

WILDEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND VA NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL



A forest school in the Bedfordshire
countryside

for children aged 2 ½ to 11 years



Ofsted

Good
Provider

OPEN
BETWEEN 7.30-
5.30

TERM TIME
PLACES
AVAILABLE

CONTACT US
TO ORGANISE A
VISIT:

01234 771313



WELCOME



The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.

MATTHEW: 13, V 32

Welcome to Wilden VA Church of England Nursery & Primary School

I would like to warmly welcome you to our school.

Wilden Church of England Primary School is situated in Wilden Village in North Bedfordshire. We are a half form entry Primary School which also has a superb Nursery, run by our dedicated and hardworking staff.

Wilden Primary is a Church of England School which has close links to our village church, St Nicholas's and is part of the Diocese of St. Albans. We take great pride in serving our local community.

Our vision for every child that attends our school is that they have a rich, well-rounded and full education. We aim to provide our children with strong pastoral and emotional support and a high quality academic education. We achieve this through our carefully planned and delivered curriculum provision and by supporting every child individually wherever possible.

If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact Mrs Felce in our office, whom will be able to organise this for you.

Mr Leigh Pointon

Executive Headteacher

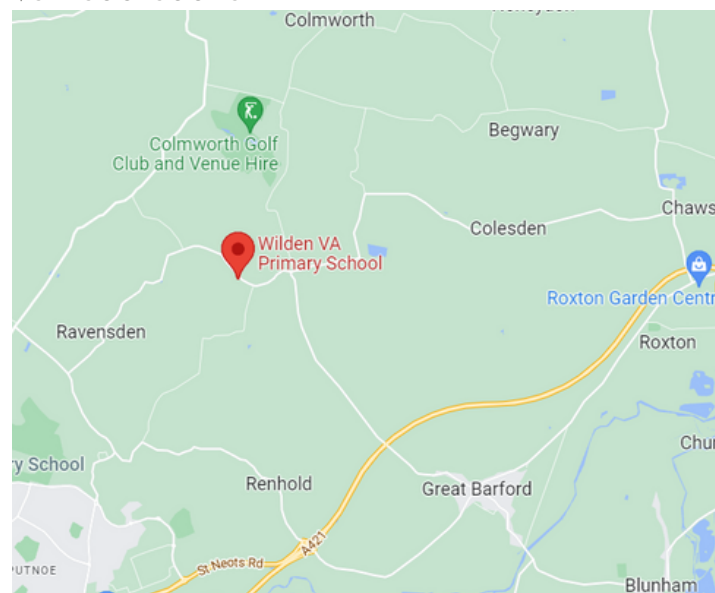
WHERE YOU CAN FIND US....

WE ARE LOCATED IN THE SMALL VILLAGE OF WILDEN, OUTSIDE OF BEDFORD.

TEL: 01234 771313

EMAIL:
OFFICE@WILDENSCHOOL.ORG.UK

WEBSITE:
WWW.WILDEN.BEDS.SCH.UK



OUR SCHOOL DAY



A typical day for Nursery and Reception

8.45: Self registration, date and weather

9am Phonics/table activity and reading

Own Learning Time

10.30: Snack/collective Worship

10.50: Maths

Own Learning Time

11.45: Story

Lunch

1.10: Adult led learning

Own Learning Time

3pm: Story time/ Rhyme time

3.20: Home/After school Care

A typical day in Years 1-6

8.50 Registration and morning activities

9.00 Phonics /Spelling/Online learning apps

9.15 English & whole class reading

10.30 Collective Worship

10.45 Break

11.00 Maths & Times Tables practice

12.10/12.20: Lunch

13.10 Non core lessons

15.20 Home/ Afterschool Care

OPENING HOURS AND CHARGES



Our school is open between the hours of 7.30-5.30pm

Nursery

Our nursery sessions run from 8.45- 12.00 and 12.00-3.20. Each session costs £12 and we accept 30 hours funding codes. Forest School sessions are available for all children

Before and After School Club

Childcare is available between 7.30 and 8:45 in the morning and 3:20 and 5:30pm in the afternoons. These must be booked in advance by contacting the office. Breakfast and snacks are offered to the children. The cost is:

Breakfast Club: £5 per child including a choice of hot or cold breakfast

After school 3.20-4.30: £5 per child including a snack

After school 3.20-5.30: £9 per child including a hot snack

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Blue school sweatshirt

Blue school cardigan

White polo shirt or shirt

Grey Trousers

Grey skirt

Black shoes

Blue/white checked summer dress



P.E. Kit

Shorts and a T-shirt, trainers and warmer sportswear for colder weather.

(T-shirts and PE jumpers will be available from the school office at the beginning of term)

Long hair should be tied back.

No jewellery except one stud earring in each ear (to be removed for P.E.)

