



**SEEND**

CHURCH of  
ENGLAND

V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

*where children  
feel inspired*



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*Every visitor to the school comments on what a lovely friendly atmosphere there is here. It makes it a lovely place to work.*

**Staff member**

*Seend is a brilliant school with a genuine atmosphere of friendship.*

**Parent**

*Within this welcoming and friendly atmosphere children flourish. They are creative, confident, have the opportunity to develop their full potential and to play a full part in school life. The school values and knows each child giving them care, support and encouragement.*

**Church inspection report 2009**

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# Introduction

Seend Church of England Primary School is a small church school with a warm family atmosphere. Nestled in the heart of a strong village community, and with extensive grounds, we are small enough to care, to notice, to nurture individually but we have big ideas and big dreams. At the heart of all we do is our mission statement:

“Seend Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School will provide a happy, caring, family environment where children feel inspired. We know that every child matters – whatever their skills and abilities, whatever their background and whatever their aspirations. Belonging to a safe and nurturing community, founded on strong Christian values, children will develop an array of skills that will equip them to meet the challenges of our ever changing world and to make their own positive contribution to our global society.”





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*In the Foundation Stage they are very well looked after and a good partnership with parents ensures that the children feel safe and secure.*

**Ofsted 2009**

*We made a spaceship and you can sit in it.*

**Pupil**

*I couldn't have wished for a better start for my child.*

**Parent**



# Foundation Stage

That first experience of school is so important, for you and your child, because it can set the tone for the rest of your time there. To help make the very most of your child's first year, we offer:

- A happy, caring and nurturing environment
- Induction visits and parent information sessions
- Small classes
- Regular feedback to parents and opportunities to become involved in your child's education
- Extensive indoor and outdoor space and activities
- Full-time classroom support
- Plenty of meaningful and child initiated play opportunities
- Learning based on first hand experiences
- Opportunities for your child to “buddy-up” with older children





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*The curriculum is wide ranging and features focus weeks that are used very effectively to give pupils in-depth experience of particular areas.*

**Ofsted 2009**

*Pupils with special educational needs are given relevant and individual support and so flourish in an accepting environment.*

**Church inspection report 2009**

*The teaching is very good and the school has a wildlife area which you can explore.*

**Pupil**



# The Curriculum

The children are arranged in 4 small mixed age classes, often spending 2 years with the same teacher, which allows strong, supportive relationships to develop. To enable children to reach their full potential we provide:

- A broad, balanced and exciting curriculum
- A wide variety of resources
- Interactive whiteboards in every classroom and a computer suite
- Support staff in every classroom
- Regular staff training for our highly experienced staff
- Careful monitoring of progress and individual support when needed
- The opportunity to work individually, in pairs and in groups
- Opportunities to share and celebrate children's work, achievement and effort through attractive displays and celebration assemblies

We feel that the learning emphasis should be on skills and attitudes, not simply on content. We therefore teach children the qualities that will make them a powerful and effective learner.



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*Their moral and social development is excellent. They behave exceptionally well and they feel extremely safe and secure... It is no wonder that pupils have been very successful in sporting activities.*

**Ofsted 2009**

*There's a good timber trail and a big field. We have great clubs.*

**Pupil**

*For a school this size, the children are offered a remarkable variety of clubs.*

**Staff member**

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## Extra Curricular

Academic success is a very important measure of achievement, but we believe that it is equally important to educate the whole child. We encourage our children to take part in and experience a wide range of extra curricular activities such as:

- The Arts
- Learning an instrument
- Our annual sponsored walk
- Sports' Day
- A wide range of after school sports e.g. Judo, Netball, Cricket, Tag Rugby and Football, and regular opportunities to participate in tournaments
- A range of after school activities e.g. clubs for Art, Sewing, Science, Drama, Story Writing, Skipping, Gardening and Dance
- A variety of educational day trips
- Residential trips for the junior children
- Plays, Concerts and Shows
- Regular visitors to the school sharing expertise and interests

Through these opportunities, we are encouraging the whole child to develop the habits, problem solving skills and the social attitudes that will stand them in good stead for future successes. We are developing passions for lifelong learning over a wide range of interests and allowing them to explore the positive contribution that each one of them can make.





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*It is a good community which is quiet and with nice people.*

**Pupil**

*One of the school's outstanding features is the way the pupils contribute to the school community.*

**Ofsted 2009**

*Parents and members of the church and local community are drawn in as members of the extended school family. Children are very involved in village and community activities and give support to various charities.*

**Church inspection report 2009**

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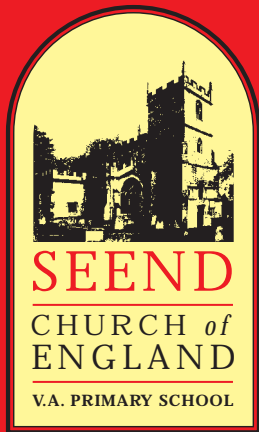
## Partnerships

It is acknowledged that for a school to be truly effective, it has to form strong partnerships with the wider community. At Seend we:

- Offer regular information evenings and parent consultation meetings
- Have an elected School Council, giving children a say in the school
- Have an active and supportive fundraising committee
- Have a strong and committed governing body
- Utilise expertise within the local authority e.g. the school nurse, Learning Support, Speech and Language Therapy
- Collaborate with other Melksham Schools on events
- Have active links with the local pre-school and secondary schools
- Have positive links with the local church and clergy
- Support local groups and organisations

Schools are about people - and when you step over the threshold of Seend School you will find a remarkable community of people. People who love to learn, who love to play, who love to inspire, who love to develop and who love to succeed. Our teachers, our support staff, our parents and helpers and, of course, our children - everyone is part of our learning community. With strong Christian values to support friendship and learning, our children thrive to be the best that they can be.





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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Healthy Schools



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*Seend School is a very special place.  
Its success shows how much the children,  
staff and parents work together to make  
it so. We look forward to you becoming  
part of its future.*

**Chair of Governors**

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