



**SHERSTON
C OF E
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



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OFSTED 'GOOD' 2021:

"Pupils are unanimous in their view that this is a happy and safe place to learn"

"Teachers have the expert subject knowledge to challenge and extend pupils"

"Leaders and staff are ambitious for all pupils"

"They place the value of friendship and kindness at the heart of their work"

"Pupil's behaviour is commendable"



**LEARNING,
CARING AND
ACHIEVING
TOGETHER**



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WELCOME TO SHERSTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

About Us

On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils we would like to welcome you to our school.

We are a small village school on the edge of the Cotswolds. We are blessed with beautiful surroundings and are in the heart of a vibrant village community.

We are a happy, nurturing school where children achieve well academically and socially.

The school is organised in the following classes;

- Oak; Reception
- Rowan; Year 1 and Year 2
- Chestnut; Year 3 and Year 4
- Willow; Year 4 and Year 5
- Sycamore; Year 6

We have a team of dedicated teachers who are supported by our wonderful and highly experienced Teaching Assistants and backed by our fantastic administration team. The school has six classrooms, a large hall, breakout work areas and a staffroom.

Outside the children benefit from a spacious tarmac playground, a large playing field, a fitness trail, quiet area, a nature trail and an outside learning space.

School History

Our school was established in 1845 as a Church of England National School. It originally stood in the High Street where today the village Post Office is located. After 160 years on this site, the school moved to a purpose-built building in 2005.

The school logo represents the legendary local hero and Captain of the militia - John Rattlebone who in 1016, alongside King Edmund Ironside, battled the Danes led by King Canute over a period of two days in the hills nearby. Badly wounded, Rattlebone is said to have valiantly fought on eventually overpowering King Canute who retreated to London. As a reward for his valour, Rattlebone was given the manor of Sherston and associated lands by the mayor.





CURRICULUM AND PERFORMANCE

Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to provide a nurturing and enriching educational experience that is guided by our unwavering commitment to the vision of "Learning, Caring & Achieving Together". We believe that education is a journey where children, staff, and families come together as a community to nurture the holistic development of every child.

Our curriculum intent is rooted in the core values of friendship, courage, curiosity, respect, kindness, and ambition that underpin everything we do. We aim to develop well-rounded individuals who embody these values and who are prepared to make a positive impact on the world around them. Together, as a community, we strive to empower our children to become lifelong learners and caring, responsible citizens.

We use a topic based approach to inspire and motivate the children. We plan trips, invite external speakers and make use of the excellent Wiltshire Resources Library to bring our topic learning to life.

Our R.E is taught through the 'Discovery R.E' and 'Understanding Christianity' materials.

We aim to give children the essential knowledge and skills for life, broaden minds and foster an understanding of the community and wider world.

Special Educational Needs

We are proud to be an inclusive school and children with additional needs are warmly welcomed in to our school community. Our experienced SENDCo oversees all day-to-day provision for SEND.

If you have any questions relating to our SEND provision please don't hesitate to contact our SENDCo Mrs Lisa Kingston at INCO@sherston.wilts.sch.uk



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Relationships Education & Health Education

We recognise the importance of providing children with a balanced health education programme.

We follow the statutory guidance on relationships education and health education.

Residential Courses

- Children in Y6 enjoy a four-night residential with the opportunity to experience activities such as high ropes, abseiling, zip wire, giant swing and team-building activities

To find out more about the curriculum please visit our school website and class pages.





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Full details of our early years foundation stage (EYFS), KS1 and KS2 2022 results are available to view on the school website.

Performance

The school has achieved excellent results in recent years which have been reflected in both national and local league tables.

Our yearly SATs data is very strong and exceeds national outcomes at every measure.

The School was rated good at the recent Ofsted inspection in 2021.

'Leaders and staff are ambitious for all pupils. They place significant importance on 'learning, caring and achieving together'. Leaders expect pupils to develop the skills and knowledge they need to flourish as kind and responsible young people.'

The following end of year data (July 2024) shows how children at Sherston C of E Primary School performed at the end of each Key Stage and in the Y1 Phonic Screening in comparison with the National data.