Children come to school wearing PE kit on their PE and Forest School days

School sweatshirts and cardigans are available to purchase from the school office.

On colder days children must wear appropriate coats and shoes to go outside in all weather. We provide aprons for messy play, water play and painting however accidents do happen and there may be times when your child gets messy or wet and needs a change of clothes. It is also useful if young children have a spare change of clothes, socks and pants in their PE bag. We recommend Forest School clothing is left in school and taken home at the end of each half term. Wellies, walking boots and waterproofs are a necessity! Please ensure all clothing is clearly named - it's amazing how easily things get lost.

Please remember to name all of your child's belongings



THE CURRICULUM IN NURSERY AND RECEPTION



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS is the framework that is used in all settings for 0-5 year olds. It is organised into the following three areas.

The Prime Areas:

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

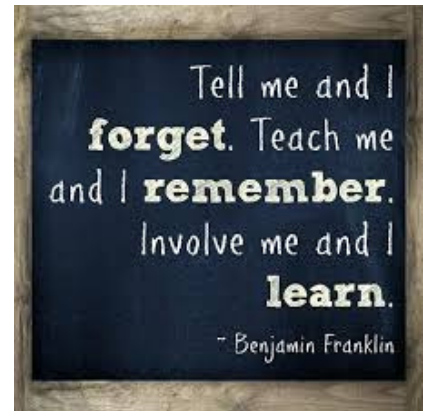
The Specific Areas:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding of the World

Expressive Arts and Design



During their time in the Foundation Stage we compile an online learning journal to record your child's progress and development. You are able to access this information at home and share home learning achievements with us.

Three key principles underpin teaching and learning in EYFS.

- **Playing and Exploring**—children investigate and experiences things and learn to 'have a go'
- **Active Learning**—children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- **Creating and Thinking Critically**—children have and develop their own ideas; making links between ideas and develop strategies for trying new ideas out.

We deliver our curriculum through three termly topics.

These are part of a school wide topic driven curriculum and children will revisit these themes and advance their learning and knowledge as they progress through later year groups.



THE CURRICULUM IN YEARS 1-6.



We have a two-year rolling programme in our mixed age classes with a whole school topic for each term culminating in six different topics. Although the children revisit the topic three times in their Wilden journey, each stage of the journey allows teachers to recap important skills, introduce different content, challenge children further and develop a wider, in depth knowledge of the topic. Learning will also involve whole school trips, visitors into school or presenting their knowledge in an end of term celebration event for parents. Our curriculum is further enhanced by giving the children opportunities to engage in different experiences throughout their time in Wilden including competing in debates, drama festivals, sporting festivals and competitions as well as working closely with our local church community by inviting them into school and attending local visits to areas of interest and religious importance.

To promote the school value of curiosity and inquisitiveness, each classroom has their topic displays ready before the start of the new term and the children are encouraged to ask questions before teaching begins. To develop the children's curiosity, we were inspired by Early Years 'Planning in the Moment' strategy and so as each class spends a whole term learning their topic, this allows for time for children to lead the learning too and for teachers to be guided by them as well as ensuring curriculum objectives are fully implemented.

Whole School Curriculum

Year A: In God We Trust-To Infinity and Beyond!- A Material World

Year B: Wilden Wanderers- Step Back in Time- An African Adventure

FOREST SCHOOL

At Wilden we actively encourage learning through nature and the outdoors. Our location in a small rural village provides the ideal opportunities to learn through our local environment.

We provide the children with daily opportunities to learn outdoors. All children from Nursery to Year 6 have access to Forest School once a week and they choose from the variety of activities on offer. They will learn to appreciate the environment through learning about plants and animals and gain vital lifelong skills through nature crafts, fire building, den building, cooking and much more. Sessions will often build on children's interests and link to Science and Geography topics. We also have regular local visits such as walks around the village, to the local church, woodland and regularly use the school playing field and pavilion; an ideal setting for exploring the outdoors. The children also enjoy tending to the school garden, growing seasonal fruits, vegetables and plants.

Through these sessions the children will build independence, resilience, communication skills, self awareness and self regulation. Children will also build their physical development and personal, social and emotional skills.



PHONICS AND READING



Teaching of Phonics

At Wilden VA Primary School, we use a teaching scheme called 'Sounds Write' to teach Synthetic Phonics. It is taught in carefully structured, sequential steps from simple CVC (consonant - Vowel - Consonant) words to more complex multi-syllable words. It is taught in discrete, daily, 15-20 minute sessions. We ensure our pupils are engaged in vigorous, interactive and enjoyable phonics activities that are also situated within a language-rich curriculum. More information can be found on the school website under the 'About Us' - Phonics section.

