child, alongside outstanding pastoral care and support.

We are extremely proud of our school and our children. The hard-working team of inspirational staff and governors are committed to sustaining the school's vision to continue 'building foundations for a love of life and a love of learning' for our children.

We strive to ensure high standards of achievement for children whilst equipping them with the skills to become responsible citizens and independent life-long learners. The key to our success lies in our passion and dedication to develop and nurture the whole child, to make sure they are happy and well-cared for individuals, ready to continue on their journey through education and life. At Upton St Leonards, we are educating and preparing our children for the future.

The information contained in this brochure will provide a flavour of what life is like at Upton St Leonards CE Primary School, but we would encourage you to visit us to see the school in action, meet our staff and pupils and discover for yourself how your child could thrive here.

Mark Allen, Headteacher



“The school is a really lovely place. I have never had a problem with my children wanting to come. They love it! The teachers are clearly very hardworking and care about individual needs. I feel very comfortable in coming in to talk to staff if I ever have an issue, times of which have been few and far between.” Parent

# Working Together

Upton St Leonards is a village school set in the heart of the picturesque Cotswold countryside, but just a few miles from the city of Gloucester.

Children lie at the heart of this school, which is a unique and exciting place to learn. Upton St Leonards is a Church of England School but it is also an integral part of the community and fully reflects the diversity of our families who live in the area. This is a happy school, where each child is valued, their individual qualities recognised and diversity celebrated.

We foster a culture of excellence, where learners are encouraged to achieve the highest possible standards. The standards of teaching are high and we have embedded programmes in place throughout the school to remove barriers to learning and give all children the best chance of success.

We are committed to providing a welcoming atmosphere where staff and children work together to create a happy, safe and stimulating environment in partnership with parents, governors and the local community.

We firmly believe that a strong and meaningful partnership between home and school is essential if children are to achieve their full potential and to this end, we look forward to working together with you and your child.



**“We work together  
and help one another.”** Pupil



Building foundations  
for a love of life  
and a love of learning



## Our Vision and Values

Our school vision reflects our aims and the Christian values that permeate all aspects of school life. Promoting a love of learning and of life itself is fundamental to our vision, aims and ethos. The school has a set of core values that are shared and understood by everyone involved in the life of the school. As a Church school, these values are very important since they underpin the whole of our community and everything that we do, including the design of our curriculum, all policies, planning and the school's management and governance.

At the heart of our school is the value of 'Love' and the belief that all people are 'made in the image of God'. Everyone is different, everyone is valued and everyone is loved.

Our school prayer says,

"This is our school.

Let peace dwell here.

Let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love abide here:

Love of one another,

Love of mankind,

Love of life itself

And love of God."

We have eighteen school Values which are all firmly rooted in Christian teaching

Hope  
Courage  
Friendship  
Responsibility  
Thankfulness  
Creativity  
Perseverance  
Compassion  
Respect  
Forgiveness  
Generosity  
Service  
Justice  
Humility  
Truthfulness  
Peace  
Wisdom  
Trust





“Our school teaches us about values like friendship and truthfulness.” Pupil

## Together... ...we love to learn

Through our diverse and challenging curriculum, our school is committed to providing a wide range of opportunities to inspire children, whatever their interests or talents.

Basic skills are so important. A firm grasp of reading, writing and maths is key to successful life-long learning and we ensure these skills are taught each day. However, this is only part of the story as creativity and the arts play a significant part in our broad and balanced curriculum. We offer a wealth of opportunities in sports, the arts and outdoor activities like Forest School. We continually encourage our children to explore, invent, create and develop independence in our extensive grounds.

Our curriculum is based on themes designed to capture children’s imagination and enthusiasm. Topics are launched through exciting lessons or events that motivate children to look forward to their time in school. Special trips, activities or visitors in school make learning memorable for children, encouraging them to want to find out more.

We believe that children should be well prepared for the next stage in their school journey, love learning and be competent with a wide range of technology. By teaching children to develop skills such as flexibility, team-work, independence and leadership, we aim to prepare our children for a future in an ever changing world.



## ...we meet the needs of all

Our school is committed to Inclusion, valuing all children regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, impairment, attainment or background. Our ethos, policies and practices take account of the uniqueness of every child and we always respond to children in ways which recognise their varied life experiences and needs.

We are proud of our strong Inclusion Team which offers pastoral care and support for our pupils and their families in all matters relating to emotional and behavioural support, attendance, family issues and working with outside agencies.

The school has a recently extended Inclusion base to provide pastoral, social and emotional support for children as they arrive at school in the morning, as well as throughout the day. As a setting, we also embrace the Thrive Approach and have a visiting Therapy Dog.

**“The people at school feel like my family. They are really kind and caring.”** Pupil



**“We are very proud of Upton St Leonards Primary School. The children receive a well-rounded education and they consistently achieve well against national expectations.”** Neil Eley, Chair of Governors

## Together... ...we are healthy

Our school provides a wealth of activities and experiences to enable the children to sustain healthy and active lifestyles. This is delivered through physical education, school sports and the wider curriculum. Children are encouraged to eat fresh fruit and vegetables every day and participate in lunchtime and after school clubs. They are encouraged to engage in physical activity each day, including taking part in the 'daily mile' on our purpose built running track.

Hot school meals are available every day in school and are prepared using locally sourced produce wherever possible. We aim to provide a healthy balanced menu, with high quality food, freshly prepared and cooked in our state-of-the-art kitchen each day by our dedicated catering team. All of our dishes are homemade and served with fresh seasonal vegetables and homemade bread. Fresh fruit and yogurts are also available daily. Children's individual needs are catered for in regards to diet and allergies and our kitchen holds a 5 star food hygiene rating.

We have many outdoor facilities such as an adventure playground, fitness trail, outdoor learning zones, a nature area and a Forest School to promote learning in a healthy outdoor environment.

## ...we care

Starting a new school, whether at age four or later on is an exciting time for children. But it can also be an anxious time for them and their parents. We want our children to feel happy, safe and secure in school and every effort is made by all the staff to create a positive atmosphere where each child is shown respect and care which allows them to develop to the highest of standards educationally, emotionally, morally, spiritually and physically.

Visitors to our school often comment on the warm, friendly and happy environment. Our school is a place where there is a calm, purposeful atmosphere in which children behave well and respect is shown to all.

Pupils leave Upton St Leonards C of E Primary as well rounded individuals, ready to be good citizens of the future, strengthened by the skill set, experiences and knowledge they have gained and mastered during their educational journey thus far.

We promote self-discipline and teach our children to have a sense of responsibility for themselves, other people and the environment. We know every child as an individual and the creation of strong and positive relationships with parents is a central part of this.





# Admissions

An application for a Reception place must be made to Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) by 15th January for every child due to start school the following September.

Applications are made to GCC via their website or by completing a paper form which can be downloaded from the same site or requested from the county council's Co-ordinated Admissions on **01452 425407**.

Applications for other year groups must also be made via GCC.  
Our admissions arrangements and criteria are set out on our website.

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