



# St John's CE First School

'Let us love  
one another,  
for love  
comes from  
God.'

1 John 4:7

## Prospectus



## Introduction

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



St John's 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

'This is the best school ever!'

Year 4 pupil

## Welcome

St John's is a friendly and caring Church of England school for children aged four to nine.

Children's early experiences lay the foundations for the rest of their lives and we are committed to providing an excellent all-round education. 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 are valued for all they achieve.

Our school has three core Christian values: Love, Friendship and Forgiveness which are at the heart of everything we do. We were rated 'excellent' in our most recent SIAMs report.

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 parents to help pupils succeed. We encourage the children to demonstrate independence, involvement and responsibility in 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 with a lifelong enthusiasm for learning.

Antonia Dufek, Acting Headteacher



## Our mission

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

We aim to inspire children to be independent learners with positive self-esteem.

We want them to be confident and caring in their relationships with others, and to work in partnership with each other, their parents, carers and the wider community.

Whether a child has additional educational needs or is extremely able, we're dedicated to helping them reach their full potential.

## Our values

At St John's we uphold the following values:

- Showing mutual respect
- Building self-esteem
- Providing security
- Developing community
- Having high expectations
- Promoting lifelong learning

## 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 unfantastic school grounds, local community and using educational visits.

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

It develops every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full and encourages the children's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

We are a Maths No Problem (MNP) model school. We were one of nine schools across the country to be part of the first cohort to receive this accreditation.

We are passionate about delivering this approach, which ensures our children are confident mathematicians, showing deep understanding of concepts and fluency in number.



"St John's is a beacon Church school and a pioneer within this field. The dedicated, robust leadership enables a transformative and empowered Christian community in which all flourish."

SIAMs report, 2019



"The exemplary supportive culture of care and wellbeing for all pupils and adults stems from the inclusive love and respect for everyone in this nurturing Christian family."

SIAMs report, 2019

“The seamless inter-connected partnership with the Church is integral to the life and work of the school, enabling one entity between the two. Prayer and reflection are deeply embedded and are natural and essential parts of everyone’s spiritual journeys.”

SIAMS report, 2019



“These young pupils eloquently articulate what the school’s vision and values mean to them, with many able to root this in the Bible.”

SIAMS report, 2019

## Our facilities, staff and extra-curricular activities

We are lucky to have well-equipped classrooms and experienced, talented staff.

Children enjoy our large playground as well as the ‘wild’ area where they take part in Forest School. This includes pond-dipping, den building, fire lighting and other tasks related to the natural environment.

We encourage the children to take part in sports, learn music and there are many after school clubs they can join. We want to create rounded children and that is reflected in our whole approach to education.

## Christian Values

Our school follows three core Christian values: Love, Friendship and Forgiveness. They are at the centre of our school’s Christian ethos and manifest themselves in the curriculum and wider provision, in policies and planning and in all the day-to-day interactions and decisions at St John’s.

Our school was judged ‘excellent’ in its most recent SIAMS report and it is a standard we are committed to maintaining.



## 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 there are very supportive and play an active part in the life of our school community. Each day we come together to participate in worship and prayer.

## Friends of St John’s First School

All parents automatically become members of our friends’ association. The Friends of St John’s First School encourages links between parents, teachers and pupils. It also provides extra funds for a range of school resources.

A regular newsletter keeps parents informed about what is going on and all support is most welcome.

## Pre-school

We have strong links with the pre-school that is based at the church right next to our school.





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