

**Itchen Abbas Primary School**

***School Prospectus 2023-24***

***'Growing Hearts and Minds'***

**Headteacher: Mr Rob Bogan**



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# Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to Itchen Abbas Primary School and thank you for taking the time to find out about us. Making the right decision about which school is best for your child can be difficult, but I hope that this prospectus, in conjunction with our website and Facebook page will be helpful and give you a flavour of Itchen Abbas and the opportunities that our small, country school can provide.

At Itchen Abbas Primary School we aim to develop happy, independent learners with a lifelong curiosity, enquiring minds and desire to learn. We offer an exciting, creative curriculum full of enrichment. Through praise, encouragement and reassurance we strive to build the children's confidence and promote high self-esteem to allow all children to reach their full potential.

The children are at the centre of our school and I am so grateful to know each child as an individual. The wonderful family atmosphere I strive to create here is both supportive and encouraging to the children as they independently make their way in the world for the first time.

I look forward to working alongside you to help your child grow and learn. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Mr. Rob Bogan

Headteacher of Itchen Abbas Primary School.





# Welcome from the Co-Chairs of Governors

As Co-Chairs of Governors, we are proud to join all the other Governors in our work to support the school. Our main role is to ensure the school delivers the highest quality education and that all children make progress and achieve. To do this, we monitor many aspects of school life including the ethos of the school, the curriculum, teaching and learning, finances and the resources. We do this work in partnership with the staff and all members of the community - children, staff and parents.

The Governing Body meets regularly – at least once a half term and the membership comes from elected parents, staff and members of the community. We aim to have a wide spread of skills and expertise to carry out our tasks with commitment and knowledge. We hold and attend courses to increase and enhance our knowledge and skills. It is a busy but rewarding role.

Rachael Cowling and Sharon Priest (Co-Chairs of Governors)



# About our school

At Itchen Abbas Primary School, we aim to develop happy, independent learners with a lifelong curiosity, enquiring minds and desire to learn. We offer an exciting, creative curriculum full of enrichment, through which we aim to develop independent thought and personal challenge. Through praise, encouragement and reassurance we strive to build the children's confidence and promote high self-esteem and self-respect alongside reaching their full potential.

The children are at the centre of our school and we are able to get to know each individual in our care so we can meet their needs to the best of our ability. The wonderful family atmosphere here is both supportive and encouraging to the children as they independently make their way in the world for the first time.

Our beautiful Victorian building maintains much of its original character with the functionality of modern facilities. Our building includes a well-stocked library and children's kitchen, which the children use regularly for their cooking lessons. We are very lucky to have beautiful and spacious grounds, including an all-weather sports pitch, sports field, playground, woodland area and gardens.

## What our parents say...

We asked our children's parents what they valued most about Itchen Abbas Primary School.



# Itchen Abbas Primary School at a glance



## Location

Itchen Abbas, 4 miles from Winchester

## Age range

4 – 11 years

## Number on roll

70

## Number of staff

1 Headteacher, 6 teachers, 7 support staff and 1 Admin Officer.

## Arrangement of year groups

Squirrels: Year R  
Hedgehogs: Year 1 and 2  
Otters: Year 3 and 4  
Foxes: Year 5 and 6

## Latest Ofsted: GOOD

Click [here](#) to view the report

### This week at Itchen Abbas Primary School...



*We attended the Hampshire School Games!*

*Local artist & parent Mr Chapman visited to talk to Hedgehogs...*

*The RNLI visited to work with the whole school about how to stay safe near water...*



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# Our vision and values

Our school values are:

- Creativity
- Resilience
- Self-compassionate
- Respectful
- Reflective
- Independent
- Resourceful



Our vision is to inspire every child to love learning and achieve personal and academic growth through a creative, knowledge rich curriculum. We wish for every child to acquire the skills, knowledge, understanding and attitudes they require for a successful life within a safe, supportive school environment and community.

Our community-developed values underpin the culture and ethos of our school and enable children to develop effective attitudes towards learning, strong learning behaviours and personal qualities. We teach our children to be reflective, resourceful learners with age-appropriate independence. Creativity is equally important to us, in the application of learning and skills and as a means for self-expression. Developing respect and self-compassion enable children to form and maintain healthy relationships with others and themselves. We encapsulate these in our motto 'Growing Hearts and Minds'.

