



**Welcome to
Catsfield Church of
England Primary
School**



Nurture the Spirit – Grow the Mind – Love your Neighbour



Pupils' personal development is exceptional. In the caring early years environment through to responsibilities in key stage 2, pupils blossom with extensive enrichment. The school brings out the best in everyone"

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Welcome from Mrs Beckett

Dear Families

A very warm welcome to Catsfield CE Primary School.

We are excited to welcome you into our thriving school community. We are a caring and ambitious school where Christian values combine with an exciting and broad curriculum to enable each of our children to fulfil their unique potential. Our vision: Nurture the Spirit - Grow the Mind - Love your Neighbour, underpins every aspect of school life as we work together to enable all pupils to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

We pride ourselves on our nurturing ethos, inspiring curriculum and meaningful enrichment opportunities. Our aim for our entire school community is rooted in the teaching: Stir up the gifts that are within you! (2 Timothy 1:6). We have a deep commitment to children's personal, social and emotional development, as recognised by our most recent Ofsted inspection, gaining an Outstanding grade for Personal Development.

We are looking forward to working closely with you as your child becomes part of the Catsfield School community.

With very best wishes

Lex Beckett

Headteacher



Our Vision and Values



Our vision:

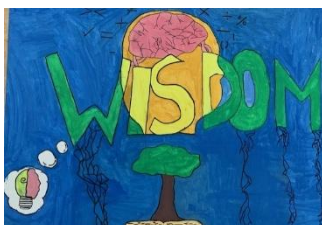
To enable all pupils to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

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2 Timothy 1:6: Stir up the gifts that are within you!

We live out our vision through the Christian values of compassion, respect, wisdom, perseverance, community and friendship.

We welcome children of all faiths and beliefs and none.





The Christian vision of stir up the gifts that are within you drives a culture of purposeful contribution. Worship, reflection and the curriculum deepen understanding of living justly and cherishing individuals. Confident discussion of discrimination and unfairness draws on learning about civil rights, immigration and other topics. This deepens empathy, challenges prejudice and inspires choices that promote positive change.

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The Catsfield Way
Living our Vision

Our School

Our School was founded by the Church of England in 1845. Part of the school is in the original Victorian building with a modern extension added in 2005. We have extensive grounds providing children with lots of opportunities such as a Daily Mile Track, Adventure Playground and Forest School area.

Each year group comprises 15 pupils and we have four mixed age classes.



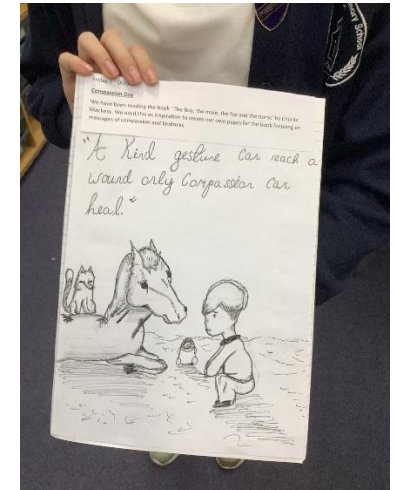
We visit the church for services at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and in the Summer. These services are very special and we welcome parents to come and join our celebrations.



'The Christian vision of love your neighbour shapes a compassionate and inclusive community. Staff know pupils exceptionally well, recognising individual strengths and adapting provision to nurture potential. This enables pupils, including those who find learning challenging, to believe in themselves and develop their God-given gifts.' SIAMs 2026

Nurture the Spirit

Our aim for learners is that they will become confident, respectful and compassionate with thirst for knowledge. They will know how to keep themselves physically, mentally and spiritually healthy. They will learn how to take measured risks, how to deal with life's challenges with resilience and how to embrace joy and success. We want our children to be able to look inward, outward and upward. Lenny, our school dog supports everyone with this!



