

Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School



'Love and Justice for All'



Welcome to Our Outstanding School



'Pupils are proud to be members of this school, which sits at the heart of its community.'

'The school has high expectations of all pupils. Pupils achieve highly.'

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to Guilden Sutton Church of England

Primary School



Vision

***'And what does the lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'* Micah 6:8.**

Through the teachings of Jesus, all can flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically throughout life, living out love and justice for all.

Headteacher's Welcome

'As the Headteacher of Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School, I am delighted to take this opportunity to welcome you to our inclusive school family, which is made up of different cultures, faiths and those of none. Although we are situated in the heart of Guilden Sutton village, on the outskirts of Chester, many of our families travel from the surrounding area to be part of our happy, lively school where all are treated as individuals.

We are proud of our Christian family atmosphere where all can flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically: living out **'Love and Justice for all,'** the school's motto.

I have had the privilege of working here since 2007 as teacher, Specialist Educational Needs and/or Disability Coordinator and Deputy Headteacher; it is wonderful to work with such dedicated, enthusiastic and caring staff who work extremely hard and go above and beyond in all that they do, whilst promoting lots of fun along the way! This in turn makes for a stimulating and happy environment for all our children.

At Guilden Sutton, our Christian ethos is underpinned by our Christian values: love, justice, compassion, wisdom, forgiveness and friendship. We encourage our children to be well-rounded, resilient and hard-working young people, ensuring that they succeed and meet their full potential – regardless of any barriers they might have to their learning.

I am very proud to say that the school continues to go from strength to strength, constantly seeking ways to be forward-thinking, inspirational and ambitious through the outstanding work of the school team of staff, governors and the crucial partnership with our families. Our whole school community thrives as a result of mutual respect and communication: everyone's opinion matters and is valued. We have the highest aspirations for each one of our children, therefore all staff model being friendly, courteous, creative, curious, resilient and with a 'have a go!' philosophy. As Albert Einstein said: *'A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new!'*

Our vision is cemented by our carefully planned, broad and balanced curriculum that is based on the teachings of Jesus. It is rich with opportunities, culture, diversity and excitement that engages all learners and encourages them to think 'outside the box!' – there should be no ceiling to a child's learning. By creating a safe and secure teaching and learning environment, our children will be able to be the best possible version of themselves, creating lasting memories of their time at primary school and with a love for learning that will be taken with them on the next stage of their journey through life.

We have strong links with St. John the Baptist Church in Guilden Sutton and Reverend Heather Carty is a weekly visitor who leads Collective Worship for the whole school – inviting parents, grandparents and younger siblings to attend. Throughout the school year, we come together to celebrate different religious festivals, and all have the opportunity to worship, celebrate individual and whole school achievements, pray, reflect and be still during a busy school day. This is essential for nurturing everyone's mental health and well-being in this fast-paced world that we now live in.

Our website and Facebook page provide a snapshot into the daily life of our school. Please feel free to contact school to arrange a visit so you can find out first-hand what it is like to be part of our Guilden Sutton school family.

Best wishes,

Theresa Rainford - Headteacher



'Love of children is at the heart of this happy school.'
SIAMS Inspection



'They follow the school rules through their actions and attitudes. Pupils readily engage in their learning. They are not fazed by challenge. Indeed, they relish thinking hard. Pupils' positive attitudes to learning are underpinned by their desire to 'give it a go and never give up'.'

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Admissions, Catchment Area

The school operates a planned admissions limit of 30 per class. It is Local Authority policy to admit all children who reach the age of 5 in the appropriate academic year at the beginning of the Autumn Term. However, the intake will be staggered over a short period of time.

All parents, whether in-zone or out-of-zone, wishing to register their child for consideration for a place in the Reception Class, must have registered their child the year before the September start date of the appropriate year. Forms are available on line www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/ or from the Local Authority and must be returned to them by the stated date: failure to do so will mean that your child will not be considered for a place if the numbers exceed the planned admission limit of 30 per class. Parents must understand that there is no longer an automatic right for in-zone parents to secure a place for their child at the school.

It is important to point out that any children moving into the catchment area can only be admitted if there are places available.

When the Cheshire admissions team considers applications in the Spring term, priority will be given as follows:

- Special circumstances
- Brothers and sisters of children already at the school.
- In-zone children
- Geographical nearness

Parents of Reception children are informed individually of dates for the two preliminary visits, the date of the child's admission and the date of the New Parents' Evening.

