

Information Pack for parents



# Prospectus

'Respected and nurtured for uniqueness'



**“Pupils are at the heart of this inclusive village school.”**

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# Welcome to our school



Dear Parents and Carers,

Ashleworth is a friendly village school where children enjoy coming to school each day and find pleasure in learning and working together.

We sit in the heart of the village, and work closely with our children, their families, and the local community to ensure that Ashleworth is a thriving successful school.

Our small classes mean that we know our children well and we can tailor our teaching to meet the needs of each one individually.

If you have any questions or would like to visit us, please get in touch on 01452 700340 or email [head@ashleworth.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@ashleworth.gloucs.sch.uk).

We would love to show you around our wonderful school.

**Michelle Kelly**

**Headteacher**

## **Our School Vision**

*'to be recognised as an outstanding school that nurtures and stimulates each child, encouraging them to flourish and that their place in our diverse society'*

# Our vision and values

The school motto of 'respected and nurtured for uniqueness' runs throughout everything we do in the school.

Our aim is to foster a nurturing learning environment which focuses on each child individually to stimulate and encourage them to flourish yet, respects their cultural heritage and enables them to take their place in our diverse society.

Christian Values are at the heart of our school and run cross all our learning. Each term we focus on a new value to help the children develop a broad understanding of the world, be open-minded and good citizens for the future.

Our Christian values are:



# Curriculum & approach to learning

Our curriculum places books and reading at its heart and follows a rolling topic-based programme which allows for children at different ages and educational levels to learn together. The lessons are well planned by our teachers in advance and supported in the classroom by experienced teaching assistants who know the children well.

Classes are linked to a termly theme which underpins all subjects. Recent themes used by the teaching team have included the Romans, Mountains, Crime and Punishment, World War II and My Community.

Our close partnership with Churcham Primary School means that we have been able to build a team of staff experts in most subjects.

The teaching team work closely together across both schools to cover the whole curriculum.

We have 2 mixed aged classes - one for Key Stage 1 and the other Key Stage 2. There is a teacher and at least 1 teaching assistant in each class.

Our very low pupil / teacher ratio means that our teaching team can spend lots of time one-on-one time with each child. This means that all children stay with their age group peers as they move up through the school.

# Forest School and Physical

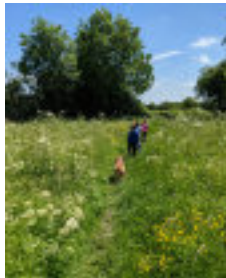
We have a wonderful Forest School provision at Ashleworth, with regular visits to the village Forest School Orchard, a short walk across fields to the secure little apple orchard.

Here learning is achieved through interaction with the natural environment where imaginative play is nurtured, along with learning practical skills and the environmental awareness.

This learning is then taken to Gramath Wood, a privately owned wood a short journey away, where the children have a full day to practice their skills and appreciation of nature, punctuated with hot chocolate & toasted marshmallows!

Children are taught the importance of a healthy lifestyle through sport and exercise. Specialist qualified sports coaches work with both classes to provide fun and engaging lessons which allow them to thrive physically but also socially, developing life skills such as communication, listening, problem solving, leadership and decision making.

The school uses a broad range of facilities on offer within the village for PE. The spacious village green, playground and new play area, Memorial Hall and Woodpeckers Cricket Club are all used frequently.



# Special Educational Needs

We follow the SEND Code of Practice as set out by Gloucestershire Local Authority. Our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) Richelle Daniels works very closely with the Class Teachers in providing for those pupils with additional learning needs. This could be within the classroom, smaller groups or one-on-one with the Teacher, Teaching Assistant or SENCo.

Learning is broken down into small manageable steps so that pupils experience success. Our teachers keep a close eye on how well pupils are learning the curriculum and adjust individual teaching plans to help support them further.

We are committed to supporting all children at Ashleworth school so that they achieve their full potential.