Our school ethos is one of encouraging success, progress and of building learning power and aspiration within every child. Our curriculum is underpinned by the vision and aims, growth mindset and learning values of our school, which play a pivotal part in all that we do.

When we teach the curriculum, we weave the learning values and growth mindset into the learning activities so that as well as acquiring knowledge, the children are developing as lifelong learners.

This academic year, we have also started running a Forest School which all children will experience throughout the year!

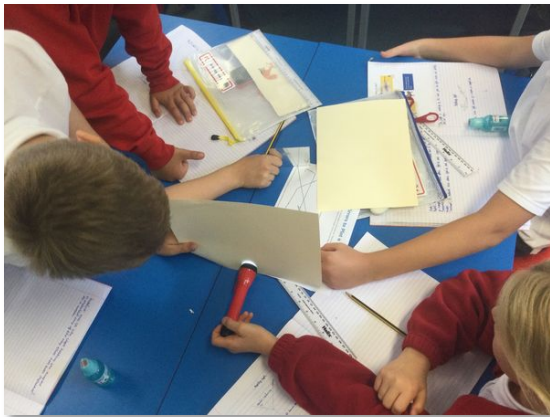


# Our curriculum

Our integrated curriculum has a variety of exciting and inspiring projects that have been chosen for each class by linking subjects together in order to make learning more meaningful. Due to our mixed year group classes, our curriculum is taught over a two-year rolling programme which ensures that all components of the National Curriculum are taught within each Key Stage.

## Responsive Teaching with Personalised Learning Time

We use 'responsive teaching' as our preferred method of addressing the needs of every child at the point of teaching and have recently adopted a unique way of delivering our curriculum for English and Maths - we call this Personal Learning Time ('PLT').



What our children think about PLT:

*I think it is a better way because I think we get more work done and I'm learning more.*

*I like being more independent and being able to choose my task for that day.*

*It's nice to get on and not have to listen to what you already know.*

*I feel more confident in this school than my old one.*

*I love the freedom I have with my learning*

*I like the fact I start my learning before the lesson in PLT time!*

# Our community and enrichment opportunities

## School Council

The School Council is the voice for children at the school and is made up of representatives from each class. The children meet regularly with Mr Bogan to discuss key priorities they have identified and any issues raised from their class. The Council provides opportunities for pupils to communicate their feelings as well as influence decisions that are made.

## Itchen Abbas Parents

Itchen Abbas Parents is a much-valued group of volunteers, who raise money for the school. Events organised and run by the Parents include the Christmas Fair, a Summer Sports Day Barbeque and regular cake sales.



## Links with other schools

Year 6 children have the opportunity to visit their secondary school during their last year in primary school. Particularly strong links are maintained with our local secondary school - The Henry Beaufort School. Winchester College has also held enrichment days for our junior children, including lunch and sports activities.

## Enrichment opportunities

At Itchen Abbas, we strongly believe that children learn best from first hand experiences and can be inspired by activities outside the classroom. Our enrichment opportunities include:

- A residential or adventurous pursuits week in years 5 and 6.
- Visits from specialist speakers, artists, performers, musicians etc.
- School visits to enhance learning outside of the classroom.
- A Year 5 and 6 football team, with regular fixtures against other local schools.
- Regular competitions in other sports throughout the year!





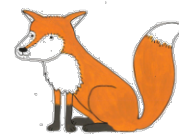
# Our Classes

## Our school is divided up into four classes

Our school is divided up into four classes, each with highly skilled teachers and teaching assistants, who work together as a team, to support the learning of all children.

- **Squirrels Class** - This is Year R. The children start Year R at the beginning of the academic year in which they are 5 years old. They follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, which is based on learning through play and exploration. Their learning is tailored to ensure that the interests of the children form the basis of our planning.
- **Hedgehogs Class** - This is Year 1 and 2. In this class the children follow on from their learning in Year R and follow the National Curriculum, whilst ensuring that they benefit from a continued more hands on, practical approach to learning.
- **Otters Class** - This is Year 3 and 4 and is our lower Key Stage 2 class. Children in this class begin to take responsibilities across the school to help them develop their maturity and independence.
- **Foxes Class** - This is our Year 5 and 6 class and is our upper Key Stage 2. We prepare the children for their transition to their choice of secondary school through our close links with our local secondary schools.

