

Prospectus

'Aim High - Believe // Fly High - Achieve'

“Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school. They feel that teachers know their children well and that the quality of teaching helps their children become confident learners who make strong progress.”

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Welcome from the Head Teacher

Thank you for your interest in Norwell 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 outstanding and spacious location that is the perfect place for our children to learn together and develop long lasting friendships. We serve Norwell and the surrounding villages and collaborate as a part of The Kite Primary Federation.

All children are taught in small 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 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 an exciting range of extra-curricular activities. Children are encouraged to participate fully in school life and fulfil a range of roles such as school councillors and values mentors.

We warmly welcome enquiries or visits from prospective families and look forward to presenting a school community we are all incredibly proud to be a part of. In this prospectus, we hope to capture some of what we offer as a school, but we would love you to visit us and meet the children and staff. Please contact the school office for further information.

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



The Kite Primary Federation is a partnership with St Matthew's C of E Primary School. Working together 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 individual feel and identity.

**THE KITE PRIMARY
FEDERATION**

About Us

Our Ethos & Vision

At Norwell C of E Primary School, we work hard to provide the children with engaging and exciting learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. We know that to make the most of these experiences, children need to be comfortable, secure and happy. The well-being of every child is at the heart of everything we do.

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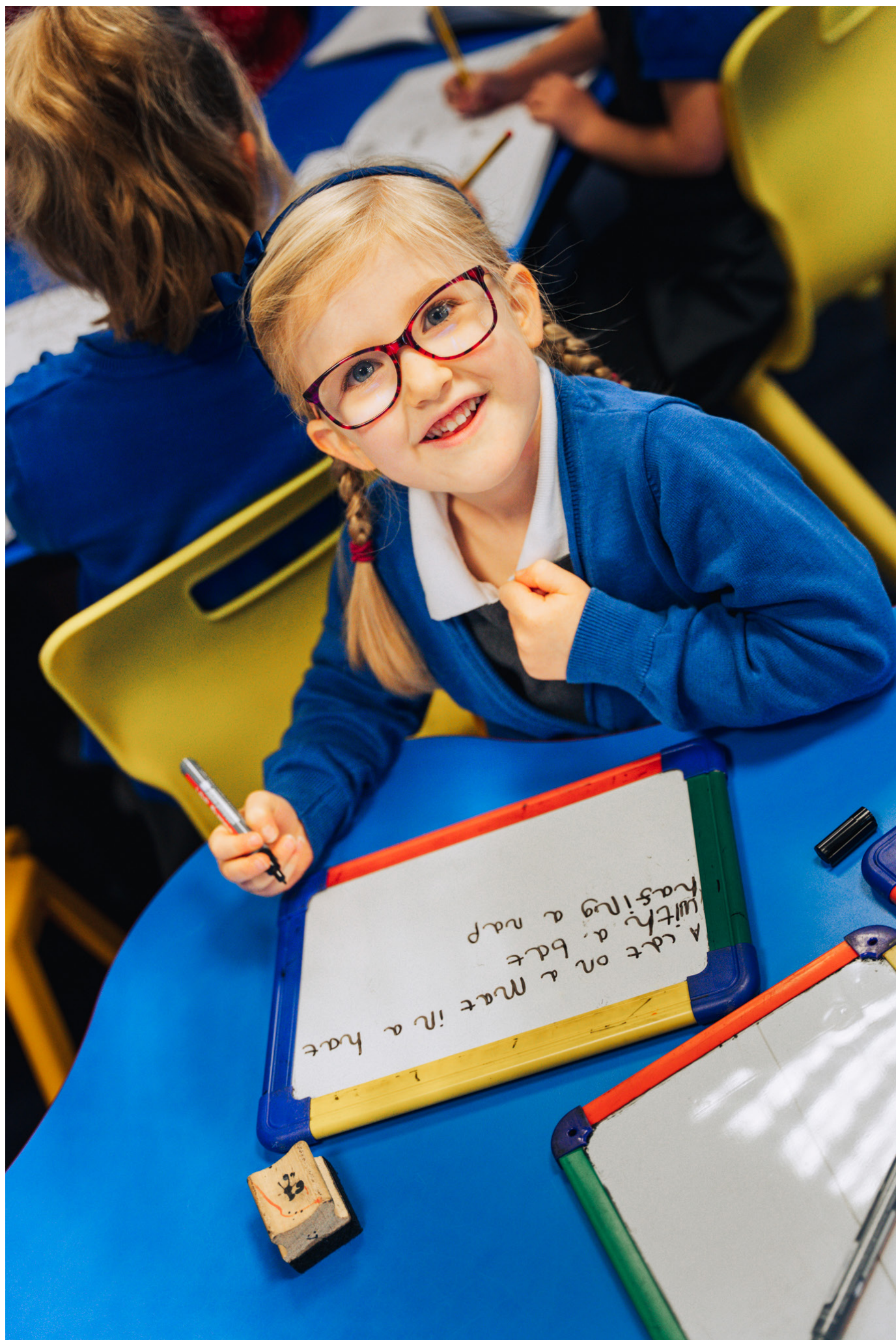
Our school values are:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Forgiveness
- Generosity
- Hope
- Love