"The school prioritises pupils' mental health, wellbeing and character development throughout the curriculum and school life"

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Grow the Mind

Our curriculum gives all children the knowledge, skills and concepts they need to prepare for later life through combining academic rigor with a rounded approach to personal development. Our curriculum has been designed to provide our children with rich and enjoyable learning experiences relevant to their needs and interests. It is progressive and cohesive to support children in learning more, remembering more and to develop a framework of ideas in each subject through applying effort (hard work), deliberate practice and perseverance. The children learn to be active participants in their learning through an enquiry-based approach such as becoming historians, mathematicians, artists, philosophers and authors providing an opportunity to develop wisdom.





‘All subjects are planned well from early years to Year 6. The school has diligently defined the essential knowledge, skills and language they want pupils to learn. Subject expertise is strong across staff as a result of ongoing training and collaboration with local schools. Teachers bring learning to life with role play, drama and high-quality interaction. In history, pupils learn about civil rights and racism, taking inspiration from Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. Local trips and real artefacts make learning hands-on and memorable. This means that pupils become engaged and immersed.’

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Grow the Mind

Our enquiry-led two-year curriculum provides a cohesive learning experience for all our children. Knowledge and skills are clearly mapped out for every subject with defined end points sequenced to build on what has been taught before. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum with a rigorous approach to teaching daily phonics and reading through implementation of the Read, Write, Inc programme. Quality texts are selected for whole class reading, supplemented by additional texts to ensure a rich reading diet and one that embraces diversity. Maths is taught via a mastery approach using resources from White Rose and NCETM.



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Marvellous me!

What makes me unique?

Autumn term 1

Tiger's class

Stories of the term



Marvellous me!

This half term is all about belonging. We will help the children settle happily into school, build positive relationships and begin to understand themselves as unique individuals. Through carefully chosen stories, purposeful play and exciting first-hand experiences, children will develop confidence, independence and a love of learning whilst exploring what makes them special.

Literacy:

- RWI (Read, Write Inc) We start in week 3. The Children will begin learning each of the single letter sounds.
- We want the children to start segmenting and blending CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words orally. E.g. c-a-t or m-u-d
- We will be retelling stories in small groups using props and actions. We want to promote a true love of reading.
- We will be looking at rhyming words in well-known stories. Strong focus on nursery rhymes. We will be reading stories related to our topic.
- Children will develop their storytelling and writing through Talking Through Stories, weekly Helicopter Stories and purposeful writing opportunities linked to our class texts. Adults will model writing while children learn to communicate their own ideas through drawing, oral storytelling and early writing.

PSED and Communication and Language:

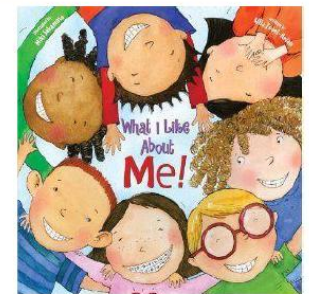
- Focus: Building Resilience
- settling into school
 - friendships
 - recognising feelings
 - resilience
 - independence
 - classroom routines

Mathematics:

- Match, Sort & Compare
- Pattern
- It's Me 1,2,3
- Circles & Triangles
- Positional Language

Children will also:

- Subitise
- compare quantities
- count accurately
- explore maths through play



We have tailored our curriculum through a blended approach of schemes and school-developed materials to provide a learning experience that is engaging and challenging for all pupils at Catsfield school. We are proud of our broad and balanced learning that goes beyond the minimum requirements of The National Curriculum. It allows for enrichment and stirs up the gifts in all children through depth, breadth and extra-curricular opportunities. We are continually evaluating our curriculum delivery and have a rolling programme of subject leadership to improve it further.



Love your Neighbour

Our aim for children is that they will be curious and engaged with the global context of their lives, developing a strong sense of moral purpose and to understand their place in a rapidly changing world. We teach children how to be deep thinkers, aware of life's big questions and how they can interact in a conscious and deliberate way with their community, embracing people from all backgrounds. Children learn to interact with each other, develop friendships, be responsible and live deliberately. We aim to ensure that families feel part of the school community and share its values.



