



Welcome to Portishead Primary School

Information for new parents 2027



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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.

Every child is known

At Portishead Primary School, children are never just a number. We take time to know every child as an individual, helping them feel safe, valued and confident from their very first day.

Nurture at the Heart

As a Nurture UK accredited school, wellbeing is woven through everything we do. Happy children learn best, and our caring approach helps every child thrive.

Where Children Belong

From wearing their uniform with pride to being part of team events, leadership opportunities and school celebrations, children quickly feel part of something special.

More Than Academic Success

We develop confident, kind and resilient young people who are ready for the next stage of their education and life beyond primary school.

A School and Family Partnership

We work alongside parents every step of the way, building strong relationships that support children socially, emotionally and academically

Ambitious for Every Child

We believe all children can succeed. Through excellent teaching, high expectations and a rich curriculum, we help children achieve their very best



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 (26-27 we have three mixed age KS1 classes due to very low pupil numbers in Y1)

Up to 420 children in the school

Leadership structure:

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

SENDCo

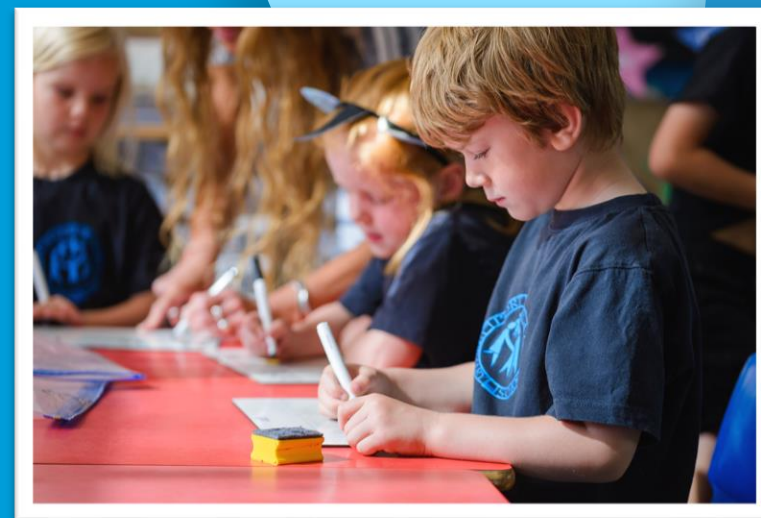
Phase leaders (EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2)



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

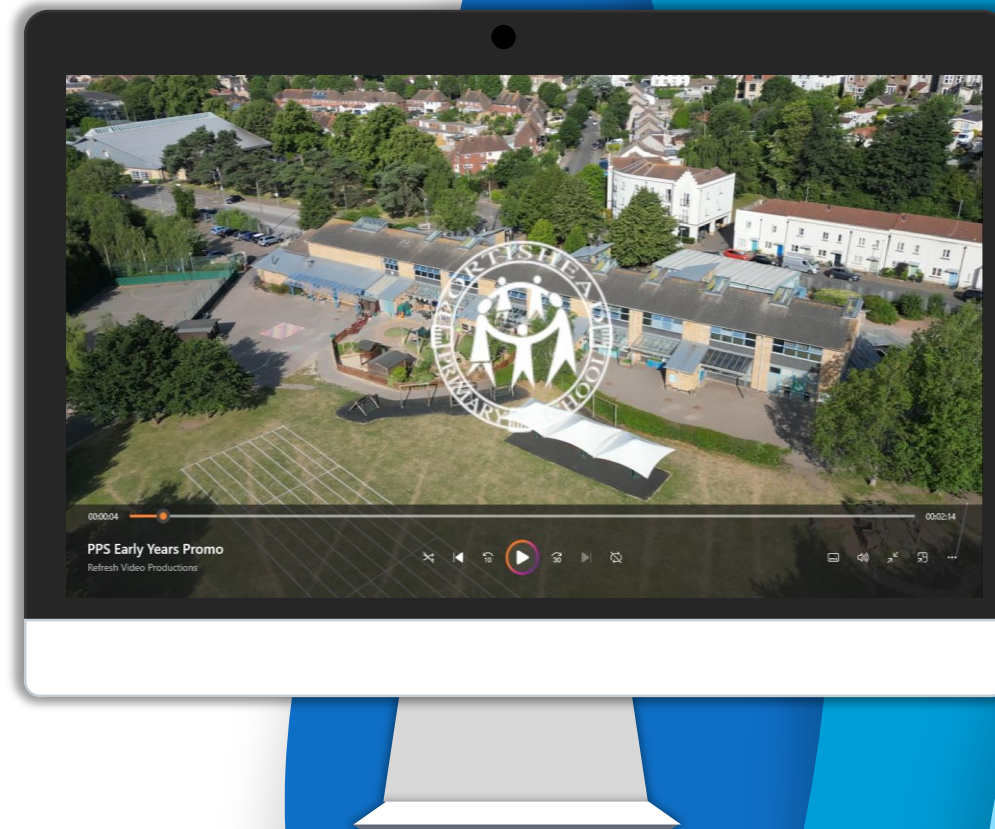
We have a carefully planned transition for children entering and leaving reception which can be personalised to support the needs of individuals