Our aims are to.....

- Provide an exciting and challenging curriculum to enable children to become imaginative, independent, self-motivated learners with enquiring minds.
- Offer a stable, safe and caring environment for all our children and work in partnership with parents/carers in supporting their children's learning.
- Develop and practice a Christian ethos with everyone feeling welcomed and valued.
- Have strong links with our community, locally and globally, and to have understanding, respect and tolerance for the people and the world in which we live.
- Work with and nurture new and existing partnerships to allow us to offer a broad range of opportunities and experiences.





Why Choose Norwell?

As a smaller school, we are well equipped to support each child's academic and wider needs. We also foster a family atmosphere where the younger and older children play together and support each other's growth and learning. Our integrated preschool takes children from the term after their third birthday, therefore easing the journey into reception class for both children and parents.

Our school provides generous wrap around care. Breakfast Club and After School Club are available every day.

School Facilities

- A spacious rural location, away from busy roads and surrounded by open fields.
- Inspiring classrooms, designed to stimulate our pupils and resourced with the latest technology.
- Excellent outdoor facilities, including a large playground, climbing frame, playing field and separate early years playground. Across these engaging spaces, resources and play equipment are easily accessible to the children.
- An on-site Forest School where staff lead students in activities such as den building, outdoor craft, and cooking.

Our school also benefits from stimulating shared spaces, used to supplement the children's learning. Our Rainbow Room is a welcoming and safe space that is loved by the children, who are able to work in small groups and engage in 1:1 sessions. Our school hall links our classrooms together and is used to host our school plays and performances, collective worship and sports activities, as well as the hot meals that are served on site.



Teaching & Learning

At Norwell C of E Primary School, we strongly believe a great curriculum is one that motivates and inspires children. There are three key drivers for our curriculum:

- **Developing independence in learning by stimulating their natural curiosity to allow them to become resourceful problem-solvers.**
- **Giving them the skills to become resilient individuals, able to take risks and deal with different challenges by thinking positively and having the confidence to 'have a go'.**
- **Broadening children's understanding of the wider world by helping them understand their role in society; developing respect for the environment, their communities and different religions.**

The Early Years and Key Stage 1

As children enter school, we seek to foster in them an active enjoyment of learning, stimulating their natural inquisitiveness and fascination. We develop core English and maths skills using a wide variety of learning techniques - including leading phonics programmes to teach the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Each day is different, where learning is exciting, engaging and fun and we encourage collaboration and teamwork between the children. We enjoy seeing the children grow in self-esteem and confidence as they develop enquiring minds and build strong foundations for their future learning.



Key Stage 2

As children move through the school and enter Key Stage 2, they continue to have access to the full primary curriculum, enriched by a wide range of other activities to inspire our children's learning and raise their future aspirations.

Our whole curriculum is designed to enable children to become creative and reflective learners who can express themselves fluently and confidently in a variety of different ways, ready for their next steps once they leave Norwell.

Our curriculum is supported and enhanced by a range of school trips which have recently included Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Lincoln Central Mosque, Brackenhurst Educational Centre, The National Holocaust Centre and Museum, the Space Dome, Newark Civil War Centre, Eureka! The National Children's Museum, Duxford Air Museum and a regular Christmas trip to a local Pantomime.



