



Platt Church of England

School Prospectus

2023-24



Primary School

Learning together, Forgiving one another and Caring for all

"Live life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to our school. We are so pleased you are interested in joining us and hope this prospectus provides you with lots of the information you require.

Platt Church of England Primary School is proud to be a church school. Our distinctive Christian Vision is driven by the parable of the mustard seed. The school vision promotes rich experiences and excellent curriculum provision, resulting in happy confident pupils, who achieve well, feel safe and genuinely care for each other.

I had the pleasure and honour of taking up the post of Headteacher here in April 2023. I quickly recognised how special and unique the school is. It has a warm, family feel where children are encouraged to achieve their full potential.

You are more than welcome to view our school so please contact the school office where we can arrange an appointment. office@platt.kent.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming you,

Mrs Emma Smith

Headteacher

Our Vision

"Live life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Like Jesus' teaching in the parable of the mustard seed, we believe that children at Platt Primary are like seeds with the potential to grow and flourish as they are nurtured and encouraged to develop their unique gifts.

We are a family where we care for others and the world around us, we learn as a community and grow in wisdom and we forgive as God forgave us.

Our guiding vision statement permeates through every aspect of school life and we strive to ensure children leave us with the skills they need to live their life to the full. Our aim is that by the end of their time with us, our children are happy and confident, performing in all aspects of our curriculum to the best of their ability and equipped to succeed in the next chapter of their educational journey.

Our Values

- **Care** – Compassion, Friendship

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other

- **Learn** – Wisdom, Koinonia

Learning together. Encourage one another and build each other up

- **Forgive** – Forgiveness, Hope

Treat others the same way as you would want them to treat you

Curriculum



We provide an exciting and challenging curriculum throughout our school and we regularly review our offering to ensure that we reflect the current needs of our pupils and the world in which we live. Our curriculum is focussed on high quality books and world topics, empowering our pupils to challenge, and become informed to protect our world for the future.

Our curriculum is guided by the National Curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework, to ensure a broad coverage of both knowledge and skills. This is used by teachers to then create yearly overviews which you can find on our school website. The core subjects of English and maths are taught daily. Religious Education and science also form part of our core curriculum here at Platt.

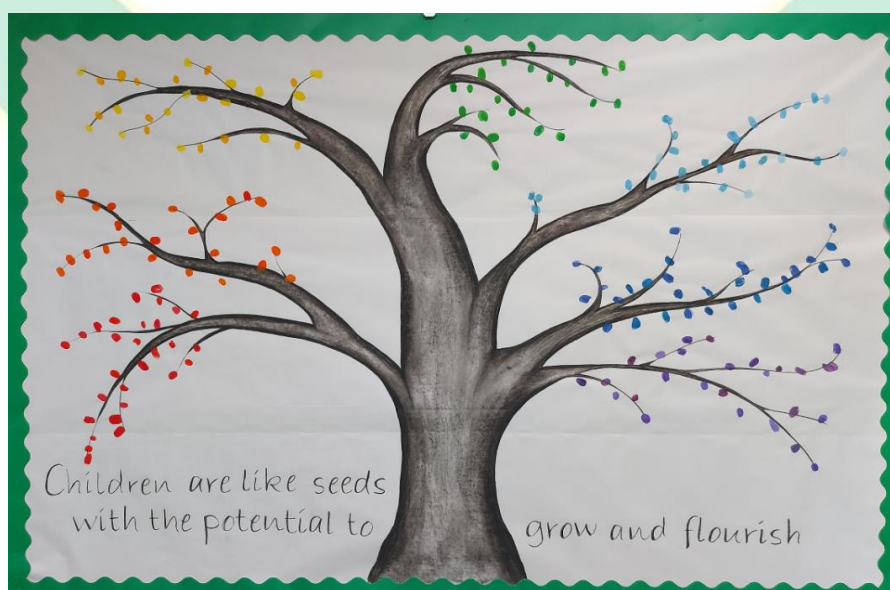
Music plays a key role across our school. We promote musicality in all of our pupils through weekly lessons and singing, and ensure that every child has an opportunity to learn an instrument. Private tuition is also available to pupils and we have a school orchestra to develop performance skills.

We teach Computing using Chrome books and iPads. Areas taught include programming, general computer skills and developing projects on film making and music editing.