The school operates the Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority Admissions Policy which can be seen in full via this link www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

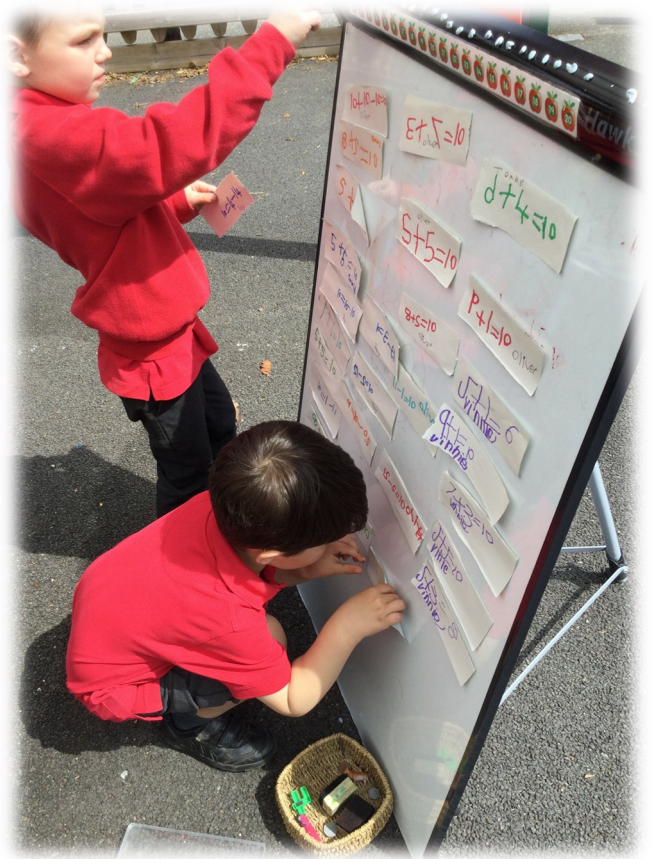
The catchment area consists of Guilden Sutton village and the houses along Wicker Lane as far as the A51, Piper's Ash on the eastern side of the A41 and the houses on Littleton Lane as far as the A51. At the present time, approximately 50 percent of our children live outside the official catchment area.

'Pupils' attitudes to learning are exceptional.'

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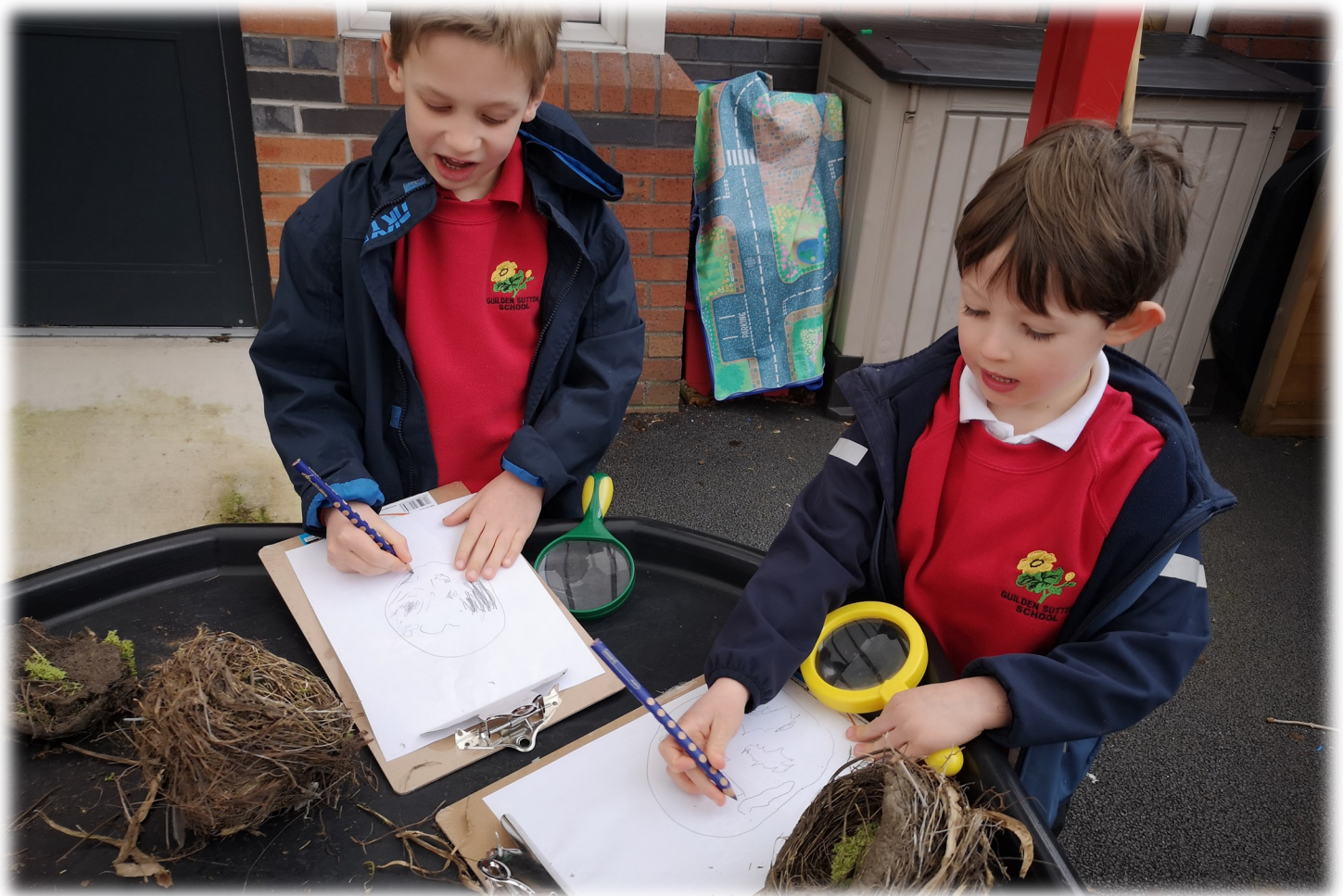
Helping Every Child to Succeed



