

WELCOME TO

BUCKLESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



This Prospectus introduces our small and friendly village school which is in a peaceful countryside setting but conveniently only a few minutes' drive from the A12 / A14 intersection near Trinity Park, on the outskirts of Ipswich. We are a school of choice with families travelling from the other side of Ipswich, Felixstowe and surrounding villages to educate their child here.

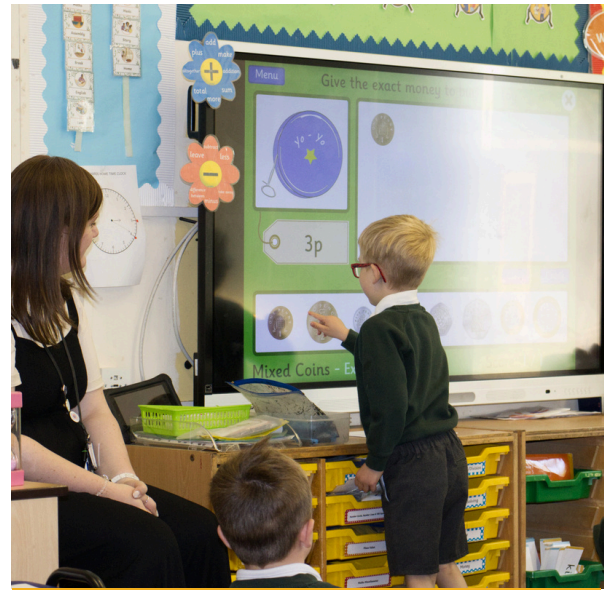


We are very proud of our school and believe we have a lot to offer our families:

- A small 'family feel' to our school community.
- Our knowledge of each child as an individual.
- Older children supporting younger children across school.
- Leadership opportunities for children and opportunities to take part in sporting tournaments for all children, not just the most skilled players.
- Platinum award for School Games and PE for 5 years running.
- 'Wilder Schools' sessions in partnership with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and outdoor learning opportunities.
- Wraparound care from 8am – 4:30pm on site or until 6pm at our neighbouring school, Martlesham Academy.
- A nurturing environment, with the wellbeing of all children tracked termly and 1:1 and small group interventions and support available for the children that need it.
- Good partnership and communication with parents with regular invitations for parents to come into school and join in activities.
- A focus on learning key skills, as well as enriching the wider curriculum with opportunities to develop in oracy, drama, computer science, music etc.
- A focus on learning about our diverse world and respecting difference and other people.

We last welcomed Ofsted into our school in July 2024, to once again highlight the 'Good' provision we share with our families and local community.

"This small, caring school has a big vision for children's lives. Pupils like their school. They are happy and safe because staff have pupils' physical and mental welfare at the forefront of their minds. Pupils' behaviour is calm and respectful because of their teachers' high expectations."
Ofsted, July 2024



The results for Early Years were above National in 2024 and 2025. Our results across school are usually in line with National, depending on our cohorts of children.



Admission of New Pupils

We have a pupil admission number of 15 children in each year group. Details of admission procedures can be found at: [School places - Suffolk County Council](#)

Suffolk County Council offers prospective parents the opportunity to apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places



- There are 4 mixed aged classes:
Willow Class - Reception
Oak Class - Year 1 and Year 2
Ash Class - Year 3 and Year 4
Yew Class - Year 5 and Year 6

Wrap-Around Care:

Bucklesham is able to support both before and after-school care. A morning club runs every school day from 8am at Bucklesham School and there is provision for after-school clubs every day until 4:10pm or 4:30pm. From September 2025 we will offer after school care until 6pm by transporting children to our local school, Martlesham Academy.

A range of extra curricula clubs including music lessons such as piano, guitar and ukulele; dance, football, gardening and homework club are also on offer.

Pre-School

Children who attend Bucklesham School come from a wide range of pre-school providers in the local area. As part of our induction process the Early Years teacher visits all local pre-schools to meet the new intake and support parents and pupils in the transition to primary school with sessions in school too.

Reading for pleasure

Our Early years staff are passionate about ensuring children are immersed in high quality books from an early age. We are a reading for pleasure school with author visits, lunchtime clubs, active librarians and staff committed to ensure every child is a reader.

Progression to Secondary Education

Most children progress to Kesgrave High School, and staff prepare children in good time for this progression.



Bucklesham Primary School excels at the delivery of PE and sport and has been awarded the top Platinum Award by School Games for our excellent provision for five consecutive years.



As part of learning in the oldest class, we offer children the opportunity to be involved in overnight stays, at residential centres every other year. During this visit more emphasis is placed on adventurous activity and physical challenge and children are encouraged to work co-operatively as part of a team, developing self-confidence and self-esteem.



Our curriculum drivers of diversity, environment and wellbeing are chosen to meet the needs of our pupils. These are weaved into assemblies, topics, classroom learning and enrichment opportunities. In addition to the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum, we enhance our curriculum by:

- Providing swimming lessons for pupils from Year 4 at Felixstowe Leisure Centre.
- Introducing the French language from Year 3 to 6.
- Outdoor learning as a 'Wilder School' working with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.
- Developing an awareness of our mental and physical health and provide strategies to children for coping when their emotional needs are not being met.
- Giving opportunities to engage in enterprise and environmental projects involving financial awareness and budget management.
- Working in partnership with a family of small schools: Waldringfield, Bealings and Martlesham Academy.

Bucklesham School Association is made up of parents and teachers who work tirelessly to raise money for our village school. We encourage all families to take part in a range of social activities to support our fund-raising efforts. Funds raised have purchased iPads, books, library furniture, outdoor learning and our large Gym Trail equipment.

We encourage engagement with parents through Parent Consultations, information sessions, open learning sessions, workshops and shared assemblies. Parents have regular opportunities to discuss their child's progress and next steps throughout the school year and are encouraged to fulfil the important role they play in their child's education. We regularly provide updates by email and Class Dojo messages.

Bucklesham School aims to provide a challenging learning environment which enhances achievement and enjoyment for all children. This includes those pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our SENDCo works closely with parents and outside agencies to support children and has a day a week dedicated to this. We also work closely with Kesgrave High School, and BT Adastral Park to offer a wide range of experiences to extend learning for those children who have particular talents.



Bucklesham Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff, governors and volunteers receive safeguarding training, covering procedures and how to manage disclosures. Details of our safeguarding policy, procedures and the names of designated safeguarding professionals can be found on the school website.

We aim to develop a sense of community and a feeling of pride within school. Everyone attending school is expected to show respect, courtesy and kindness to all people at all times. We offer our children the opportunity to learn in a happy, supportive environment, helping them to make positive choices about their behaviour and learning. High expectations are reinforced and rewarded through house points and awards as part of our behaviour policy, encouraging hard work, perseverance and responsibility. We also have clear sanctions and restorative conversations in place, so children and parents know how any poor choices will be handled. Our Behaviour Policy is available on the website.

For a flavour of daily classroom life and other exciting school activity, please visit our website at www.buckleshamprimaryschool.co.uk or, experience them in person by visiting: 01473 659389 admin@bucklesham.suffolk.sch.uk