

ABOUT US



The Hawthorns Primary School has been open since 1981. The School has capacity for 436 pupils and caters for children from Foundation Stage (Rising 5's) right through to Year 6 (age 11). Each year group has two parallel classes.

The school benefits from a well-equipped modern building with spacious grounds. It has two separate playgrounds, a large field, an organic garden, a wooded area which has been developed for Forest School provision, a music and drama studio, as well as several other outside areas used to enhance teaching and learning.

The Hawthorns is a Local Authority (LA) Primary School. This means that, although the school's affairs are primarily the responsibility of the School Governors, we also benefit from the services and support provided by the Local Authority.

OUR VISION

The Hawthorns team of staff are highly experienced, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and hard-working. Our collective aim is to provide the best learning opportunities for all children; we are passionate about developing the whole child. Our vision is as follows:



Belong: We aim to ensure children feel safe, valued and happy as part of an inclusive and supportive community.

Believe: We encourage children to work hard, develop resilience and self-belief and not be afraid of taking risks. Most of our children come to school keen to learn and we aim to encourage this positive attitude.

Achieve: We have high expectations and encourage the children to be the best they can be. We teach them to be confident and independent, aware of their responsibility both to the school community and the world at large.

Grow: We teach children aspirational skills to encourage them to become life-long learners.

We believe our vision provides the essential basis for our children's future development and for success when they leave us for the next stage of their education.

Ofsted May 2017 'Many parents describe the school as, 'caring', 'nurturing' and 'a close-knit community'.

"You set high expectations of pupils and staff and have established a culture of 'being the best you can be'."

We aim for the curriculum to:

- Be broad and balanced, enabling all children to learn and achieve.
- Draw upon first hand experiences wherever possible.
- Develop the children's sense of identity through their knowledge and understanding of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural heritages of our society.
- Give children the opportunity to develop their creative and physical skills as well as the academic side of the curriculum.
- Instil a culture of continuous learning for all.
- Enable children to aspire to the best they can be by ensuring there are high standards of achievement in all subject areas.

The Hawthorns Code

1. **Right:** to have fun learning in a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere.
Responsibility: to make sure that we as a school community take responsibility for our learning and are friendly to everyone.
2. **Right:** to feel good about ourselves; to feel safe and never be afraid.
Responsibility: to make sure that we play sensibly, we include others and show zero-tolerance towards bullying.
3. **Right:** for each child to be respected regardless of age, gender, race or disability.

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Responsibility: to be helpful, polite and show respect for the feelings and opinions of others.

4. **Right:** to have the freedom to play with whoever we choose and to know who to turn to if we have problems.

Responsibility: to play co-operatively and to sort out our problems and still be friends.

5. **Right:** to learn in a clean, pleasant and cared for environment.

Responsibility: to respect our school environment by taking care of property and by caring for the wildlife in our school grounds.

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

The school caters for children from 4 – 11 years old, and primarily serves a designated area between the Wooshill Spine Road, Bearwood Road, Simon's Lane and south of the Reading Road. Each year we are able to admit 60 children. If there are insufficient places to meet demand the Local Authority allocates places according to agreed criteria.

As a maintained school The Hawthorns Primary School admissions arrangements are undertaken through Wokingham Borough Council and the Governing Body have adopted the criteria laid down by them.

School year 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021. (Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016).

The law determines compulsory school age begins at the start of the term following a child's fifth birthday.

The decision about when to start your child at school is yours. Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year, or their child is admitted on a part time basis or admission is not until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year.

We recommend that you discuss the options with your Early Years provider or the school if you have any concerns regarding the readiness of your child to start in September or whether to accept a full-time or part-time school place.

If you specify on the acceptance form that you wish to defer your child's place until later in the school year or if you wish your child to attend on a part-time basis and you subsequently decide that your child is ready to attend school, then you can discuss a mutually convenient start date with the Leader of EYFS or the Headteacher. We would also recommend that you advise your Early Years setting of your decision.

The school will advise you on the part-time options available.

Transfer to Secondary School

As soon as your child starts in Year 6, you will receive full information about the choices you have for secondary school.

Our children transfer to an increasingly wide selection of secondary schools, including grammar and denominational schools.

An admissions booklet is available from Wokingham Borough Council who co-ordinate all admissions for Local Authority Maintained Schools.

Their address is:
Children's Services Department
Civic Offices
Shute End
Wokingham
RG40 1BN

Phone: 0118 974 6000

Or further information can be found at:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/>