Y6 End of KS2	Percentage of children achieving the expected standard.		Percentage of children achieving above the expected standard (Greater Depth)	
	School	National	School	National
Reading	95%	73%	52%	28%
Writing	86%	72%	19%	13%
Maths	100%	73%	52%	24%
Combined R, Wr & M.	79%	59%	14%	8%

Y2 End of KS1	Percentage of children achieving the expected standard.		Percentage of children achieving above the expected standard (Greater Depth)	
	School	National	School	National
Reading	71%	68%	43%	18.8%
Writing	71%	60%	21%	8.2%
Maths	78%	70%	29%	16.4%

Y1 Phonics check	Percentage of children achieving the expected standard in the Year 1 Phonics screening	
	School	National
Phonics	100%	81%

EYFS	Percentage of children achieving a good level of development at the end of the EYFS	
	School	National
Good Level of Development (GLD)	90%	68%



OUR VISION, VALUES AND ETHOS

'Learning, Caring and Achieving Together'

Our staff, governors, parents and pupils developed the school vision statement, aims and values. Our Vision is for Sherston School to be a joyful school community:

- where children are happy, curious and inspired
- that nurtures in our children the confidence and courage to make positive choices and the ambition to thrive
- in which everyone treats others with kindness and respect
- that provides an inclusive, friendly and safe environment in which every child can achieve

We aim to achieve this by:

- having excellent staff who provide a stimulating and challenging learning environment
- developing our children spiritually, emotionally and physically as well as academically
- fostering in each child a sense of curiosity and a love of learning and challenge
- valuing and celebrating achievements

Christian values run through everything we do and the way we relate to our community. We live our Christian values of **friendship, courage, curiosity, respect, kindness and ambition.**

Collective Worship

The school is part of the community of The Church of the Holy Cross. The parish vicar and church community play an important part in school life and collective worship at the school. Services are also held in the church for Christian festivals.

We have collective worship every day. On Fridays we hold an Achievement Assembly led by the Headteacher. Parents are very welcome to join us on special days such as Harvest, Easter and Christmas when we hold our Worship in Church. Each class also holds a class assembly during the year and parents are invited to join us to celebrate these.

Our school has children and staff from other faiths and of no faith. We are an inclusive school and actively celebrate all faiths ensuring the children give equal respect to each faith, culture and ethnicity.



OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We believe that the fullest co-operation between home and school is the best way to ensure that the needs of our children are properly met.

We work in close partnership with our parent community in a number of ways, as well as providing close links between parents and staff which is essential.

Friends of Sherston School (FSS)

The school benefits from a very active 'friends' association who work tirelessly to support the school. All parents are invited to be members of the FSS.

A variety of fundraising events are held across the year. Highlights include the Castle Combe Bike Ride, Olympics Day, Quiz Night, Movie Nights and Christmas Fair.

We also work together with the children's team at Holy Cross Church and are well supported by a committed and active governing body.

The school is at the heart of a thriving village community and we readily seek the support of the community in our role. The school has teamed up with local groups and events to enhance the provision for the children.

The focus of our whole school community is to put the children's needs first to ensure they are well prepared for the transition to the next step on their learning journey





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Home-School Liaison

We use the online parent communications platform, ParentMail, to share school news, including our regular newsletter and class specific information with parents.

Our school website provides all the key school information and there are pages dedicated to each class.

We have an open door policy and parents are always welcome to discuss the progress of their children.

Parent consultation evenings are held twice a year and parents are also invited in to 'share my work' sessions which provides an opportunity for the children to show off the work they have been doing in class.

Parents receive an annual end of year report at the end of the summer term.

Homework

We do not set homework at Sherson C of E Primary School. Instead the focus is on reading, spellings and times tables. If parents wish to do more with thier child then we encourage them to be creative and, where possible, outdoors!

Young children in primary school are still developing foundational skills, and there is a concern that assigning homework may not align with their developmental readiness. Play and social interaction are vital for their holistic development, and excessive focus on homework may hinder these aspects.

Children in Sycamore Class receive homework to ensure their readiness for the demands of secondary school. Regular homework tasks are set to support the Year 6 children's learning in school and will occasionally include some personal research on a topic. Other tasks may be designed to practise already acquired skills.



WRAPAROUND CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Wraparound Care

At Sherston Primary we understand the importance of reliable, flexible childcare that meets the diverse needs of our families. Our programs are structured to provide consistency and peace of mind, knowing that children are in a secure, nurturing and stimulating environment before and after school hours.

Our before and after school clubs are designed to support our parents' busy schedules while providing a seamless extension of the high-quality care and education the children receive during the school day. Children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that promote creativity, physical fitness, and social skills.