We are very lucky to have a fantastic PTA team who organise multiple events for the whole community which raise invaluable funds for the school.



Christmas Carol concert for the local community.

‘The call to love your neighbour is deeply embedded, shaping a culture of justice, responsibility and service. Pupils demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting one another and contributing positively to their community.’

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“It is easy because you are allowed to be you and be free to play what you want at play times. It is really fun”



What is it like to go to school here..?

Pupil Voice

What is important in our school:

- Helping each other
- Sharing things
- Being kind to everyone
- Lunchtime and playing with each other
- Learning
- Friendship
- Listening to each other

“It’s very nice and there’s always someone to help you if need it”

“The teachers challenge me and push my limits”

“I think I can always be myself in this school”



Starting the School Journey



We work closely with all our new children and families to ensure that the transition to our school is as smooth as possible.



‘Children have settled and adapted to school life well in early years’

We strive to create a caring, happy and stimulating environment to allow the children to have a fantastic start to their school lives. Come rain or shine we will be outside, whether that is experimenting in the mud kitchen, building a pirate ship out of old cardboard boxes or making art out of natural resources.





“We particularly like the school’s culture and focus in supporting children’s personal development and building their wider culture capital alongside striving for best progress (for the individual) “

Parent Questionnaire 2025

There is so much more at Catsfield

It is often the little things that can make the difference, walk past any child or adult in our school and you are sure to be greeted with a smile, good morning or ‘how are you today?’

Enrichment

We want our pupils to achieve well academically, but at the same time, build perseverance, independence and well-being. The Catsfield Enrichment Passport maps out the experiences that we believe all our children should receive and be entitled to throughout their time at our school. Our vision is for all our pupils to Grow the Mind, Nurture the Spirit and Love your Neighbour and, through our planned enrichment programme, we envisage every child to 'stir up the gifts within'.

The Passport reflects our local context and community as well as experiences which connect the children with nature, the past, the arts, health and adventure. The activities listed are the minimum enrichment that we pledge to provide. These are alongside these a wealth of other opportunities available to our pupils such as a wide variety of activities in wraparound care, sporting fixtures, music lessons, dance shows and participation in national events.



		Enrichment through Nature	Enrichment through the past and place	Enrichment through citizenship		Enrichment through Healthy lifestyle		Enrichment through the Arts	Enrichment through Adventure
EYFS	6 weeks of Forest School every year Annual Welly Walk in local area	Go on a hunt for insects or small creatures	Visit a church	<u>Have the opportunity to stand as School Council member</u>	Run or walk a mile every day	Learn how to ride a balance bike	3 x per year, every year perform to an audience 3 x per year Enhance Art Day	Retell a story to an audience	Build and hide in a den
By end of KSI		Plant a range of plants and flowers Grow food that can be eaten	Visit a castle Visit a zoo	<u>Have the opportunity to be a classroom monitor</u>		Learn how to re-start a heart		Create a piece of art for an exhibition. Learn to play percussion instruments	Go welly wandering
By end of Lower KS2		Visit river and coastal area Take part in an environmental campaign	Visit a local museum. Visit the science centre	<u>Have the opportunity to be a sports leader and neuro-ninja ambassador.</u>		Cook 3 different savoury dishes		Learn to play the cello	Learn how to read a map and use a compass
By end of Upper KS2		Camp out for the night	Visit a London museum and landmark Walk to Battle to visit a local landmark	<u>Have the opportunity to be a prefect, and Yr 6 buddy.</u>		Complete the <u>Bikeability</u> and First Aid course		Perform a concert in a theatre. Perform a full production to an audience	Take part in a <u>3 day</u> residential visit.

Forest School

Forest School is a unique educational experience and process that offers children the opportunity to succeed and develop confidence and self-esteem, through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or other natural environment. We want the children to feel safe and develop a connection with the world around them by providing an environment where they can be free to play and learn, to attempt new things, learn to take risks and become more independent learners, taking charge of their own choices.