Assessment and Homework

We carry out termly assessments of the children in reading, writing and maths to find out how they are progressing and where we can support them most effectively over the coming term. Parents/ carers are kept up to date on pupils' targets and progress and are regularly invited into school, allowing our children to show off their hard work including through writing and maths cafes, and music concerts.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We value every child at school equally and match our provision to meet individual needs, whatever these may be. Our regular and careful assessments of all children mean that any needs are quickly identified, and appropriate interventions are put into place, with parents / carers involved every step of the way.


Developing Skills & Talents

Our broad curriculum offers all children the chance to discover those areas that they enjoy and in which they excel. Our academic curriculum is enriched through a wide variety of exciting activities including:

- Sessions with specialist sports coaches
- Instrumental and vocal tuition
- Planned sporting and musical opportunities to further develop personal skills such as resilience and perseverance.
- Computing skills
- Swimming lessons

We also provide a range of leadership opportunities for children to develop and grow, including election to the school council and the chance to be value mentors, collective worship leaders and play leaders.





“Our school challenges our
creative minds and makes
us think. The teachers here
really encourage you and
make you feel part of a
giant family.”

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Wider Experiences

We work to widen the children's school experience, fostering resilience, independence and a willingness to try something new.

Activities

We take the opportunity to visit many of the excellent facilities offered by outdoor and environmental centres in our surrounding area. This includes residential trips, camping, orienteering, and working towards indoor climbing qualifications and paddle sports awards.

Sports Teams

We offer the chance for children to compete in sports with local schools. For example, we have a dedicated football coach and a home pitch for our excellent football team, as well as rounders and dodgeball teams amongst others.

Allotment

All children have the opportunity throughout the year to spend time at our school allotment to grow seasonal produce, have contact with nature and benefit their mental health and wellbeing.

Wider Community

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 the school. We believe it is important as a village school that we are at the heart of our local community and hold a number of events throughout the year, which the wider community are invited to. We also help support local charities as part of teaching the children about the wider world.

St Laurence Church

As a Church of England Primary School, we are distinctively Christian in our ethos and values and are well supported by St Laurence 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 / carers are 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.

As an inclusive community, we also learn about different religions and world views in order to foster respect for all and help prepare our pupils for life in all its diversity in modern Britain. Other world faith celebrations such as Diwali and Chinese New Year are explored through special themed days at the relevant times of year.

The Tuxford Family of Schools

We work closely with other primary schools in the local area as well as Tuxford Academy, where the majority of our children continue their secondary school education. This includes events such as sports activity days with St Matthew's C of E Primary School and Dunham on Trent Primary School.

The Academy holds a range of events and festivals that we 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.



"They have lots of brilliant teachers!"

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Key Information

School Uniform

Children at Kite Primary Federation are expected to wear school uniform. This may be branded or non-branded.

A Typical Day at Norwell C of E Primary School

Our formal day starts at 8.50am, with a busy timetable until the day ends at 3.30pm for pupils of all year groups. If they are attending one of our extracurricular clubs, these end at 4.30pm with after school care available until 5.30pm.

7.30am	School opens for Breakfast Club
8.40am	Gates open
8.50am	Day starts, registration
9 am	Collective worship / Assembly
9.20 am	Lesson one
10.15 am	Break time – children can play outside and have chance to enjoy a healthy snack
10.30 am	Lesson two
12 to 1pm	Lunchtime – children are offered a choice of hot meals in the school hall, followed by time to enjoy the playground and school grounds
1 pm	Lesson three
2 pm	Break time – time outside to recharge before the final lesson of the day
2.15pm	Lesson four
3.30pm	Home time
3.30pm to 5.30pm	After school clubs – children enjoy a variety of exciting activities changing every half term

Application Process

Preschool

Children can start in our preschool the term after their third birthday. We prefer for them to be potty trained were possible. Please contact the school office if you are interested in a preschool place.

Primary school

Children start school in the September after their fourth birthday. Admission into Kite Federation schools is administered by Nottinghamshire County Council. For more information please visit the <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions> or contact the school office.

Finally, it is the strong and committed team of staff, parents and governors, which make our school the happy and successful place it is. By choosing Norwell C of E Primary School, you can be confident that your child will be part of a thriving and happy school environment, with access to a wide range of resources and learning opportunities.



“They start school as timid little babies and leave as self-confident, mature, well-rounded children, ready to tackle the next stage. This is done through nurturing the whole child and encouraging them to shine.”

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Both schools are
graded 'Good' by
Ofsted