'Pupils achieve exceptionally well across the curriculum.'

'Resilience is developed from a young age.'

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The Learning

Experience

At Guilden Sutton, we like to keep the curriculum lively, practical and interesting, with experiences that the children will remember for a lifetime. Our aim is to ensure that standards across all areas of the curriculum are as high as those in the core subjects of English, mathematics and science. We link a variety of subjects including English and mathematics into themes which hook the children's interest. Curiosity, creativity and compassion are promoted through a rich and exciting curriculum which challenges everyone to think about themselves, their local and global community.

Teachers carefully plan tasks based on Bloom's Levels of Thinking so that each child is challenged to think hard, problem solve and be creative. As a school we believe there is no ceiling to a child's learning

We are committed to inclusion and differentiate the learning tasks so that everyone has the opportunity to reach their potential. Children and staff are encouraged to have a go at new experiences, without worrying about getting it wrong. Our philosophy is that people who have never made a mistake, probably have never made anything!

'Pupils with SEND are supported very well. Staff expertly adapt activities so that these pupils learn alongside the rest of their class. As a result, pupils with SEND progress very well through the curriculum.'

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'Pupils come into school happily each morning.'

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Enrichment

Extra curricular activities are a crucial part of school life. They give children the opportunity to try new activities, work as a team and take part in competitive events. A variety of clubs run throughout the year with some being provided by our staff and others through the use of expert coaches or musicians.

The music curriculum runs through the school from Reception to Year 6. Additionally, Year 4 have an opportunity for brass, guitar and samba drumming lessons each term, at no cost. Through outside music tutors, the school offers private tuition for most instruments.

We want our curriculum to be as exciting and vibrant as possible and so we regularly visit places of interest or invite visiting speakers or drama groups to school. We usually ask for a voluntary contribution to subsidise the cost of the activity, however no child is excluded from taking part.

Year 4 visit Kingwood Colomendy and Year 6 have the opportunity to go on a residential trip to a Christian outdoor adventure centre in Wales, Min-Y-Don. This is an important part of our curriculum where the children can build up their independence and excel in activities outside of the classroom. In safe surroundings and through the care of our staff and the centres' trained instructors, the children have a fantastic time, though not much sleep!



Glee Club

Hockey

Fencing

Choir

Eco Champions

Football

Judo

Art

and many more.



'The curriculum has been carefully designed to suit pupils' needs.'

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Healthy Bodies

Healthy minds

It is important that all children know how to live healthy lives and can cope with the inevitable 'ups and downs' of life by being resilient and resourceful.

By teaching them in practical ways about nutrition, exercise and mental wellbeing, we aim to foster good habits that will last them a lifetime.

As we are a Church of England school, an important element of our ethos is to develop a sense of spirituality and mindfulness. Opportunities for staff and children, to stop and be still throughout a busy school week, is part of our daily routine.

Children and staff are supported in becoming lifelong learners, curious about the world and also responsible for it.

Having as much fun as possible along the way is a top priority!

'Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They are polite and courteous'

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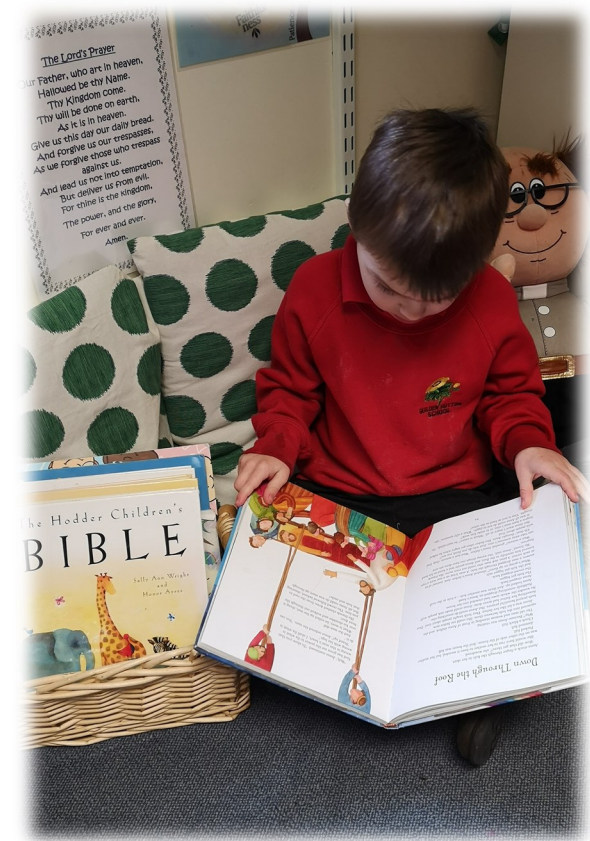
Behaviour - School Rules