Teaching of Reading

Our main approach to teaching children to read is through the teaching of 'phonics'. The children are taught to segment words into sounds and then blend them together to read the unknown word. Some words are 'tricky' and these are taught on a 'look and say' basis. We will give your child a home reading book soon after starting to encourage families to get into a good 'reading routine' from the beginning of school. The books will be closely matched with the child's level of ability and include the sounds and word structures taught in phonics.

In KS2, we use a Whole Class Guided Reading approach with activities matched to our learner's needs.

Book Bags

Book bags are available from the School Office.

These are just the right size to fit in your child's drawer. Books and bags should be brought to school everyday even if your child has not read. Letters home, pictures and other items will also be brought home in your child's book bag, please check inside daily.



EATING AND DRINKING



School Meals

Hot school meals are available and are free, under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. School meals cost £2.95 per meal for children not eligible for Universal Free Meals or benefits based pupil premium. Caterlink services provide the school with high quality, nutritionally balanced meals on a three week rolling menu.



Children can bring in their own packed lunch. These should be brought in a clearly named lunch box. At Wilden we encourage healthy lunches. Chocolate, sweets and fizzy drinks should not be included. We are a nut free school due to allergies. Help is given to open packed items provided. Please provide any cutlery necessary with your child's lunch.

Milk and Fruit

Milk is given free of charge to the children under five, but for children over five there is a charge. Fruit/vegetables are provided each morning to children in Hedgehog class. A named bottle of water, the children can open and close independently, should be brought into school daily.



ABSENCE



Attendance

Good attendance is essential if progress is to be maintained. If your child is absent, then please telephone the school on the morning of the first day of absence. It is our policy to contact any parents from whom we have not received a message.

Holidays

I hope you appreciate that we have the best interests of the children at heart by trying to encourage parents to take their children on holiday during the school holidays. Term dates are on our website.

If you have extenuating circumstances that mean that absence from school is unavoidable, then please complete a 'Holiday Request' form available from the Office.

Illness

If your child is unwell then please keep them at home. Please do not bring your child back within 48 hours of sickness or diarrhoea in order to prevent the spread of illness. After any illness, please make sure your child is fully able to participate in all usual school activities before they return to school.

If your child is taken ill at school we will contact you and so it is vital that we have your contact details. If a child suffers an injury whilst at school we will contact you or send a note home for minor injuries.

Please try to make appointments for your child e.g. at the dentist's or doctor's , outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, then please notify your child's teacher beforehand. Please come to the Office to collect and deliver your child.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Security and collection arrangements

Parents who will not be collecting their child or who are changing the normal arrangements, should inform the class teacher or school office so we are aware of who is collecting your child.

Medical Needs

If your child has any medical needs, disabilities or special circumstances please make sure that we are aware of these before your child starts school so that we can put the necessary safeguards in place. If on returning to school after an illness a child still needs prescribed medication, or if on permanent medication, this can be administered 4 times a day, provided the parent has signed an indemnity form. Medicine must be clearly marked with the child's name and dosage.

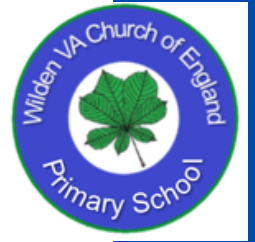
Accidents

Facilities are provided in school for treatment of minor injuries or illness and staff are trained in First Aid procedures. Please ensure that we have the home and work telephone numbers of two parents/carers for more serious issues. If neither parent can be contacted during the day, the school should be given the name of a responsible adult who can be contacted in case of an accident or sickness. If a child has an accident at school and no named adult can be contacted, the Head Teacher will, if necessary, make the decision to call for medical assistance.

Problems?

You may have concerns about the educational progress of your child. Remember, each child is under the care of a full time teacher who is responsible for his or her day to day education and pastoral care. It is the teacher who should be approached first by parents who are concerned about any aspect of their child's education. Please come and talk to us if you are concerned no matter how small the issue is- we are always ready to listen!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Communication

We use Class Dojo for whole school communication and individual class teachers may communicate using this platform with key reminders and information. Please download the App to receive notifications directly to your phone. We also have a school facebook and Twitter page with regular posts to view.

In the Early Years a weekly email is sent out about the week's learning.

Further general information and photographs of recent events can be found on our website, www.wilden.beds.sch.uk . All policies and letters are uploaded as well as reminders and a calendar of school events. _

Friends of Wilden VA Primary School

At Wilden we have an active friends association who organise fun events and raise money for the school. All parents are automatically members and are invited to meetings. If you would like to find out more, please contact the School Office.



Questions

If you have any further questions or queries relating specifically to Wilden School, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff who will either address your needs or point you in the direction of someone who can help.

We hope you and your child will be very happy in your time at Wilden School and look forward to working with you to ensure that your child is happy, enjoys school and learns well.