Sports are promoted for all children and all abilities. We provide the opportunity for team sports and competitions, as well as individual sports. We also provide a variety of afterschool enrichment which is open to all pupils.

Wherever possible, we look for ways to enrich learning experiences through trips and visitors.

As a Church of England school, we have strong links with the local church – St Mary's – and regularly visit there for worship as well as part of Religious Education.



"We love the family feel of the school, especially that all staff seem to know all children and that the children play across the year groups and are given opportunities to work with different year groups." Parent comment from 2023 survey



School Site

The school building built in 2020, is light and airy, providing a calming environment for both staff and pupils, allowing the pupils and their work to take centre stage. Vaulted ceilings and wooden floors

create a natural feel that fits in perfectly with the indoor/outdoor ethos of our school, complimented further by our on-site, forest school.

Our school also benefits from onsite catering, pupil design and technology room and a forest school space to build a love and appreciation of the natural world.

We have a communal library space and several group room spaces to ensure in class and small group provision can be catered for.

Outdoor Space

We have developed our outdoor space further to have a permanent outdoor learning environment for KS1 to access throughout the day. This is set within the main tarmacked playground where all children have access to play equipment such as skipping ropes, ball games, building materials and a colouring/writing area. They also have some dens and a stage.



The children also have access to a MUGA (Multi-Use-Games-Area) where ball games will be encouraged on a daily rota. Our Parent Association raised funds for an adventure trail where all children are able to climb, balance and develop their fitness.

Our large sports fields will enable more team sports to happen as well as athletics and the opportunity to just sit on the grass and chat.

We are also very lucky to be able to have a forest school area and a nature garden being developed. In the future, we hope to be able to have a large outdoor shelter in this area so that it can be accessed for nurture groups and reflection time throughout the day.

"The school lives its vision in order 'to understand and respect one another'. This has resulted in strong and supportive relationships within the school, and respect and encouragement for those with differences. This is evident in the good behaviour that contributes to a calm learning environment." SIAMs July 2023

Attainment Outcomes

Early Years Foundation Stage Good Level of Development (GLD)

EYFS GLD 2019	78%	National (2019) 72%
EYFS GLD 2022	41%	National (2022) 65%
EYFS GLD 2023	77%	

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Year 1 2019	78%	Year 2 retakes	17%
Year 1 2022	81%	Year 2 retakes	66%
Year 1 2023	96%	Year 2 retakes	tbc

Key Stage 2

	School % at EXP 2019	National % at EXP 2019	School % at above EXP 2019	National % at above EXP 2019	School % at EXP 2022	National % at EXP 2022	School % at above EXP 2022	School % at EXP 2023	National % at EXP 2023	School % at above EXP 2023
Reading	88	75	33	28	94	74	39	65	73	43
Writing	88	78	50	20	72	69	17	70	71	9
Maths	88	76	42	24	78	71	28	65	73	26
Combined	88	64	17	10	72	59	11	57	59	9
GPS	88	78	67	34	72	72	33	73	72	30

In 2022, 50% of the Year 6 cohort passed the Kent 11+ test and are therefore eligible for a grammar school place.

School Uniform

School uniform is something that helps unite us as a school. It also removes the pressure of fashion and brands. Our school uniform is distinctive and smart and sets the tone for the learning that we complete.



Our outdoor learning is also very key. All pupils wear their PE kit on their PE days and for Forest School. All pupils are expected to wear the school PE kit and no other sports kit. We have the same high expectations as with regular uniform. We will also require that all pupils have a full set of waterproofs and wellingtons to leave in school. This will ensure we can be out in our new environment come rain or shine.

New school uniform is available to order via a direct on-line ordering system from Gooddies the suppliers. <https://www.gooddies.co.uk/> The school office hold small items such as bottles, hats and ties. We have a wealth of second-hand uniform available also.

Expected Regular Uniform for Years R, 1 And 2

School v neck jumper (with logo) or school cardigan (with logo)

White shirt (long or short sleeved)

School tie clip on or regular are available

Grey skirt, shorts or trousers.

White, grey or black socks/tights.

Black shoes (no trainers or flashing lights)

(In terms 5, 6 and 1 only bottle green checked summer dresses are permitted).