Children in Years 1- 6 follow the National Curriculum which we make engaging, relevant and exciting for our children through a wide range of activities including learning outdoors, visitors to school and school trips.



# Clubs

At Itchen Abbas, we offer the children as many opportunities as possible and run regular after-school clubs for children to attend. Here are some of the many clubs we offer:

## Sports Clubs

These are led by our PE Teacher, Mr Robbins. He runs a club for Squirrels and Hedgehogs and another for Otters & Foxes. These involve a range of different sports throughout the year.



## Cook Stars Cooking Club

We run a lunchtime cooking club for KS2 and an afterschool club for children in KS1.

## Tennis Club Integr8 Dance Club.



Other clubs we offer include a LEGO Club, French Club & Gardening Club.

## Music Lessons

We also offer music lessons through the Hampshire Music Service, instruments have included flute, clarinet, keyboard/piano, brass instruments, guitar and violin, and all our children have the opportunity to learn the recorder and ukulele during their curriculum music lessons.



## How to apply:

We welcome visits from prospective parents and pupils. Please ring the school office to make an appointment. Our admission policy complies with Hampshire County Council admissions guidelines and is available from the school website.

Applications for a place in our school should be made through Hampshire County Council's online admission system. We welcome children with disabilities at our school. Admission arrangements follow consultation with parents and the relevant agencies. Our School Accessibility Plan and Equality Objectives can be viewed on our website and take account of all relevant legislation including that on sex discrimination, race relations, and disability. The Governing Body of Itchen Abbas Primary School is determined to ensure that the school, which has the highest aspirations, provides an excellent centre of learning for all.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/findaschool/schooldetails?dfesno=2117>

## Attendance:

We encourage all children to have 100% attendance and to arrive punctually. If your child is absent from school because of illness, or for some other reason, please let us know as soon as possible by telephone on the first day of absence, confirming every third day.

To ensure the safety of your child, we must always have some form of contact with parents/carers when their child is away from school, this can be either a phone call or email to school; a verbal explanation from the child on their return is not acceptable.

We are unable to authorise any absence for holidays unless for exceptional circumstances. Evidence shows that children with good attendance from school, 95% or above for the year, will make better progress. We encourage all our children to attend us much as possible to make the most of every learning opportunity.



# The local area

**Itchen Abbas Primary School** is located in the heart of Itchen Abbas village, about four miles to the north-east of the historic city of Winchester and four miles from the Georgian market-town of Alresford. The school's catchment area covers the villages of Itchen Abbas, Easton and Martyr Worthy, which lie alongside the River Itchen.



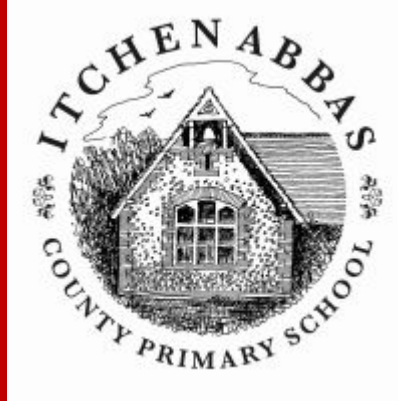
## Winchester

combines the best of urban and country life and is often mentioned in 'Best places to live' lists. The centre of Winchester offers a fantastic mix of independent cafes, restaurants, shops and a great street and farmers' market alongside high street regulars and a great street market. Known for its festivals and fairs, there is a jam-packed schedule of outdoor events with something for everyone.

Alongside historic attractions such as Winchester Cathedral, the area has plenty of family friendly places to visit including the Winchester Science centre and planetarium, Marwell Zoo and the Mid Hants Railway Watercress line. The South Downs National Park reaches into the heart of the city and the local area offers rolling countryside, riverside walks and a number of nature reserves.

Winchester offers good public services, with great schools, colleges and universities. Local facilities include a 50m public swimming pool and teams, clubs and leagues for virtually any sport you can think of. If you do want to leave the area then excellent transport links make it easy to take the train to London - just an hour away or go down to the south coast with its beaches and waterside attractions.





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