



St Matthew's
Primary School

St Matthew's Church of England Primary School



Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in St Matthew's C of E Primary School.

We are a small, friendly Primary school located within easy reach of Newark and the surrounding villages. The rural Nottinghamshire setting provides the school with its own fabulous and spacious site that is the perfect place for our children to learn together and develop long lasting friendships. We serve Normanton on Trent and the surrounding villages and collaborate as a part of The Kite Primary Federation.

All children are taught in mixed aged classes by our teaching and support staff who work as an effective team to offer a full and varied curriculum. The children who attend our school not only have the opportunity to cover the full National Curriculum but are also able to learn to play a musical instrument, receive specialist sports coaching and take part in a range of extra curricular activities. Children are encouraged to participate fully in school life and are able to fulfil a range of roles such as the Head Teacher's Assistant and Playground Play Maker.

In this brochure we hope to capture for you some of what we offer as a school but if you would like to visit us and meet the children and staff then please contact the school office for an appointment.

We are proud of the friendly atmosphere of our school and the high educational standards that we achieve and look forward to welcoming you and your child.

With Best Wishes,

Kathryn King

Executive Head Teacher
The Kite Primary Federation



Partnerships

As a small school we recognise the value of working with others and we have a number of effective partnerships that support the work of St Matthew's C of E Primary School.

The Kite Primary Federation

The Kite Primary Federation has brought us many benefits; we have one governing body that works to secure the success of our schools and supports the Executive Head Teacher to develop each school with its own particular feel and identity.

There are also plenty of opportunities for the children to join together for many sporting and learning opportunities. We have combined for cricket and handball tournaments allowing our children to successfully compete and participate alongside much bigger schools. There are also many financial benefits to joining together for events and this helps us to make our school budgets stretch further and provide even more for our children.

St Matthew's Church

As a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School we are distinctively Christian in our ethos and values and are well supported by St Matthew's Church and the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. We enjoy holding some of our key services at the church including, Harvest Festival, Easter and Christmas services and parents are always invited to join us and share in these occasions. The church building and grounds are also used to further the children's understanding of our local community and its history.

The children also learn about other religions and cultures. We are fortunate to be linked with Rushey Mead Primary School in Leicester and our children are forging new friendships as well as increasing their understanding of living in a city environment and other beliefs and traditions.

The Tuxford Family of Schools

We work closely with other Primary Schools in the local area as well as the Tuxford Academy where the majority of our children transfer to continue their education.

The Academy holds a range of events and festivals that we are able to attend. This widens the children's musical and sporting experiences as well as giving them access to a strong transition programme when they reach Year 6.



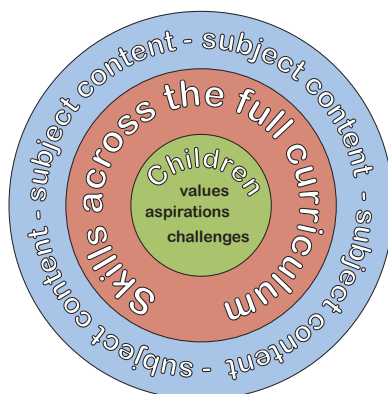


Our Curriculum

At St Matthew's C of E Primary we are very clear that a great curriculum is one that motivates and inspires our children. After consultation with staff and governors we have agreed that given the particular context of our school we need three key drivers for our curriculum:

- Developing independence in learning
- Broadening children's understanding of the wider world
- Maximising the potential of a full range of partnerships

These three aspects are at the heart of our curriculum and, as the diagram below shows, they support our focus on securing transferable skills in all subjects as well as covering the full content as outlined in the National Curriculum:



The Early Years and Key Stage 1

As children enter school we want to foster in them an active enjoyment of learning. The organisation of the mixed Reception and KS1 class reflects this approach as well as the three drivers of our whole school curriculum; children follow a range of child initiated and adult led activities and resources are available and accessible for them to use and select as appropriate.

Key Stage 2

As children move through the school and enter Key Stage 2 they continue to have access to the full Primary curriculum. They have the opportunity to securely develop their English and Mathematics skills in order to support their learning across the wider curriculum.



Our Offer

By choosing St Matthew's C of E Primary you can be confident that your child will have access to a wide range of resources and learning opportunities.

