



Brimscombe C of E Primary School

Prospectus



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Headteacher's welcome



I warmly welcome you to Brimscombe C of E (VA) Primary School. I am very proud to be leading this vibrant, happy and caring school where children are firmly at the heart of everything we do.

Our school is a fantastic place to learn, play and work; set in beautiful surroundings and stunning views. Our school's Christian vision statement, taken from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us to 'Stay alert and hold firmly to all you believe. Be mighty and full of courage. Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do.'

Our children fulfil their potential through a broad and balanced curriculum alongside enrichment activities which nurture their social, emotional and spiritual needs. Our 5 values (kindness, courage, respect, friendship and responsibility) underpin the way we live, work and learn and we are always looking for ways to help others and interact with the community.

Our goal is for all children to be ready for their next phase and we believe that by seeing children as individuals and catering to their needs as best we can, they will be ready for whatever life brings them. Our high expectations allow children to be ambitious for themselves, build positive relationships with others and grow in confidence as they move through the school.

We are so proud of our school and would love for you to come and see us if you'd like to find out more.

You can email admin@brimscombe.gloucs.sch.uk or call 01453 882474 to arrange a visit.

We would be delighted to see you.

Mrs Nicola Brown
Headteacher

About our school



Brimscombe is a charming village located in the Golden Valley, south of Stroud, Gloucestershire. It is part of the civil parish of Brimscombe and Thrupp, nestled in the picturesque valley of the River Frome.

Brimscombe has a rich industrial heritage, having grown during the Industrial Revolution due to the power of the River Frome, which was used to drive the mills. The village is known for its historical Brimscombe Port, which played a crucial role in the local economy and is currently undergoing redevelopment as part of a wider canal regeneration project.

The school was established in 1840 on a site adjacent to the church. In 1997, the school moved to its current site, just down the hill. The school is set back from the road, with a good-sized car park with access for those with disabilities. We have a large playground and a huge field for children to enjoy and a forest school area with outdoor classroom.



As a Church of England Voluntary Aided school, Brimscombe Primary School is assisted by the Local Authority alongside the Diocese of Gloucester.

School Vision

Our shared vision is what makes Brimscombe C.E. (VA) School such an inclusive and happy place. Rooted in Christian Values, it is at the heart of all we do. It is taken firstly from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

'Stay alert and hold firmly to all you believe. Be mighty and full of courage. Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do.'

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Through our Christian ethos we work together to develop enquiring minds, a spirit of curiosity, tolerance, and resilience. We value every member of our school community for who they are. Through challenge, support and building positive relationships, we pursue excellence in all we do.



Our Christian values are the foundation of what we do and are celebrated and promoted throughout the curriculum.



Curriculum

The curriculum is split into three stages:

Early Years Foundation Stage: 0-5years

Key Stage 1: from ages 5-7

Key Stage 2: from ages 7-11

Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is based on seven areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Key Stage 1-2

The areas of curriculum for KS1 and KS2 are:

- English - reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Design Technology
- Computing
- Personal, Social and Health Education
- Relationships Education



At Brimscombe C of E Primary School, we believe that all children are entitled to the best education possible. We believe that children learn best through a broad, balanced and interactive curriculum. We know that improving self-esteem and confidence has a direct and positive effect upon their attainment.

School Performance

At Brimscombe C of E Primary School, we have high standards and encourage children to do their very best in everything they do.

	National data 2025 - % who achieved the expected standard or above	Our school data 2025 - % who achieved the expected standard or above	Our school data - % of children who achieved Greater Depth
Reading, Writing and Maths combined	62%	73%	0%
Reading	75%	87%	20%
Writing	72%	73%	0%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	72%	80%	27%
Maths	74%	93%	20%

Physical Education

We actively encourage our children to be active and we promote a healthy lifestyle. Children take part in weekly PE sessions as well as termly swimming lessons. We compete in sporting events with other schools.

Forest School

We have a fantastic forest school and outdoor classroom provision. Run by Carrie from 'All Seasons Forest School', it is a place to explore, learn and create. Our children love being outside!



School day

The school day begins at 8:45am when children are able to enter their classrooms. The register is taken at 8:55am and formal learning begins at 9:00am. The school day ends at 3:15pm.

Morning Club and After-School Clubs

Morning club begins at 8:00am where children can enjoy a range of different activities run by Atlas Camps.

Extra-curricular clubs run from 3:15pm-4:15pm and are usually based around an activity such as netball, football, art or construction.

We also have our 'After-School Club' running from 3:15pm-6:00pm which is also run by Atlas Camps.
Here is what a typical day looks like:

8:45am	Doors open
8:55am	Registration
10:20am	EYFS play time
10:40am	KS1/KS2 play time
12:15pm	Lunch- 1 hour
3:15pm	Home time

School meals and snacks

Children can have hot, nutritious meals cooked on-site in our kitchen. Food is provided to us by 'The Great Plate' within Stroud.

Children are also able to bring a nut-free packed lunch if they prefer.

Children can also bring mid-morning, nut-free healthy snacks. KS1 children receive a piece of fruit each day and water is available for all children throughout the day.



Collective Worship

As a church school, children enjoy daily assemblies which are focussed on our Christian values and character.

