

**LONG WHATTON**  
C OF E PRIMARY

Live, Learn, Grow  
and Be Thankful



*Long Whatton  
Church of England  
Primary School*

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# Welcome



Foreword from the Headteacher  
Mrs Sara Gray

## Welcome

Welcome to Long Whatton Church of England Primary School. We are delighted that you have shown a keen interest in our school and hope that our prospectus will give you a flavour of what Long Whatton can offer your child as they begin their educational journey with us.

## Heart of the Village Community

Long Whatton Primary School has been at the heart of the village and community since the 1800's and continues to do so with characterful school buildings set in stunning grounds; including two playgrounds, a large field, trim trail, forest school and garden.

It is a privilege to be part of the team and community here at Long Whatton.

## Our Vision

Our Vision of *'Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful'* is embedded in all that we do. We want our children to leave Long Whatton able to live their best lives, be enthusiastic learners, grow into their full potential, underpinned by our Christian values.

## The Long Whatton Way

'The Long Whatton Way' aims to develop the character of our pupils, enabling them to understand, care about and act on core ethical values and gain a responsibility for self and others whilst also gaining key character traits that prepares them for the world of work.

*More than just me*

*Thinking for myself*

*Flying High*

*I can do it!*

*Christian Values*

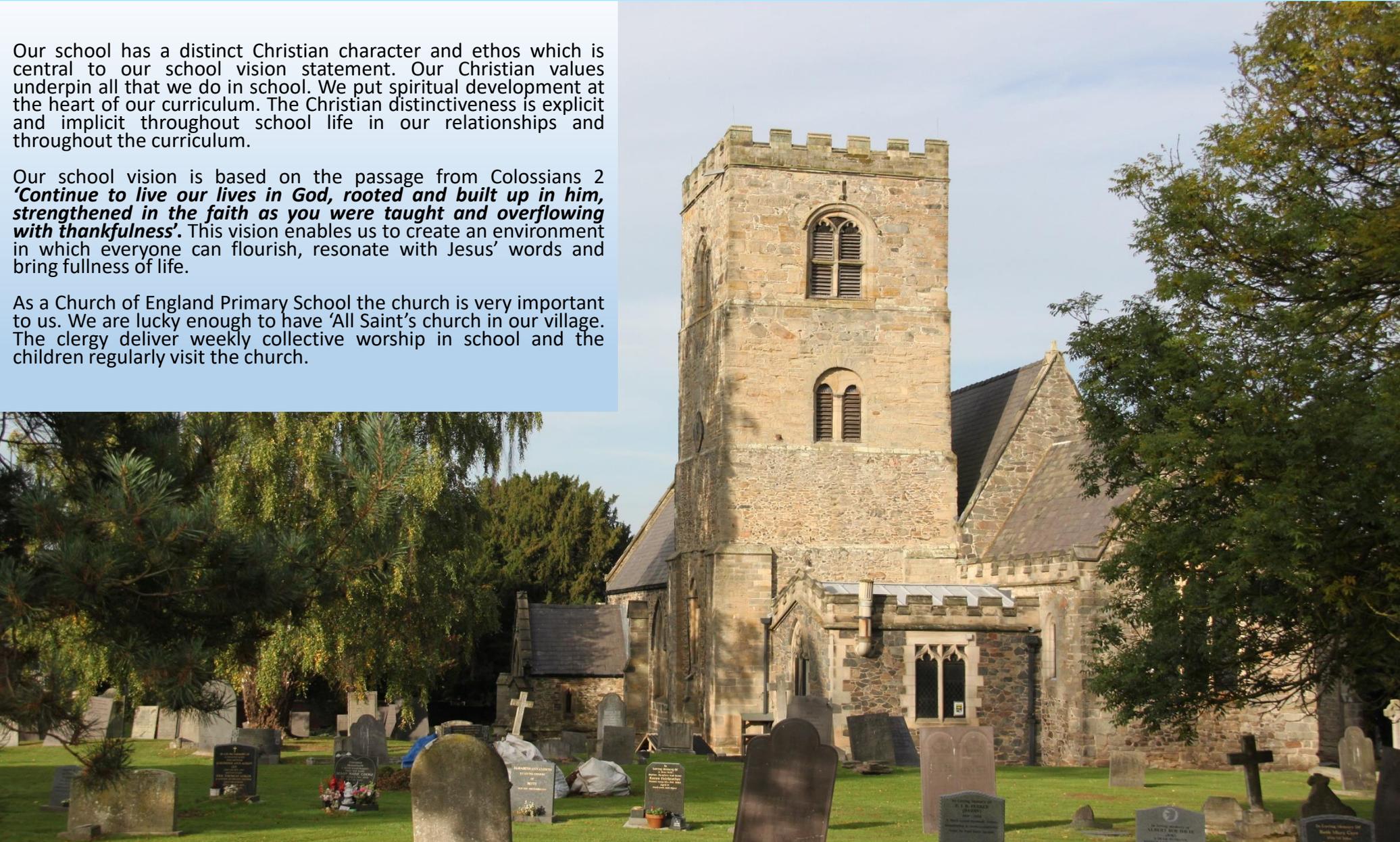


# Christian Distinctiveness

Our school has a distinct Christian character and ethos which is central to our school vision statement. Our Christian values underpin all that we do in school. We put spiritual development at the heart of our curriculum. The Christian distinctiveness is explicit and implicit throughout school life in our relationships and throughout the curriculum.

Our school vision is based on the passage from Colossians 2 ***'Continue to live our lives in God, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness'***. This vision enables us to create an environment in which everyone can flourish, resonate with Jesus' words and bring fullness of life.

As a Church of England Primary School the church is very important to us. We are lucky enough to have 'All Saint's church in our village. The clergy deliver weekly collective worship in school and the children regularly visit the church.



# The school day



## School hours

- 8.40am - Owls, Years 5 and 6 arrive
- 8.45am – Hedgehogs Year R, Squirrels Years 1 and 2 and Robins Years 3 and 4 arrive
- 3.15pm - Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Robins finish
- 3.20pm – Owls finish

## Breakfast club and after-school clubs

We have a breakfast and after school club on site, run and managed by 'Clubs Complete'. The club runs from Monday to Friday from the following times:

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am until 8.45am

After school club runs from 3.15pm until 5.30pm