A spacious school site

• Outside

The school has a large playground and field which are well used by the children. There is plenty of space for PE and sports activities as well as room to use our wide range of play equipment across the school day. The playground surfacing has been extended in recent years and the children particularly enjoy playing on the fixed equipment, including the much loved train and bridge.

Key Stage 1 has direct access to outside learning and a safe place to learn through play. Resources are stored so that they are easily accessible to the children and they take responsibility for caring for these. Children in Key Stage 2 can make use of the picnic tables for outside working and can often be seen investigating the wild life in the pond area.

• Inside

We make good use of all of the space on offer inside the school. Extensions to the main building have given us a flexible and adaptable working space.

Our school hall hosts our school plays and performances, collective worship and sports activities as well as the hot meals that are cooked and served on site. Classrooms are well resourced and each has an interactive board, lap tops and ipads. Our beautifully designed school HUB is an open, shared space that links all of our classrooms together and is perfect for small group and independent work.

The Rainbow Room is loved by all of the children and is open to children all day. Children are able to work in small groups, have 1:1 sessions or just chill out in this brightly furnished and welcoming room. This fabulous provision has been extended to include the Rainbow Den which is a sanctuary for any child and a wonderful outside classroom.

Developing Skills & Talents

Our wide curriculum offers all children the chance to discover those areas that they enjoy and in which they excel. There is always a variety of activities enriching the curriculum in school and these are wide and varied and include:

- Sessions with specialist sport coaches, developing skills in cricket, basketball, handball etc.
- Learning to play the clarinet through weekly sessions.
- Music tuition for learning the guitar.
- Challenge sessions to extend computing skills.
- Swimming sessions.
- Regular cooking sessions to secure essential knowledge of nutrition and life skills.

We are fully inclusive and all children are supported to have full access to the school's curriculum offer. Our SEND policy outlines our approach to providing for those children who may need extra support in school.

Our Extended Offer

As well as the full curriculum offer that supports learning in school we take up many activities offered by of the outdoor and environmental centres in our surrounding area. This extends the children's school experience and fosters resilience and independence and a willingness to try something new.

Residential

All children in Year 6 are offered the chance to participate in a residential visit. The location of the visit varies although we particularly enjoy the outdoor challenges offered by Hagg Farm - a Nottinghamshire County Council centre that allows the children full access to the beautiful Peak District. The residential experience strengthens friendships and broadens horizons.

Camping

In the summer term children in Years 3 & 4 experience an overnight camp as well as some new and exciting activities such as a night time bat walk, boat building and toasting marshmallows round the camp fire.

Orienteering

Everyone develops their orienteering skills in fun sessions either on site or at nearby locations.

Climbing

We access the offer from the Mill Adventure Centre so that children in Key Stage 2 can work towards achieving the National Indoor Climbing Award Level 1. These challenging sessions really extend the children and give them a huge sense of perseverance and achievement.

After School Clubs

We offer a range of after school clubs that children really enjoy. These change on a half termly basis and include our running club that meets to train for the local fun run, indoor sports skills and cooking.

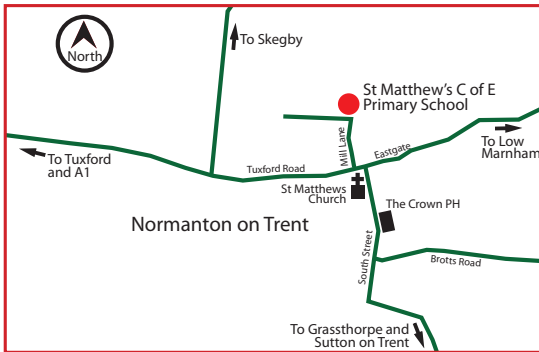
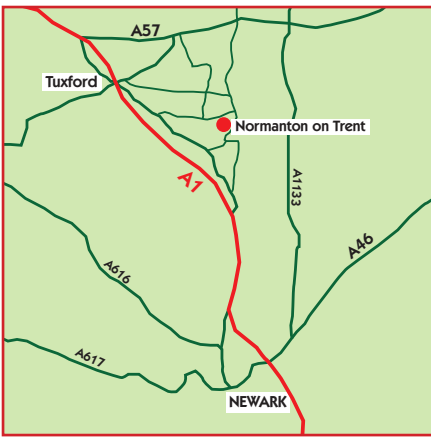


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