

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School



Prospectus 2026-2027



Grow in Christ – Belong to Community – Serve with Purpose



Message from the Headteacher



St John the Baptist C of E Primary School is a welcoming village school, nestled in the heart of the beautiful village of Findon in West Sussex. Situated on School Hill and surrounded by the stunning countryside of the South Downs, our location provides a wonderful setting in which children can learn, play and grow.

We work hard to provide an education that develops each child's individual skills based on high quality teaching along with creative learning both in class and outdoors. Our school is founded on a strong Christian ethos of mutual respect, care and trust. Our three core values of Respect, Honesty and Resilience underpin all of our work and our beliefs. This all contributes to the sense of "Family" felt throughout the whole school community.

We know that children learn best when they are in a safe and secure environment where they feel valued. Therefore, we value the relationship between the school, parents and the whole local community. We want to work closely with you to ensure that your child is happy in school and achieves his/her full potential. As well as pursuing academic excellence, we work hard to help all the children in our care grow and flourish as confident individuals with high aspirations and a lifelong love of learning.

Mrs. Jane Sharrock
Headteacher

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Our Mission Statement



Our vision is to grow in Christ, to belong to community and to serve with purpose. Inspired by Colossians 2:7, we strive to help each child put down deep roots in faith, build strong foundations in truth, and grow in character.

Rooted in Christian values of respect, resilience and honesty, we nurture every child spiritually, academically, and socially. We celebrate the uniqueness of each individual, fostering a sense of belonging where every child feels seen, valued, and included. Guided by this inclusive spirit, we help our children become confident and compassionate so they can bring joy to others and live with purpose in their community and beyond.



Reception 2027

"The school has high expectations of pupils learning and behaviour. The ambition for children in Reception is exceedingly strong. Pupils love learning and relish the opportunities to demonstrate their understanding."

Ofsted report, September 2023



A happy child is a thriving child. Step inside and experience our warm, caring, and inclusive environment, where every child is valued, nurtured, and supported to shine.

Pupils are admitted to St John the Baptist CofE Primary School in the September of the academic year in which they turn 5 years old.



"In Reception, the curriculum is of a remarkably high standard. Staff are exceedingly ambitious for all children, including those who are disadvantaged. They prioritise developing children's language and communication skills and skillfully use every opportunity to promote children's learning. This leads to children being highly motivated to learn. Consequently, children achieve exceptionally well."

Ofsted, 2023



'Outstanding' Early Years

as rated by Ofsted

Reception children love being outdoors, and we are lucky to have plenty of space to explore. We enjoy our mud kitchen, bike area, nature area (where we spend Wednesday afternoons), and a large undercover space that we use in all weathers.



In Reception, play is at the heart of everything we do. It helps children consolidate learning, follow their interests, and show us how they learn best. Alongside this, we also offer structure and routine to help children feel secure. Each day includes phonics, maths, story time and fruit time.



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In our Reception class, a particularly strong emphasis is placed upon being active and learning through play. We encourage the children to follow their interests, to make informed choices and become independent learners. The environment that we try to create is one in which the children feel happy and confident to 'have-a-go' and learn through their experiences. We offer a relevant and challenging curriculum, which is also exciting and good fun.

Ash Class is taught by Miss Cove, our Early Years Lead, who believes Early Years is the best place to be – it's where the magic happens and the adventures begin. She has a keen interest in child development and loves projects that bring all areas of learning together. Play Projects are a big favourite in the classroom!



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