Healthy School

In July 2023 we were awarded The East Sussex Healthy School Status. This is in recognition of the priority the school places on the health and wellbeing of the whole school community and a commitment to continuous improvement in:

- PSHE Education
- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity and
- Social Emotional and Mental Health



We offer a wide and varied Physical Education curriculum supported by a professional PE coach each week. On top of these we run after school, breakfast and lunchtime sports clubs and take part in a number of competitive tournaments with local schools including girls' and boys' football, tennis, tag rugby, cross country and bench ball.

Every year we participate in the annual Time2Dance festival at the White Rock Theatre in Hastings.

Our busy sporting calendar concludes with our Summer Sports Day which is well supported by our families.



Every child encouraged to stir up the gifts within...

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Year 1-6 all receive professional music tuition from Create Music. Panthers and Leopards are all currently learning how to play the cello.



The children have lots of opportunities to hone their performance skills including the annual nativity performance and the KS2 biannual production.



We regularly hold Enhanced Art days where the whole school takes part in the same activity whether that be sculpture, fabric printing, still life drawing, collage or model making!

Year 6 pupils act as prefects and support the staff in leading the school. Two of these prefects apply to be Head Pupils which is a very important role in the school. Year 6 pupils help Reception pupils settle into school as Buddies. There is always much excitement from both ends of the school when these are announced.



Each year group votes for a member of their class to represent them on the School Council. Here they discuss issues affecting the whole school, work to improve the school and lead fundraising initiatives.



Extra Curricular Activities

We are passionate about ensuring our children receive a broad variety of experiences and throughout the year have the chance to go on exciting school trips and to also to explore their local surroundings. Our Leopards class also have the opportunity to participate in the biannual residential trip!



Wraparound Care

We offer a breakfast club every day from 8.00am with a choice of either sports or play-based activities, with a variety of food options available.

After school we have wraparound care sessions until 4.15pm or 5.15pm depending on what you require. A snack is served at 4.15pm and we have a wide variety of activities for the children, including: cricket, fencing, archery, zumba, football, and arts and crafts.

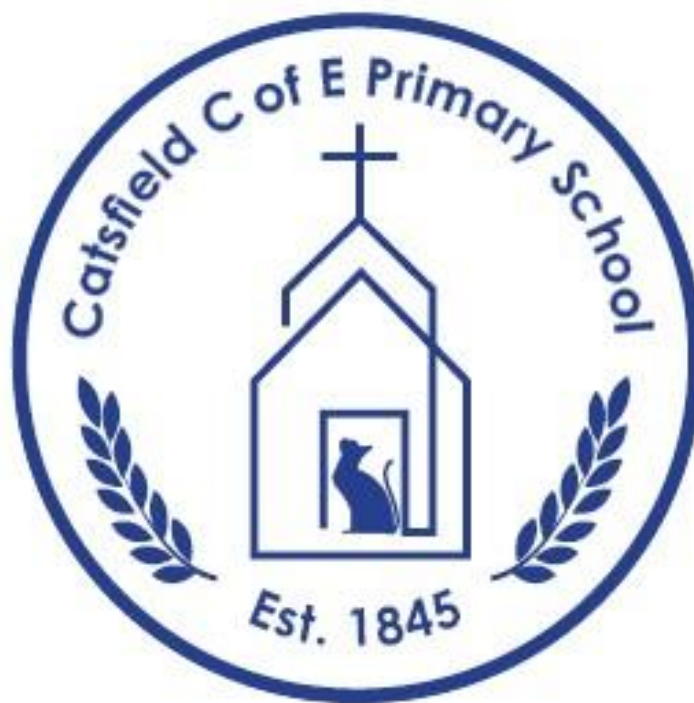


Each session costs £4.50 and for more information on childcare financial support options open to families please go to:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Childcare
Choices

Find out more @CatsfieldCEP or organise a visit via the school office



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