



"In the light of Christ"

Ellel St. John's Church of England Primary School

School Prospectus



Headteacher's Welcome

Thank you for choosing to read our prospectus. I hope that the information given here will give you an indication of our school's approach, aims and ethos and help you to know what life is really like at Ellet St Johns Primary School.

We are very proud that our children thrive socially and emotionally in a stimulating environment. We are committed to providing an excellent education and our academic standards are consistently very high. Each child is valued and given opportunities to realise their full potential. We aim to develop each child individually and have high academic, sporting, cultural, social and behavioural standards. Our children make us proud every day!

The school is blessed with large grounds in a rural setting that offer a safe, stimulating environment, both for learning and play. Come and visit our school and experience for yourself the special atmosphere and education the children of Ellet St John's school enjoy.

Every fortnight we circulate a school newsletter praising recent successes, highlighting upcoming events with reminders. Each teacher has a online class blog and an open door policy.

Choosing the very best school for your child is one of the most pivotal decisions that you will make as a parent. We hold an open day every October and additional tours can also be arranged. We hope that through these, our prospectus and website, we are able to provide all the information you need in order to make this choice. However, if you require any more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Mrs Jo FitzGerald

Headteacher



Our School

- ▶ Ellel St John's Primary is a Church of England school which offers primary education to children aged 4 to 11 years. Children start in Acorn class (Reception), then move through to Beech (Y1), Holly (Y2), before transitioning to KS2 in Hazel (Y3), Willow (Y4), Sycamore (Y5) and finally into Oak class when they reach Year 6.
- ▶ Each classroom is set out to meet the learning needs of each age group, with appropriate table plans, accessible resources and inspirational display walls. We are also blessed with a number of intervention rooms and a special sensory room.



- ▶ The hall is at the centre of our school, hosting regular worship, assemblies, lunch, concerts, afterschool clubs, school plays and other school celebrations.
- ▶ In 2019 one of our pupils won the prestigious 500 words competition on Radio 2, adding an additional 500 brand new books to the library. We also regularly encourage book swaps where pupils bring in books they have finished reading and get new ones to take home.
- ▶ Each class has access to our ICT computer suite and in addition, we have multiple laptops and iPads which move between classrooms.
- ▶ From Year 1, Lancashire Music Service offer weekly tuition on a range of instruments such as piano, keyboard, violin, cello, double bass, recorder, guitar, ukulele and drums.
- ▶ The school is surrounded by attractive and spacious grounds with a main playground, which features wooden play equipment, outdoor exercise machines, trim trail equipment, netball hoops and football nets.
- ▶ Beyond this we have a large playing field for football, rugby, rounders or cricket surrounded by a running track and our Forest School area complete with mud kitchen and campfire.
- ▶ We also have a garden area, yurt, pond and chicken coop which is home to our school pets which our Eco Council members feed and care for.



Reception Class (EYFS)

- ▶ Our reception class is called Acorn Class. The teacher is Mrs Tyson and the main teaching assistant (TA) is Mrs Reeve.
- ▶ Our aims in Reception class are:
 - ▶ To give every child the best possible start to reach their full potential and become an independent learner.
 - ▶ To provide a stimulating, happy and safe environment where the children can grow and learn.
 - ▶ Provide opportunities for children to be inquisitive - to ask LOTS of questions.
 - ▶ Work closely with parents/carers and professionals.
- ▶ We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning. We cover the main areas of learning including Communication and Language, Physical Development as well as Personal, Social and Emotional Development and then more specifically, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.
- ▶ Children receive team points for hard work, kindness, courage and achievements. These go towards a reward for their house, which they are assigned to when they start school - Wyre (Yellow), Ribble (Red), Lune (Blue) and Conder (Green).
- ▶ Special achievements from home are celebrated in school with WOW moments and everyday a pupil gets chosen for Star of the Day.

Starting school is a big transition in your child's and your families lives. To support this once your child's place is confirmed you will be invited to a series of events:

Parent's welcome talk
Stay and play session
Teacher visit to their preschool
Teddy Bear's Picnic

In the first week of September there is an optional home visit followed by a shorter first day ready for a full start in their second week

All this is designed to gradually get your child comfortable in their new surroundings, build relationships with key people and for you to ask any questions.



