

Threshfield Preschool



Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Threshfield Primary School, a small rural village school with a thriving community ethos. We pride ourselves on the family atmosphere that permeates all aspects of school life, providing children with the genuine care and nurture that they need to thrive, from their early years all the way through to year 6. We strive to ensure that all children feel happy, safe, secure and truly valued as individuals in our school family.

Our ambitious and progressive curriculum embraces the beautiful rural surroundings in which we are situated, recognising local history, heritage, geography, business links and, most importantly, the aspirations of all our children. Our aim is to develop every child's individual talent whether it be academic, artistic or sporting. Curriculum enhancements enable our children to thrive, providing them with the necessary experiences and skills to give them as diverse range of experiences, creating cultured 21st century citizens.

From tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow.

Children are at the heart of the school. Staff and governors work effectively with parents to ensure the holistic development of each child, providing a well-balanced education with excellent pastoral care. Our shared school values underpin the ethos of the school and represent the high standards of behaviour and learning which we encourage both inside and out of school. These values encourage all members of the school community, children and adults alike, to be responsible, and successful members of society.

100% of parents agree that, 'My child is happy at school.'
Parent
Questionnaire 2023

"The school has highly effective relationships with parents and the local community. All parents who responded to the Ofsted questionnaire, Parent View, would recommend the school to others."
Ofsted



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Our Preschool is housed within our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) classroom, creating a specialist EYFS Unit.

Our EYFS classroom is known as The Acorns as it is the beginning of our children's educational career. It is led by a fully-qualified teacher and has highly-trained teaching assistants supporting the learning at all times.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The EYFS curriculum is designed to develop and assess children's learning from birth to five years old. It is based on the following principles:

A unique child—Every child is a competent and unique learner from birth who is resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

Positive relationships—children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents, carers and/or a key person.

Enabling environments—The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's learning and development

Learning and development—Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of learning and development are important.



EYFS Teaching & Learning

The Early Years is an exciting phase of learning and development. Our aim is to inspire and enthuse children through a carefully planned 'hands on' approach to learning both indoors and outside.

The Early Years Foundation Stage spans both the Nursery and Reception Years and is organised into areas of learning and development:

PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT	SPECIFIC AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Literacy
Physical Development	Mathematics
Communication & Language	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts & Design
CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING	
Nurtured throughout all areas and are a key element in the Early Years Foundation Stage. They detail the way children should be learning from their environment, experiences and activities.	

Learning (and teaching) is structured in the Early Years so children's interests and lines of enquiry can be followed with emphasis on child-initiated learning, supported by an adult, to provide learning and challenge that is appropriate to each child's 'next step'.

Sessions and Early Years Funding for 3 and 4 Year Olds

All 3- and 4-year-old children receive 15 hours of free Nursery provision starting the term after their third birthday. An additional 15 hours (30 hours in total) is available to working parents subject to a set criterion.

This funding can be used at Threshfield Primary School and Preschool through our various options offered (see application form) during the school's term dates (please see the school website for published dates).

We are able to offer the 30 hours flexibly by combining it with our before and after school provision.

Information can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Applications for funded preschool provision should be made to HMRC. Please see www.gov.uk>30-hours-free-childcare for further information on the application process.



The Nursery Day and Routine

Drop Off and Collection Routine

The school doors are opened at 8.50am and children can enter school to prepare for the morning lessons.

Staff will be available to speak to parents as appropriate.

Session times

9.00am — 12.00pm

12.30pm — 3.30pm

**if needed the sessions can run 12.00pm-3pm with an additional charge for lunch*

We are flexible in our provision and 30 hours of nursery care can be taken between 8am and 5.30pm if places are available.

Collection at the end of the session - children will be brought to the school door and handed over by a member of staff.

Extra Sessions

Subject to availability, extra sessions, in addition to funded sessions, are available at the cost of

£14.00 per 3 hour session.

Breakfast club and afterschool club provision is available for preschool children at the standard rate.



Refreshments and Mealtimes

DRINKING WATER: Fresh drinking water is available at all times.

MID-MORNING SNACK: There is a snack table within the classroom and children are able to independently access this at any point during the morning.

Fresh fruit is available to children in Class 1 free of charge as part of the Healthy Schools scheme.

Milk is provided free of charge as part of the school milk scheme.

LUNCHES: School lunches are freshly prepared on site each day. Our cook, follows the local authority healthy eating policy which includes limiting salt and sugar intake.

Our Early Years children (Preschool and Reception) are mixed with the rest of the school. The older children support them during lunchtimes. A hot lunch is included in the £3.00 lunchtime charge.

Meals for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are at present free.

Packed lunches - children may bring a healthy packed lunch that will be stored in the classroom. Drinks should be in a leak-proof, unbreakable container. No fizzy drinks or hot food please.

If for any reason you wish your child to change from school lunches to packed lunches we ask that you inform the office in advance.

SPECIAL DIETS: Please inform us if your child requires a special diet.



Preparing for Nursery and Reception



Pupils will be at different stages of learning when they join us but there are some ways to help your child prepare for this stage in their learning.

Children are usually expected to be potty trained so they can use either a toilet or potty. We appreciate they may need some help with this. We have toilets at the right size for this age group but changing facilities are limited so our provision is more suited to pupils who are able to use the toilet or potty with or without help.

Children should also be encouraged to begin to dress and undress themselves but there will always be an adult to help them.