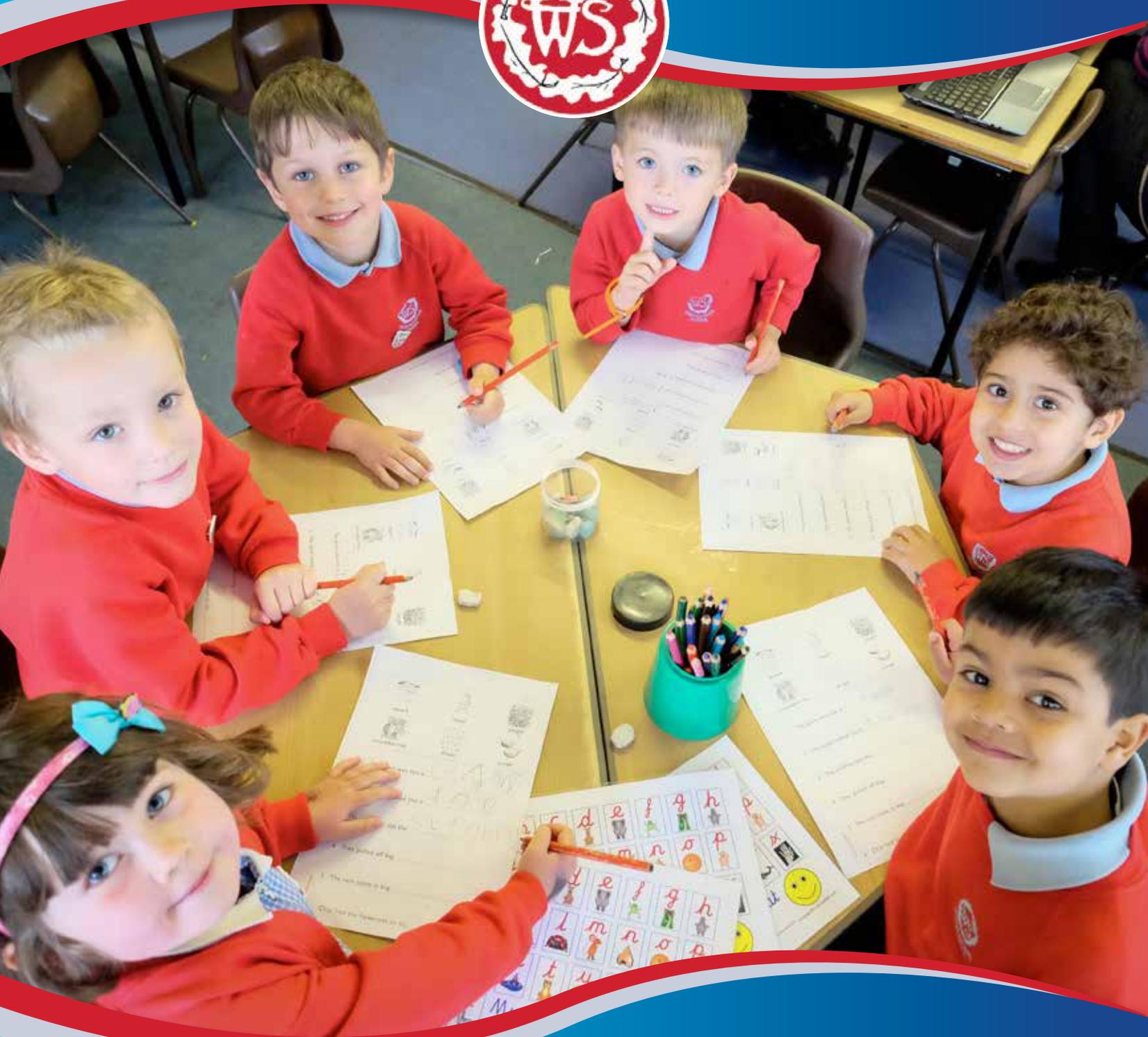


# Worplesdon Primary School



“Helping Children Develop a Love of Life and Learning”



# Welcome

## Introduction

Welcome to Worplesdon Primary School. Thank you for showing an interest in the work of the school. Worplesdon is situated a mile outside Guildford in a semi rural situation on Fairlands. The school serves families from the surrounding villages and across north west Guildford.

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school where children are valued as individuals and given every opportunity to develop their strengths and build their skills so that their potential can be reached and they have choices in the future.

Choosing a school is an important decision; a visit to the school will demonstrate the happy and positive atmosphere of a school where children are treated as individuals as well as members of the community as a whole.