Our School Day

MORNING

- ▶ 8.45 Welcome and Registration
- ▶ 9.00-9.25 Assembly
- ▶ 9.25-10.30 Reception Class - English, Phonics, Reading, Writing, Literacy
- ▶ 10.30-10.45 Morning break
- ▶ 10.45-11.00 Snack Time
- ▶ 11.00-11.45 Reception Class - Numeracy and Maths
- ▶ 11.45-12.00 Songs or Story time

AFTERNOON

- ▶ 12.00-1.00 Lunchtime Reception Class (free school meal or packed lunch)
- ▶ 1.00-2.00 Reception Class - Topic, PE, Handwriting, RE
- ▶ 2.00-2.15 Afternoon break (Reception and KS1 only)
- ▶ 2.15-3.00 Reception Class - Topic, PSHE, Music, Story Time
- ▶ 3.00 Home time

ADDITIONAL WRAP AROUND CHILD CARE

- ▶ In addition we have breakfast club which can be booked and runs from 7.50am where children get a healthy breakfast and morning activities are on offer.
- ▶ Afterschool club is also available to book which runs to 5.45pm. All children gather in the hall for an snack and drink, there is a carousel of activities and free time to play outside.
- ▶ Each class is also invited to a selection of free clubs which run for an hour after school throughout the year.

dance choir rugby
art mandarin running
football netball
film chess
cricket surprise lego
gardening book

- ▶ The school also runs 1 week of Easter and 2 weeks of Summer school in the holidays which is available to book. Each day has a fun topic or trip out within the local area.



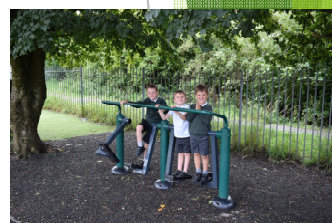
Special Experiences

- ▶ Pupil's learning is enriched through school trips and local visits. Recent examples of these include Greenlands Farm, Leighton Moss Nature Reserve, Liverpool World Museum, Ribchester Roman Museum, Clitheroe Castle and Lego Discovery Centre.
- ▶ Amazing memories are made on residential trips in Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 to nearby locations in Lancashire, Yorkshire and the Lake District, where children gain independence and try new outdoor pursuits and activities.
- ▶ Each term ends with a special celebration in Ellet St John's Church, with readings from the children and special choir performances. Reception class also play an important part of our Christingle evenings in December, depicting the nativity.
- ▶ Children also enjoy performing in school plays and concerts throughout the year and taking part in the Lancaster Schools' Singing Festival and Young Voices in Manchester.
- ▶ Sports Day is a fantastic family day where children wear their house colours and compete in a range to sporting challenges. This is followed by a series of races on the field and culminates in an across year relay and a cup for the winning house team. We then invite our families to stay for a picnic on the field.
- ▶ Throughout the year children join other local schools for various sports tournaments such as cricket, rugby, netball, football, swimming.
- ▶ Children have full morning or afternoon Forest School sessions in blocks of 6 weeks where they get to play in the outdoor mud kitchen, spot wildlife, cook on the campfire and build dens.
- ▶ The school also supports local charities and national fundraising days through organising fun runs, having non uniform days, bake sales and fancy dress competitions to name but a few.
- ▶ Friends of Ellet (PTA) organise regular Film Evenings, raffles as well as Christmas Surprise Room, Easter Bingo and our Summer Fair to raise additional money for the school.



Admissions Policy

- ▶ The number of places available for admission to the Reception Class will be a maximum of 30.
- ▶ Please apply online through the Lancashire County Council website before 15th January and use the supplementary information form on the next page where applicable.
- ▶ In the event that there are more applicants than places, the governing body will allocate places using the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority:-
 1. (a) Children in public care and those who were previously looked after, including those adopted from overseas.
b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
 2. Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission.
 3. Children whose parents live within the ecclesiastical parish of Ellel.
(a) siblings and parents who worship in a church in full membership of Churches Together in England or Evangelical Alliance.
(b) other children.
 4. Children of staff who have been employed in the school for the whole of the two years prior to the closing date for applications. This applies to all staff, full and part-time, who are employed by the governing body.
 5. Children whose parents live outside the parish.
(a) Children with a parent/guardian attending worship at a church in full membership of Churches Together in England or Evangelical Alliance.
(b) Other children
- ▶ Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones.



For the last five years, every child who selected Ellel St John's Primary school as their first choice has received a place regardless of religion or location

Supplementary Information Form

Diocesan Supplementary Information Form Admission to primary school

Church of England Primary School

Name of child:

Surname **Christian names**

Date of birth

Name of parent/guardian

Address

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Post code

Contact telephone number

If you are applying to this school on faith grounds, please complete the following sections:

Place of worship one of parents / guardians regularly attends:

Name of place of worship

Address

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Name of vicar / priest / minister / faith leader / church officer:

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Address

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Post code Telephone

Your faith leader will be contacted in order to provide the information.

Return this form to the school before 15th January

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Our Open Day is in October each year
and our website contains further
information with photo galleries.

Please use the contact details above to
arrange further visits.

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and learning
in the light of
Christ