We pride ourselves on the positive relationships between staff and children which are based on mutual respect. We encourage our children to develop self-discipline and to be aware of the needs of others. Although this is a forward thinking school our Behaviour Policy is based on good old fashioned manners and respect for others!

Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School expects the very best standards of behaviour, but recognises that the best way to ensure these standards are maintained are through a belief in reflection, forgiveness and reconciliation. By getting our pupils to think about the choices they make we hope to give them the strategies to make caring ones. When choices lead to incidents we do not want to see, the pupil will be asked to reflect on what has happened. When the appropriate apology and forgiveness from the person or persons affected by the incident has taken place, the children come to understand the importance of the Christian belief of forgiveness.

Anti-bullying

At Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School, we are committed to providing a supportive, caring and safe environment for all of our pupils so that they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable in our school and will not be tolerated.

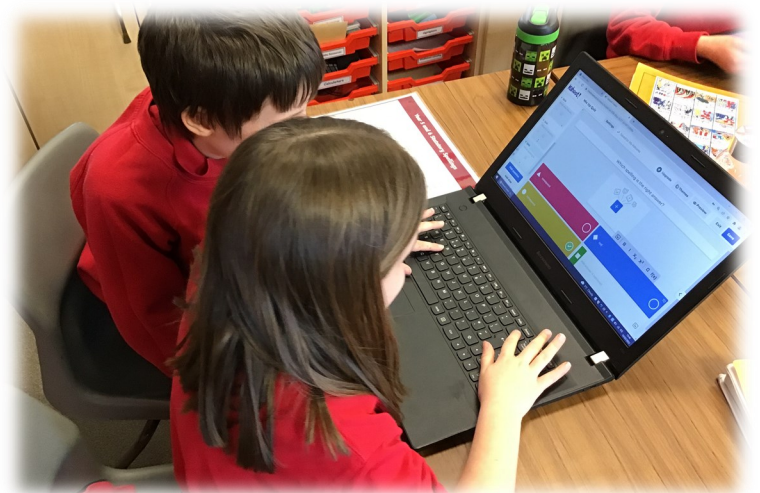


‘Skilled staff enable pupils to remember what they have learned.’

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Children are taught our School Rules:
(created by our children)

- Always give it a go, don't give up.
- Always 'Give it a go!' and never give up
- Always try and see the positives in every situation
- Welcome everyone's ideas and opinions
- Always be kind, thoughtful and polite
- Be honest and learn from our mistakes
- Respect others and all property



‘As pupils move through key stage 1, well-trained staff enable pupils to become fluent and accurate readers.’

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Parental Involvement

The partnership between Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School and home is of vital importance to us and we know that you will want to be closely involved in your child's school life. This may be through sharing information with us, supporting home – school work or coming into school to help with a variety of activities. Grandma and Grandad are also very welcome to share their talents!

The website will also give you a flavour of what is going on in school, but we do have an open-door policy so if you have any concerns or would just like to see what your child has been doing, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

The school has a small group of parents, teachers and governors who form the Trustees, similar to a Parent Teacher Association. The Trustees organise many fund raising events throughout the year such as the Christmas Fair and school disco. They invite all parents to become involved in organising the events and have supported the school by raising funds for equipment and activities which enhance the school environment for the children. Recent projects have included the Cultivation Station, climbing equipment and a defibrillator. We would love you to get involved.



School Day

Opening Times

School doors open 8:50am

Reception and Key Stage 1: 8:50am - 3:10pm

Key Stage 2: 8:50am - 3:20pm.

Before and After School Care

GS2 run an on-site Breakfast Club and After-School Club from 7:50am until 8:50am in the morning and after school until 5:30pm. GS2 provide excellent care with varied activities and healthy snacks within the school's safe environment. The facility is very popular and parents are advised to contact the management team of Nicky or Beccy well in advance of requiring a place.

Opening Times

7:50am – 8:50am

3:10pm – 5:15pm

Contact:

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‘A small school with a big heart.’



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