



# Welcome to Portishead Primary School

Information for new parents 2024



# Lucy Sargent - Headteacher

I will always make time to listen.  
I will always put your children first.  
I will always care.



# Our Vision statement

- **Our pupils achieve high academic outcomes with excellent attitudes and behaviour.**
- **We expect everyone to become the best version of themselves, thriving as individuals, and working hard towards personal ambitions.**
- **We lead by example, delivering an ambitious and inspirational curriculum that enables everyone to flourish.**
- **Our school is a happy, safe and inclusive environment for all.**



# Our school

- 420 place Primary school from Reception to Year 6
- We are lucky to have a beautiful school field and multiple playing areas which include a sports court, forest school area, adventure playground and even a pirate island!
- Our school boasts a fully equipped ICT suite with PCs and iPads
- A welcoming library, music room, large hall with stage and a sensory room.
- We have 14 bright classrooms, plus additional space for children to learn.





## Structure of our school

**EYFS: Reception**

**Key Stage 1: Year 1 and Year 2**

**Key Stage 2: Year 3-Year 6**

**Each year group has 2 classes of up to  
30 children**

**Up to 420 children in the school**

## Leadership structure:

**Headteacher**

**Deputy Headteacher**

**SENDCo**

**Phase leaders (EYFS/KS1 and KS2)**





# Early Years at Portishead Primary

- We deliver a well planned but flexible curriculum that considers the needs and interests of all children
- We have a bespoke outside classroom that is well resourced and equipped for all areas of the EYFS curriculum
- We work closely with families communicating regularly to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils
- We encourage independence, building self esteem and confidence for future learning

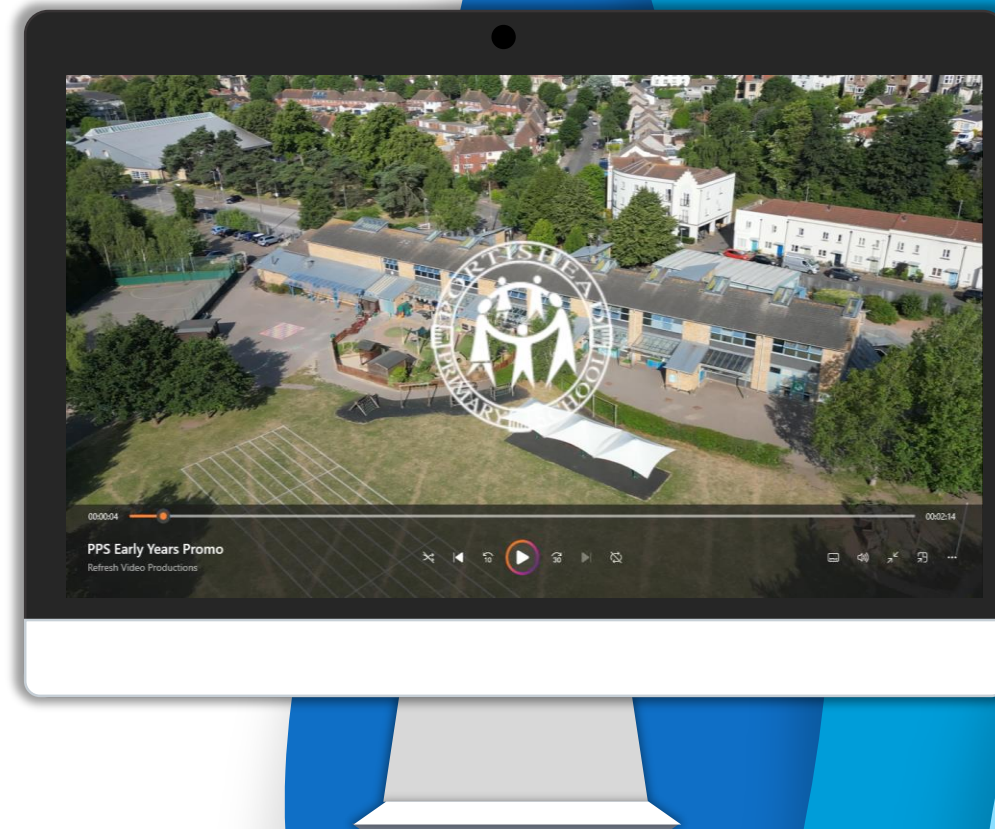
We have a carefully planned transition for children entering and leaving reception which can be personalised to support the needs of individuals





# Watch our video

Early Years in action





# Special Educational Needs

If your child has an identified additional need, please arrange a meeting with Mrs Merriam who is our SENDCo. Mrs Merriam will also be able to offer support and guidance if you think that your child might have additional needs but you have not yet explored this.

Early intervention really benefits children so please don't hesitate to be in touch!