Watch our video

Early Years in action





Special Educational Needs

If your child has an identified additional need, please arrange a meeting with Mrs Sophie Hall who is our SENDCo. Mrs Hall 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

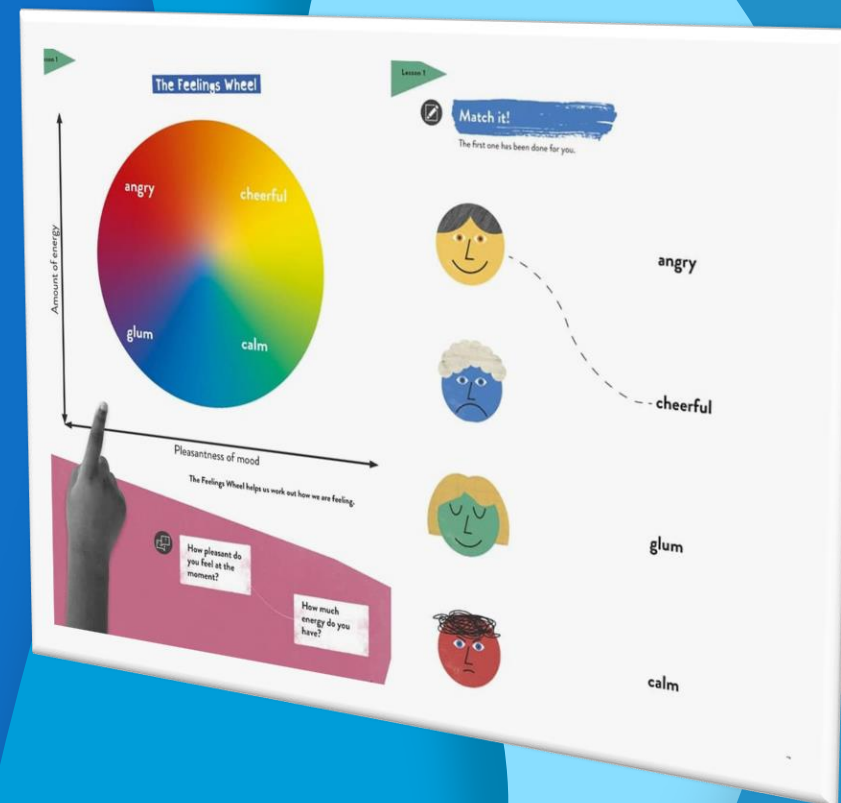
- Lunch hub
- Philosophy based on the principles of nurture (all members of staff offer guidance and support to all of our children)
- Personalised time tables
- Nurture groups
- Mentoring
- Buddy system





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 3-4
- Football and Netball clubs run by school staff
- Extra curricular sports clubs run by Sports coaches
- 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
- Sports days for all children in Summer





Creative arts



- **Choir**
- **Music lessons offered by North Somerset**
- **Options for music in Enrichment time**
- **EYFS nativity play**
- **Regular productions throughout the school**
- **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 5th 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

- Parent and Teacher Association - 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 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 mid September 2026 and closes mid January 2027.
- Everyone must apply, even if you have a sibling attending already
- You will be notified of your school place offer by your Local Authority in mid 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 morning