Collective Worship Timetable	
Monday	Open the Book - Bible stories
Tuesday	Class-led Worship
Wednesday	Led by members of the Church
Thursday	Singing
Friday	Celebration Worship Children receive achievement certificates - parents are invited.

School Uniform

Our uniform is designed to ensure that children have a shared identity within our school but also can be easily identified outside of school. We allow small adaptations to uniform for children with SEND.

We ask that all uniform is clearly labelled with the child's name.

Our uniform consists of:

- Black or grey trousers/shorts or skirt.
- Blue t-shirt with Brimscombe logo
- Blue jumper or cardigan with Brimscombe logo
- Black shoes/boots or plain black trainers
- Blue gingham dresses
- PE Kit - Blue PE t-shirt with Brimscombe logo, black or grey shorts/Jogging bottoms, trainers.

All uniform can be purchased from Batemans Sports in Stroud town centre. We also have second-hand sales throughout the year.



Inclusion

Special Educational Needs

We are totally committed to providing high-quality provision and support for children with special educational needs.

We adapt lessons and provide extra resources for those children for their level of need and we ensure that all children are able to make good progress.

Where appropriate, a referral to an external agency may need to be arranged. Children may be added to the Special Educational Needs register and a 'My Plan' written to help them reach their potential. This is done alongside parents to ensure the plan will be effective.



Exceptionally able or talented

We recognise that all children have their own unique gifts and talents. Children who are identified as exceptionally able or talented in particular areas or subjects are monitored and we ensure that they are given stimulating and enriching activities appropriate to their needs.

English as an additional language (EAL)

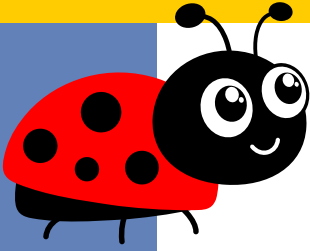
We welcome children from all cultures and backgrounds. Children who speak English as an additional language are supported in class and, where appropriate, given resources that are adapted to help them understand and progress in their learning.

Cultural Diversity

It is very important for us to teach our children about the different cultures and faiths from around the world. Such understanding brings enrichment to learning and respect for the different ways people live. We encourage learning about the world and the people in it, welcoming all to our school.



Ladybirds Preschool



At Ladybird's preschool, which is situated on site, we seek to promote a safe and enjoyable learning experience through play, designed to encourage your child's natural curiosity and build confidence in their learning journey.

Here is the structure of the day in pre-school:

8:45am	Doors open
9:00-12:15pm	Morning session + play time
12:15pm	Lunchtime
1:15-3:00pm	Afternoon session
3:00pm	Home time

Children can attend our preschool using the 15 hours of universal Government funding from 3-years old. We also accept applications from those who are eligible for 30 hours of childcare; the criteria for this is detailed on the government website.



Children can stay for morning sessions, afternoon sessions or both. Over the 15 hours funded by the government, sessions are £13.50 each. Our children who attend all day are welcome to bring a nut-free packed lunch, or they can order a hot dinner through school at a cost of £2.66.

Staff and Governors

We are very fortunate to have a supportive and dedicated team of staff and governors. We work together to provide the very best for our children.

Senior Leadership team	
Headteacher	Mrs Nicola Brown
Deputy Head & Year 4/5 class teacher	Mr Dan Poyser
SENCo	Mrs Gail Bateman
Teaching Staff	
Year R/1 class teachers	Mrs. Danella Pockett (EYFS lead) Ms. Jo Jowett
Year 2/3	Mrs Rachael Blanch
Year 6	Mr Mitch Griffiths
Teaching Partners	
Mrs Michelle Sarson (HLTA)	Mrs Helen Adamson (HLTA)
Mrs Louise Organ	Mrs Lisa Clapton
Mrs Nicole Carrington-Stait	Ms Emily Stanley
Mrs Catherine Watson	
Mrs Kate Birchley (Pre-school lead)	Mrs Hayley Oliver (Preschool)
School Administrator	
Mrs Emily Rycroft	
Midday Supervisors	
Mrs Emily Rycroft	Ms Kathy Pascoe

Chair of Governors	Theresa Yates-Round
Vice Chair	Rod Harris
Clerk	Ms L. Sellars
Mrs C. Crampton	
Mr A. Morris-Wyatt	
Mr P. Gee	
Mrs E. Van-De-Venter	
Ms F. Quilty	
Mrs R. Saunders	
Mrs. Nicola Brown (Headteacher)	
Mr. Dan Poyser (Deputy Head)	

Links with Parents

Friends of Brimscombe School (FOBS)

We have a brilliant team of parents who run our FOBS PTA. They arrange events and fundraise to support learning in school. As a member of our school, parents are automatically included but can be as active a member as they wish. For more information, please contact our office.



Newsletters

Every fortnight, we send a newsletter which has information about what has been going on in the life of our school, as well as upcoming key dates. It's a great way to communicate with parents who can't get to school in person.



Admissions

If you would like to come and visit our school, we would be delighted to welcome you. You can arrange an appointment by calling or emailing our school office.

All school admissions are handled by the Local Authority. For more information about admissions, please refer to our Admissions Policy on our school website.

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