# Pastoral Support

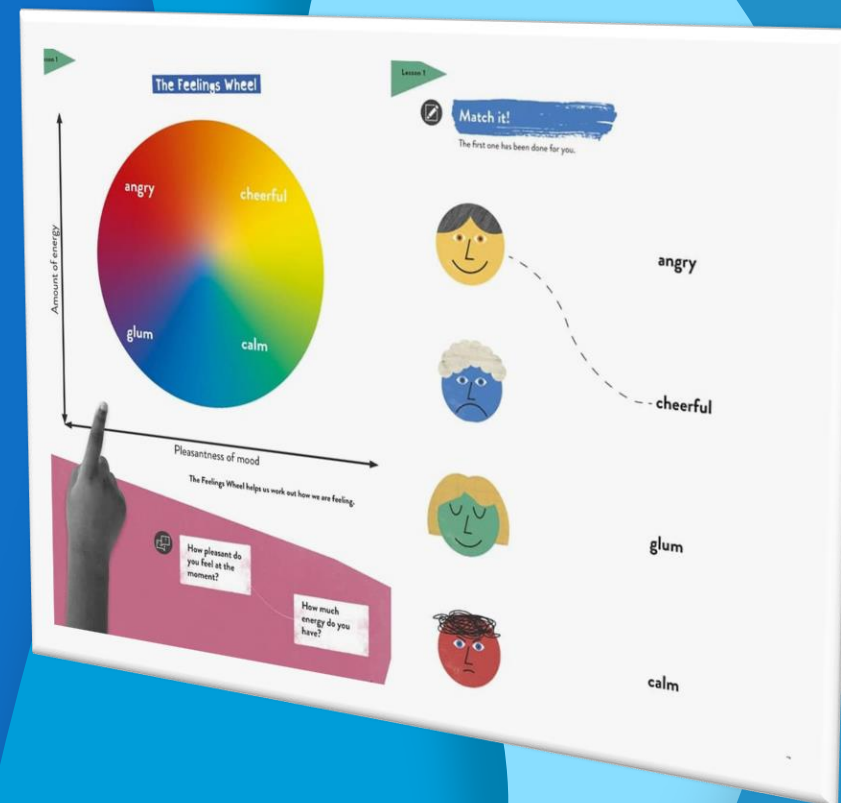
- Lunch hub
- Philosophy based on the principles of nurture (all members of staff offer guidance and support to all of our children)
- Personalised time tables
- Nurture groups
- Mentoring
- Buddy system





# Personal Development

- House system
- Enrichment programme
- Educational visits in all year groups
- Jigsaw PSHE curriculum
- Wellbeing curriculum- structured curriculum to teach children about their emotions and how to deal with them
- Values led curriculum
- Wealth of Pupil Leadership opportunities: House Captains, Sports leaders, Playground Buddies, Librarians, Anti-Bullying ambassadors, School Council, Eco reps, Digital Leaders



**Make a  
NOISE  
about bullying**  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



# Our curriculum

- See our [website](#) for details

## EYFS curriculum

- Based around topics

### The Prime areas of learning are:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

### The Specific Areas of learning are:

- Literacy (phonics, reading, writing)
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

## In Year 1-6 we follow the National Curriculum:

- English (phonics, reading, spelling, writing, grammar and punctuation)
- Maths
- Science
- Computing
- History
- Geography
- Art and Design
- Design Technology
- Modern Foreign Languages (French)
- Religious Education
- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)



# Physical Education

- 2 hours of sports and PE for every child each week
- Year 3-6 delivered by expert sports coaches
- Swimming lessons in Year 3-5
- Football and Netball clubs run by school staff
- Extra curricular sports clubs run by Shine staff
- Opportunities for pupils to attend sporting events at other schools
- Gymnastics lessons for every class throughout the year taught by external providers
- History of outstanding sportsmanship and abilities







# Creative arts



- **Choir**
- **Music lessons offered by North Somerset**
- **Options for music in Enrichment time**
- **EYFS nativity play**
- **Regular productions throughout the school in Y2,4 and 6**
- **Opportunities to visit the theatre**
- **Visiting pantomime**





# Outdoor learning

## Beautiful grounds

We have a nature area, a 're-wilded' area, large field and playgrounds for children to explore, plan and learn in.

## EYFS outdoor area

Pupils use the EYFS outdoor area as part of their continuous provision. They have a wealth of resources to learn with including sand, water, mud kitchen and loose parts.

## Forest school

All classes benefit from regular forest school sessions in our bespoke Forest School area. There is a planned and progressive curriculum to teach children skills

## Local visits

We make the most of our superb location with visits to the beach, the woods and the nature reserve

## Residentials

We take children away in Year 4 and Year 6 to experience outdoor learning and challenges





# Break and Lunches



- Children are provided with a piece of fresh fruit for break times. If your child likes a particular type of fruit please feel free to send their own in each day.
  - Milk is provided free of charge until your child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you wish you child to continue having milk, we can arrange for you to purchase it.
  - You can send a packed lunch into school for your child. This must be a healthy, balanced meal and not contain any nuts.
- Universal Free School Meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- Hot and cold food options daily. Cooked on site by a team from Aspens.



# Breakfast and After School club

- We run our own wrap around care called 'The Play Station'.
- Breakfast club opens at 7:30am every day.
- After school club opens until 6:00pm every day
- Games, art, ICT, toys, sports







# Wider community links

- Friends of School- exciting opportunities to get involved and raise funds for the school
- Local charity and organisation links including The Royal British Legion, The RNLI, local Elderly care homes, Nurseries and Pre-Schools, Turn the Tide, Eco Groups





# Transitions and Induction

- School staff visit nurseries and pre-schools
- Induction evening for new parents in Term 6
- Meetings between parents and teacher on a 1:1 basis
- Some pre-schools bring children for a walk around visit
- Induction morning in July – pupils come in small groups to meet their teacher and new class mates
- Teddy Bear's Picnic in July for children and their parents
- New parent information session in Term 1
- Short induction period- Mornings or afternoons for 3 days, 3 days of the other mornings or afternoons then 2 days of mornings and lunch.
- Bespoke induction including personalised timetable for some children who may need additional support







# How to apply

- Via North Somerset Council website (or Bristol City Council if you live in Bristol)
- Application window opens 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and closes 11:59PM on 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Everyone must apply, even if you have a sibling attending already
- You will be notified of your school place offer by your Local Authority on 16<sup>th</sup> April
- We will contact you after Easter





# Any questions?

**Please contact the school office if you have any specific questions**

**Please do book on to a tour with the Headteacher if possible**

**We would love to see as many prospective families as possible at our open evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 4:30-6:30**