



Introduction

Thank you for your interest in Witchampton Church of England First School.



Witchampton is part of Wimborne Academy Trust. The Trust provides an outstanding education across nursery, first, middle and upper school phases, ensuring our children are given a broad and balanced education which prepares them well for success in their future lives.

I'm confident we will meet your expectations and more. Thank you for taking the time to consider one of our schools within Wimborne Academy Trust.

Liz West,

CEO - Wimborne Academy Trust

'Live a life of love, just as Jesus loved us'

Ephesians 5 verse 2

Welcome

We would like to wish you a warm welcome to our school. Witchampton Church of England First School is an extremely happy school which was rated 'Excellent' in the 2019 Church of England SIAMS report.

We aim to preserve the friendly atmosphere and ethos of a small rural village school, and prepare children for the future through an understanding and knowledge of Christianity and Christian values. Our Christian values of Love, Courage, Inspiration and Respect were chosen by the school community and link closely to the teachings of Jesus.



Jo Hancock, Headteacher

Vision and values

We are a small school with a BIG heart.

Our school provides the Christian foundation for children to grow and flourish, whilst inspiring ambition. Everyone is a valued member of the school family which empowers them to achieve their very best. Our nurturing environment ensures each child becomes a confident and curious life-long learner. Our Christian values enable us to inspire others, build courage and show respect - all through love.

The school vision image of a balloon was chosen, created and designed by pupils, parents, staff and members of the academy committee. The image is a reminder that we are all on a journey together in the basket of the balloon. The four ropes represent our values of Love, Inspiration, Courage and British Values. The balloon itself is fired by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (the Trinity) and this power helps us to travel through life together - wherever our journey may take us.



Our Aims

We will realise our vision by:

- Working together with Witchampton Church to strengthen our Christian values
- Having high expectations to ensure children achieve well and make good progress
- Valuing the importance of each child developing as a confident individual
- Promoting positive behaviour to ensure children are safe and feel safe
- Challenging and inspiring independent thinking and a desire for further knowledge
- Providing quality teaching and learning experiences tailored to each child's needs
- Promoting good social skills, confidence and self-esteem within a Christian context
- Offering a broad range of music, arts, drama and sports; and embracing new technologies
- Forming strong partnerships with parents and the local community
- Creating exciting, inspirational learning environments in and beyond the classroom
- Valuing and respecting other people in our community, the UK and the wider world



'Pupils and adults are supported to flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically in a culture of holistic care that pervades the school. This transforms the lives of families in the community.'

SIAMS report, 2019

'Strong Christian leadership allows the school to nurture, share and celebrate its Christian distinctiveness within a multi academy trust.'

SIAMS report, 20190

Our Witchampton Wows

We have four Witchampton 'Wows'. Each of the Wows represent one of the school values: Love (pink); Courage (orange); British Values (turquoise), and Inspiration (purple). The children are awarded a Wow that represents the value that they have excelled in. For example, to be awarded a 'Love' Wow, a child may show great companionship towards a fellow pupil when they are unwell; for 'Courage', a child may try something for the first time, and for 'Inspiration' a child may have completed a great piece of work that was shared with the class / whole school.

Clubs

At lunchtimes and after school children can make use a variety of clubs that we run. Some are offered by a teacher or sports coach funded by the school, and others are externally run, which require a small charge.

These include our singing club, recorder club, computer club, netball club, farm animals club, Reverend Suzie's club, rounders club, drama club, science club, karate club, gymnastics club and multi-sports club.



Music

Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire and motivate children. It is a vehicle for personal expression, and it can play an important part in the personal development of people.

We provide a variety of opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music, to develop the skills to appreciate a wide variety of musical forms, and to begin to make judgements about the quality of music.

Outside the classroom

Our school includes exciting outside areas where children can play and explore. We go on trips – and we're small enough that sometimes we take the whole school. Children play sport on our field and we always aim to keep them healthy through diet and exercise.





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