From arts and crafts to sports and learning support, our dedicated staff are here to ensure that every child finds something they love and feels valued and supported.

The school offers onsite wraparound care from 7:45am - 6:00pm every day.

After School Clubs

We offer a wide variety of after school clubs throughout the year including:

- Free sports clubs five days a week - tailored to the season
- Choir Club
- Gardening Club
- Code Club
- Muddy Hands Club
- Creative Arts Club
- Art Club
- Creative Dance Club
- Drama Club

Our daytime clubs include; French Club, Rocksteady Music School, drum and guitar/ukulele lessons and LAMDA lessons.

There are also lots of activities for children to get involved in locally. Please see The Cliffhanger publication for what's on offer.

For our full Wraparound Care Handbook please visit the school website





SCHOOL UNIFORM

We greatly appreciate parents cooperation and support in ensuring the children are always correctly dressed for school and all activities, and in encouraging them to take pride in their appearance.

Details of our school uniform can be found in our [uniform policy on the school website](#).

Pre-Loved Uniform Provision

Pre-loved uniform is available from the school office.

All donations go to the school to fund resources and activities to enhance the children's learning experiences.





SCHOOL VISITS, ADMISSIONS AND TRANSITIONS

School Visits

We are always delighted to arrange school visits to meet our friendly staff and see the children in our inspiring learning environment. If you would like to organise a one-to-one tour or enquire about school open days please contact the office: 01666 840235 / admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk

Admissions

Admissions for our school are administered by the Wiltshire Council Admissions Team. Applications can be made at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place.

Wiltshire operates a single date entry for all those in the Reception Year. Full details of the arrangements for admission are distributed at the Easter before your child is due to start school. Completed forms normally have to be with Wiltshire by mid-January.

Transitions

We maintain close links with all the pre-schools and nurseries feeding into our school. Arrangements are made for our September new Reception entrants to visit the school during the summer term and our Reception teacher sees each child if possible in their pre-school setting. Parents are also invited to a new entrants parents' evening.

We have close links with local secondary schools. During their final year, pupils visit their chosen school and our Y6 teachers and SENDCO work with the secondaries to ensure a smooth transition.

STAFF & GOVERNING BODY



Staff:

Headteacher:	Mr T Towers
Deputy Headteacher:	Mr D Moran
Teachers:	Mr C Stewart Mr S Ramshaw Miss E Corrick Miss O Harrison Mr D Moran (SLT) Miss E Ponting
SENDCo:	Mrs L Kingston
School Business Mgr	Ms C Darker (SLT)
Administration Officer	Mrs A Glassborow
Teaching Assistants:	Miss S Arnault-Ham Mrs J Boulton Mrs E Liddington Mrs S Ormiston Ms L Sheppard Mrs E Stavri Mrs J Greatrix-Smith Mrs H Thomas Mrs R Grieve
Caretaker:	Mr M Brown
Catering:	Mrs S Skeggs

Governing Body:

Clerk to Governing Body:	Mrs E Lansdell
Chair:	Ms B Robinson
Vice Chair:	Mr D Koole
Parent Governor:	Mr M Ward
Parent Governor:	Mr B Warnes
Co-opted Governor:	Mr M Smith
Co-opted Governor:	Mr A St John Wright
Foundation Governor:	Heather Martin
LA Governor:	Mrs N Atwell
Headteacher Governor:	Mr T Towers
Staff Governor:	Mrs A Glassborow
Associate Governor:	Mr B Parkyn
Associate Governor:	Mrs C Sowersby



LOCATION

Sherston village is located in the north-west of Wiltshire, bordering Gloucestershire to the north and South Gloucestershire to the west. It is about 5 miles from both Malmesbury and Tetbury and only 15 minutes from M4 J17 (Chippenham) and J18 (Bath).

Sherston has been listed in the top 5 villages in the country to live by the Sunday Times and featured in Channel 4's Village of the Year series in 2018.

The village is a thriving community centred round a beautiful high street well known for its coffee shops and The Rattlebone pub. Sherston enjoys close proximity to some beautiful countryside including Westonbirt Arboretum and lies within the Cotswold area of outstanding natural beauty.

There is a vibrant local community and the school is regularly involved with various village community events and groups including the annual Boule Day, Sustainable Sherston events, Sherston Arts Committee exhibitions and the Church activities.



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