**“Pupils with SEND thrive in this nurturing and supportive environment.”**

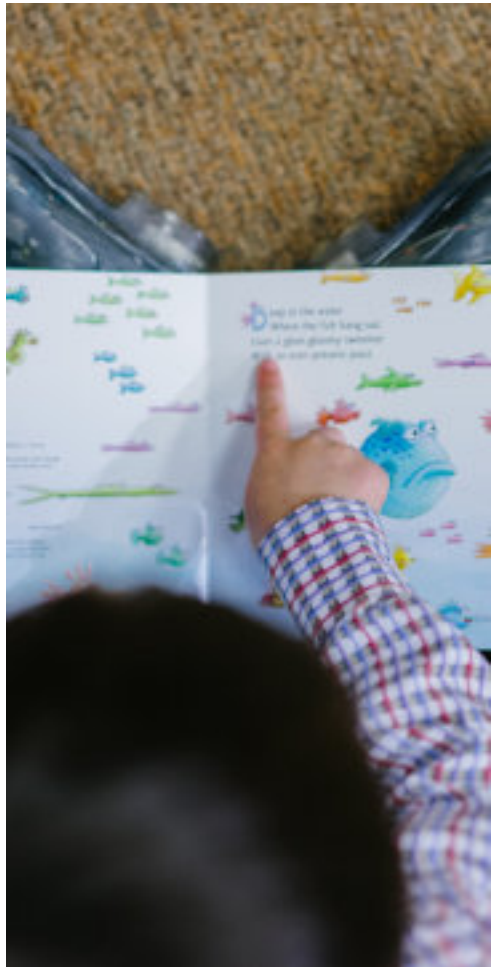
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# Learning at home

Our small classes sizes mean a lot of our teaching is one-on-one or in very small groups, so we manage to get through the curriculum during the school day. But we recognise the importance of reinforcing and extending the learning that that has taken place in class.

Home learning can involve simple projects, times tables or topic research. The younger children may take home phonics to practise whilst the older one's can have weekly spellings to build their vocabulary.

All children are encouraged to take home reading books and keep a log of what they have read. We find that daily reading to parents builds confidence as well as sets good habits.





# Trips and Residential Activities

Throughout the year both classes take trips outside of the school to places of interest which support the subjects they are learning in the classroom. In recent years the children have taken part in an WW11 evacuation experience, visited the Coronium Museum, spent a day exploring the beach and visited a mosque.

In Key Stage 2 children can take attend a two-day residential trip camping at Viney Hill in the Forest of Dean.

A popular trip children take part in outdoor team building activities such as abseiling, zip wires, climbing, and raft building.

In year 6 children have the opportunity to go away on a week-long residential to the Isle of Wight alongside children from other local primary schools. This trip is designed to build on their National

Curriculum work in different and stimulating surroundings. As well encouraging self-confidence and independence it also enables them to develop wider friendship groups before they go to secondary school.



# Community Links

As a village school we are at the heart of the community and links with the village are very important to us with us using many of the facilities that are on offer in the local area including the Church, Memorial Hall, and Village Minibus.

We are supported by a motivated PTFA team who find incredible ways to raise funds for the school. Popular events they have run in the past include Easter Bingo, a Gin Festival, Quiz Nights and James Bond themed Ball.



# Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Our breakfast club runs each morning from 8am. It's a fun time before school starts for children to catch up with their friends.

Afterschool club runs from 3:20pm – 5pm. During this time the children can take part in games, undertake arts, craft, and cooking activities, catch up on schoolwork / get ahead on their homework or simply spend time playing with their friends.

Twice a week children can also attend our afterschool sports club or if they are in KS2 an art club on a Friday afternoon.

# Communication

We recognise the importance of having regular open dialogue with the parents of children who attend Ashleworth.

Our teachers connect with parents via an online App called Class Dojo. Using it they can share photos and videos with parents to show what the children have been doing in class. Parents can also use Class Dojo to message their child's teacher directly.

Face to face contact remains very important and parents can almost always have a quick word with their child's teacher or the Headteacher at the beginning or end of the day without having to book a formal appointment.

Parents' evenings are held in the Autumn and Spring Term and a detailed written report is issued in the Summer Term.

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