## School Meals and Snacks

**Lunch** Children can have a hot or cold lunch as many times as they like in the week and can order a meal on the morning they require it, both in school or on the SchoolMoney App. School meals for children in Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 are Government funded i.e. free to children in Classes 1 and 2. We actively promote healthy bodies and minds through our Food for Life project.

**Free school meals** Application forms for free school meals are available on request from the school office or online: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>. These are available to any family whose income is below £16,190 per year. Although meals for all infants are now Government funded, we would still ask you to complete the application if you fall into this category.

**Milk** Children under 5 are entitled to free milk and older children in school may purchase it. If you wish your child to have milk with their lunch at school, please order it from the cool milk website <https://www.coolmilk.com/>.

**Fruit and snacks** Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 have access to free fruit at break and the whole school can buy snacks from our healthy school tuck shop.



# Uniform



The Governors and staff believe that school uniform increases the children's pride and ownership of their school and we insist on children at Long Whatton wearing a uniform.

Uniform can be ordered through Castle Printwear's website:

[hello@castleprintwear.co.uk](mailto:hello@castleprintwear.co.uk)

## The school uniform for girls is:

- Blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Plain grey skirt/pinafore dress
- Blue summer dress
- White socks
- Black shoes

## The school uniform for boys is:

- Blue jumper or fleece
- Blue polo shirt
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

## PE Kit consists of:

- Navy shorts
- Black pumps
- Trainers
- Navy Sweatshirt – available from the shop
- Navy jogging bottoms
- T-shirt in corresponding house colour

## Forest School Kit consists of:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Wellies



## *Creative Curriculum*

Our curriculum gives our children the best possible start to their education and future success. Through our curriculum our children can clearly see links and sequencing between different aspects of their learning. They understand the purpose and value of their learning and see its relevance to their past, present and future. They experience the challenge and enjoyment of learning, developing skills and demonstrating their creativity through a variety of interesting contexts. They develop a rich and deep subject knowledge.

## *Enriched Curriculum / Educational visits and residentials*

To further enrich our curriculum, all children are offered a range of trips and visits, both locally and further afield. These opportunities further engage our children into the learning and give them a foundation to build their knowledge upon. These experiences can help to develop qualities of self-reliance, independence, develop confidence and build self esteem.



# *The Curriculum*



# Forest School



Forest School is fundamental to the vision we have for our children at Long Whatton school. All of our teaching staff are trained forest school leaders and this is because we know the benefits that this provides for our children.

Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve, and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland environment. It has a positive impact on our children's resilience, mental health and wellbeing.

