ST JOHN’S CE FIRST SCHOOL

Play together,
Learn together,
Praise together

Church of England First School

Propectus
Welcome

Thank you for your interest in St John’s First School.

St John’s First School is part of Wimborne Academy Trust. The Trust provides an outstanding education across the primary and middle phases, ensuring our children are given a broad and balanced education which prepares them well for success in their future lives. We believe that we will meet your expectations and more.

Thank you for taking the time to consider one of our schools within Wimborne Academy Trust.

‘St John’s has a lovely, nurturing feel - each person is valued.’

2016 Parent comment

St John’s is a friendly and caring school for children aged four to nine years old. Children’s early experiences lay the foundations for the rest of their lives and we are committed to providing high quality education for all children in partnership with parents. We provide a broad and balanced curriculum within a safe, stimulating and challenging environment where children are welcomed as individuals, where they can be confident, secure and valued for all they achieve.

As a small first school with high standards of achievement, our experienced and dedicated team of teaching and support staff get to know each child and work with you in helping your child to succeed. We encourage the children to demonstrate independence, involvement and responsibility in and for their learning, with the highest standards of effort and behaviour. We believe that the children of St John’s will be inspired and fulfilled, and will become responsible and confident members of the community in a future unknown for learning.

Thank you for your interest in St John’s First School. We are very proud of our school and hope that this prospectus will provide some information about our school. However you are welcome to visit us to find out more. I would be happy to meet you and discuss the school in more detail and answer any questions you may have.

On your visit you will see our attractive and well-equipped school and grounds, meet some of our children and observe their learning and achievements. I look forward to meeting you, and your child, and welcoming you to our school.

Liz West
CEO - Wimborne Academy Trust
National Leader of Education

Mrs Katherine Avery
Head of School
Our Values

At St James' Church of England First School, we uphold the following values, and promote them through our Mission Statement and School Aims.

- showing mutual respect
- building self esteem
- providing security
- developing community
- having high expectations
- promoting lifelong learning

Our School provides an atmosphere and environment for learning, based on Christian values, where children come first.

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

Our curriculum is stimulating, enabling our children to think and learn creatively now and in the future.

Article 29: Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Our Staff have high expectations for learning and behaviour.

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Our buildings and resources cater for the diverse needs of the school community.

Article 23: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence, and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to provide support to disabled children.

Our children are inspired, independent learners with positive self esteem. They are confident and caring in their relationships with others, working in partnership with each other, their parents, carers and the wider community.

Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop others from enjoying their rights.

Our core values of Love, Friendship and Forgiveness are embedded within our ethos and followed by all members of the school community.
Our Curriculum

A love of learning is the greatest gift a school can bestow. We want our children to be lifelong learners. We work tirelessly to create an imaginative and inspiring curriculum, in a welcoming, stimulating and secure environment.

A variety of teaching and learning styles and strategies are used to provide opportunities for all children to learn and achieve, and to promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

Importance is placed on both academic and social skills to encourage children to become active learners and responsible members of the community.

We ensure that learning is interesting, meaningful and relevant which is enhanced through our fantastic school grounds, local community and using educational visits further afield.

Learning will be stronger if it happens in partnership with the home and we are grateful to our wonderful parents who support their children with a range of homelearning opportunities.

We believe that learning shouldn’t stop at 3.30pm and are exceptionally proud of the wider range of learning opportunities offered to our pupils beyond the school day.

“Everything at St John’s is brilliant!”
Year 3 child
“The school’s three core values of love, friendship and forgiveness permeate the whole curriculum and are strongly rooted in Christian theology”
SIAMS 2014

A Church School

Links with the local church

Church Partnership
We are proud to be a church school and enjoy very close links with our local church community of St John’s. The vicar, trustees and parishioners of the church are very proud of our school and play an active part in the life of our school community.

Religious Education and Collective Worship
Our school community comes together each day to participate in worship and to pray together. Worship is led by school staff and members of the community. Religious Education follows the Local Authority guidelines and enables children to develop a rich understanding of faith.

Friends of St John’s CE First School
As a parent of a child at this school, you will automatically become a member of the Friends Association. The aim of the friends is twofold: firstly, it encourages closer links between parents, teachers and pupils and secondly it provides extra funds for a range of additional resources. Newsletters will keep you informed about the wide range of events that take place and a copy is also displayed on the outdoor display board. We are always in need of willing helpers and any support that you could provide would be most welcome.

St John’s Pre-school
We have strong links with St John’s pre-school, which is located in the church building adjacent to the school and is the main feeder for our school. Children from many other settings also attend St John’s First School.
Uniform

We are proud to wear the St John’s School uniform as it unites us as a school and shows that we are all part of our school family.

“All the children are well-mannered and are extremely kind. I think this is reflected in the teaching and values of the school”

2016 parent comment
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