Expected Regular Uniform for Years 3, 4, 5 And 6

School Blazer (with embroidered badge)

School v neck jumper (with logo)

School tie clip on or regular are available

White shirt (long or short sleeved)

Grey skirt, shorts or trousers.

White, grey or black socks/tights.

Black shoes (no trainers or flashing lights)

(In terms 5, 6 and 1 only green checked summer dresses are permitted).



PE KIT- children will be asked to wear this to school on Forest School and PE Days instead of the regular uniform:

Bottle green school shorts or black school tracksuit bottoms

Black/bottle school fleece top

Green polo shirt with school logo

White or black trainers (plain)

Outdoor Kit- This will be left in school and returned when washing is needed:

Wellington Boots

Waterproof jacket and trousers or all in one (Plain colours only please)

School Bags

A school book bag is required for all EYFS/KS1 Pupils.

A school PE Bag with name on is required for all pupils and should contain their outdoor kit and kept in school.

A school backpack only should be used to carry equipment to and from school for KS2 pupils.

Hair and accessories

Hair should be smart and tidy. Long hair (beyond a short bob – above or on the shoulders) should be fully tied back for health and safety reasons.

A green headband, small clip or bow are allowed.

Earrings should be a plain small stud only. These need to be removed for PE by the pupils themselves and stored in their own suitable container or covered with surgical tape or plasters also supplied from home. No hoops or drop earrings are permitted.

Makeup and nail polish are not permitted. No jewellery – small stud earrings are acceptable but must not be worn on PE days.

The School Day

The school gates open at 8:35am and we have a drop off window until 8:45am. Registration closes at 8:50am.

Reception class start their morning with a settling activity which they independently access. They then move into phonics which we teach in groups following the principles of Read, Write, Inc.

Each day we have Collective Worship (assembly). We discuss our school values, what we can learn from each other, sing together and celebrate our successes.

The youngest pupils then have a fruit and milk break and all children have playtime outside.

The day then has several sessions where the teacher will teach with whole class input before allowing the children to explore the learning focus through carefully planned activities which the children choose. The adults will then work with groups to support the learning development. These can be maths, topic, music, RE, PSHE or ICT focussed. These sessions happen in the morning after play and each afternoon.

Each week the children will also have an extended PE session and they will have a Forest school opportunity once the Forest School area is developed further.

At 12:00pm the children all have a lunch break. They sit together communally and have either a school provided lunch or a packed lunch. We then have an outdoor play session where the children have various choices of activities.

Before home time each day we have a reflection time where the children are encouraged to think about their day and be thankful for what they have learnt. We all share a story before families collect children at 3:15pm.

For all other year groups, their days run as follows:

8:35 – 8:45am Gates open

8:45 – 8:50am Registration

8:50 – 10:15am Lessons

10:15am Collective Worship

10:30am Break time

10:45am – 12:00pm Lessons

12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch break including prayer

1:00pm – 1:05pm Registration

1:05 – 3:00pm Lessons

3:00 – 3:15pm Reflection/prayer, story.

School Meals

Our catering provider – Contract Dining Company – cook and serve nutritious meals onsite in our school kitchen. Pupils receive generous portions and also have access to an exotic selection of fresh fruit and a healthy salad bar. Please take a look at their website and latest menu:

http://www.thecontractdiningcompany.co.uk/kent_school_meals/file/primary.php



Wrap Around Care

We currently offer a breakfast club from 7:30am each day. We provide hot and cold breakfast options and an opportunity to play with friends before the day begins.

After school we provide clubs from 3:15-4:30pm. These are changed regularly and offer an extra-curricular focus. (Clubs include: table tennis, craft, drama, gymnastics, multi-skills, Lego).

From 4:30-6:00pm we have a stay and play session. This is a general childcare provision where children can play board games, colour, complete homework or play outside. During after school clubs we will provide refreshments. All of our wrap around care is pre-bookable via the parent mail shop.

Admissions

If you are interested in your child joining our school, please take a look at our admissions page on our school website for the latest admissions policy and the relevant forms. We warmly welcome you to come and visit our school in person and see for yourselves what a wonderful, family-orientated school we have. We please contact the school office to arrange a tour or check our website for our New Entrants Open Mornings in October and November.

<https://www.platt.kent.sch.uk/our-school/join-our-school/>