



The Blake CE Primary School



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Blake C of E Primary School is a modern building situated on the outskirts of Witney. The present building was opened in 1982 to serve the Cogges estate. A number of extensions have been built since then meaning that there are now 14 classrooms in all.

Our happy and vibrant School is designed to encourage co-operation and flexibility. At present there are 416 children on roll. There are five main departments; a recently refurbished Reception Unit, consisting of two open plan classrooms together with various learning and resource areas; two Year 1 and two Year 2 classes, each with their own central resource area; and eight classes in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, each sharing a central resource area, allowing teachers in KS2 to share space, resources and overall planning. Each teacher is, however, responsible for the detailed planning and work carried out with his/her own class of children. The School also has a large hall with an adjacent kitchen for lunches prepared on site, a music room and a newly refurbished, well resourced, school library.

The School has a pleasant setting adjacent to Cogges Farm Museum and is very close to the attractive Langel Common and the River Windrush. We are a short walking distance from the centre of Witney and therefore in an advantageous position for both rural and urban studies. Close links have been established with other local primary schools and also the two secondary schools which serve the area. In addition to this, the School benefits from its place within Oxfordshire Diocesan Schools Trust, with whom we academised on the 1st March 2015. The local parish Church, with which the School has strong links, is only a short walk away.

We are committed to delivering a rich, high quality education within a Christian setting, forming young people who know that economic competition is not more important than family life and love of neighbour, and that technical innovation is not more important than reverence for the beauty of creation. It is about forming people who, however academically and technically skilful, are not reduced to inarticulate embarrassment by the great questions of life and death, meaning and truth.

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Headteacher**