**Alistair Parsons, Headteacher**

## Ethos

We believe that each child should be supported and challenged to develop a sense of self awareness, care towards others and a firm basis of knowledge, skills and understanding. As a Primary School we offer the continuity of seven years in which a child can achieve his/her best in all areas of school life. The school curriculum is innovative in many areas giving children a varied, memorable, effective and fun learning experience.





## Joining Worpleston

There are two intakes into Worpleston. Children can join our Reception classes in the year they become five. There are two Reception classes and sixty places available. From September 2016 the school will be admitting an extra class (30 places) into Year 3, resulting in three classes per year group in the Junior school.

When places are available, children can join the school at other times; please contact the school for further information.

## Values

The school celebrates a different value each month. These values provide a focus for assemblies, the 'learning for life' curriculum, displays and expectations for children's behaviour. Within the values curriculum we also focus on being a Level 2 Unicef Rights Respecting School which the pupils and staff achieved in Spring 2015. This award influences the curriculum, pupil behaviour, community work both locally and internationally and is central to giving pupils a 'voice' in what the school does.

## Home/School Partnership

A strong partnership between home and school increases the effectiveness of the education the children receive. Where children see an active, positive and open relationship between their teachers and parents they work more efficiently. The school aims to involve parents by: providing regular information about what their child is learning and how best to support them in their learning; keeping parents informed about their child's progress and areas for development; having parent information evenings about various aspects of the curriculum.

A very active Parent Teacher Association encourages parents to support the school in a practical way to provide extra resources for the children's education.

**"I love Worpleston School because of all the exciting lessons and lovely encouraging teachers."  
Stephanie, Year 5**



## To inspire a love of learning by...



### **...learning through discovery**

We plan to deliver an exciting curriculum that creates a love of learning, independence and creativity. A clear focus on establishing basic knowledge and skills from the very first day in school supports this approach. We develop our children's enthusiasm for learning and foster good learning habits by providing interesting and challenging learning opportunities which build on their natural curiosity.

### **...learning through first hand experience**

We believe that children are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum and they learn most through first hand experience. The broad curriculum is enhanced by regular visits and residential trips. Visitors to school are frequent, giving children links to the outside world.

By having specialist teachers for Music, Physical Education and Foreign Language teaching and by reducing group sizes in these subjects, the children receive quality opportunities to develop their skills.



## ...learning through activity

The school environment supports quality learning opportunities. Computing is supported by suites of mobile laptops using a wireless network across the school; interactive whiteboards across the school ensure lessons have impact. A large, permanently staffed library means children can visit and use the library independently. Sports facilities are good. A heated outdoor swimming pool means that all children can swim throughout the summer. Playing fields and hard courts support a full range of sports and clubs. The school environment, is special and includes year group raised beds and a well established environmental area with a pond and mature trees. This supports outdoor learning across a range of subjects.



## ...learning together

By putting children at the heart of the school, involving them in the School Council and the House system, they learn that their voice matters and that they can contribute to the school community. They also learn to support each other through House events including mixed year House events. Focus days enable cross curricular learning without the constraints of the regular timetable.



**"I love Worpleston School because there are a wide range of clubs and activities after school."  
Katie, Year 4**



## Extended Opportunities

Children are given opportunities to further develop skills and interests beyond the regular curriculum through a range of activities which take place outside the normal school day.

## Sport

Sport is important at Worplesdon. In addition to a specialist P.E. teacher, good facilities, small groups and two hours of curriculum P.E. per week, there are extensive clubs and activities offering all children opportunities to participate in extra sport including interschool competitions. Links to local clubs and coaches help to extend these opportunities. The school House system is used to involve all children in regular competitive sport.

## Music

To enable quality music opportunities the school has a Performing Arts Building, a specialist music teacher and reduced class sizes in curriculum time. Beyond the curriculum, infant and junior choirs, the orchestra and recorder groups enable children to extend their music participation. A number of peripatetic music teachers enable children to learn a range of instruments. Children are given regular opportunities to perform.

## Breakfast and After School Club

For parents needing child care at either end of the school day the school has its own Breakfast and After School Clubs. These very popular clubs run from 7.45am in the morning and up to 6.00pm in the evening.

**“I like Worplesdon because I have enjoyed trips like PGL, Marwell Zoo, the Weald and Down Museum and The Isle of Wight.” Joel, Year 6**



## School Aims:

- To inspire a love of learning through providing a challenging and broad curriculum with all children achieving personal success.
- To provide a safe and nurturing environment where children are valued, confident and can build positive relationships.
- To give children a range of skills through personalised teaching together with learning styles that give the children confidence to 'have a go'.
- To embrace children's curiosity and develop a passion for learning through which they can build an enthusiasm for personal, social and academic development.
- To value, celebrate and respect diversity within the local and global communities and the part they play within these.





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