We are so fortunate at Long Whatton to have extensive grounds and our Forest School on site. Our children are quickly accustomed to getting on their wellies and waterproofs and heading off to the Forest School for their next adventure!



# Languages

We are fortunate to have a specialist Language teacher who teaches French to our pupils across the school and also teaches Spanish in Year 6.

Our children really enjoy learning a new language. The language-learning techniques are great fun, and children get a real sense of achievement from mastering and using new key words and phrases!

Language and culture are inextricably linked. Language learning helps our children to learn about the different countries where the new language is spoken, and this in turn allows them to reflect on their own surroundings and culture.





# Music



## *Music across the school*

We are very fortunate to have our own specialist music teacher at Long Whatton. Our music teacher provides weekly music lessons across the school. We understand the benefits that music can bring to our children. These range from improved memory, mental processing, problem solving, language and reasoning, imagination and intellectual curiosity, relaxation and positive mental wellbeing.

Long Whatton also offers children lots of further opportunities to engage in music. The children often sing at the school; during school assemblies and to celebrate key events throughout the Christian calendar. In addition, children have the opportunity to sing at the LG Arena in Birmingham with around 4,000 other children in what is an amazing evening of singing and live entertainment with Young Voices.

Private piano, guitar, violin, drums, ukulele and recorder lessons are also available within the school day. All this is in addition to the music curriculum delivered by a specialist music teacher!





At Long Whatton, we believe that Reading is a fundamental life skill. Reading develops children's ability to listen, speak, read and write for a wide range of purposes. Children are enabled to express themselves creatively and imaginatively as they become enthusiastic and critical readers of stories, poetry and drama, as well as of non-fiction and media texts. Children gain an understanding of how language works by looking at its patterns, structures and origins. It is our intention to ensure that all pupils read widely and confidently with fluency and comprehension appropriate to their age. We aim to develop a love of reading where our children are excited to read and read regularly for pleasure.

We are so lucky at Long Whatton to have a forest school themed library, with a variety of books, which our children love to use.

We also have a special visitor, 'Crumble' the reading dog, who comes to our school each week to listen to the children read. The children look forward to Crumbles regular arrival.



# Reading



## *PE lessons and sporting opportunities*

At Long Whatton CE Primary School we aim to support the development of the whole child. Being able to make healthy life choices and to enjoy the benefits of being fit, help to underpin success in many areas of adult life.

The school has an established tradition of providing a wide range of challenging and engaging activities, both in and out of school, that help to switch children on to being active. We encourage our children to try new things, to take a risk and to understand the benefits and rewards of physical effort.

We also teach our children that competition is important, and that in life there are times when you must compete. Our children learn to win and lose with grace, and to appreciate the achievements of others.

We have our own specialist sports coach at Long Whatton and this ensures the very best teaching in PE.

We are part of Be Skilled Partnership, Loughborough Learning Alliance and Charnwood group of schools. Through these partnerships our children have access to range of competitive sports such as athletics, gymnastics, tennis, golf, swimming, football, duathlon cricket and cross country.

At Long Whatton we are committed to outdoor learning, outdoor challenge, risk taking and competition.



Sport



# Food For Life



## Growing

We are proud to say that we are a 'Food for Life' school. We support our pupils to gain knowledge of how to keep themselves healthy and make informed choices about healthy eating.

Our children regularly grow their own fruit and vegetables in our poly tunnel. This enables them to understand where our food comes from and teaches them the hard work that it takes to grow them.

## Cooking

We enjoy using what we have grown in our poly tunnel in our school cooking. Our children get a sense of achievement knowing they are eating food they have grown themselves.

We are also lucky enough to enter our vegetables for judging at the annual Long Whatton Village show!



## Hedgehogs- EYFS



The Hedgehogs is for children who will be 5 years old in the academic year they start school. Our Reception class is a small group of 15 children, allowing close tuition and strong relationships to form between teachers and children. Our outdoor Forest School provision is highly stimulating, and our pupils have a large exciting natural environment in which to learn.

## Squirrels -Years 1 and 2- KS1

Our Squirrels class enjoy an extended classroom area with the all important access to the outdoor environment including, play house, mini stage area and sand pit.



## Robins – Years 3 and 4-LKS2



Years 3 and 4 enjoy also enjoy an exciting curriculum and have a large classroom which used to be the old school hall in the 1800's. After successfully transitioning into Key Stage 2, our pupils can now understand their role as independent learners within school.

## Owls – Years 5 and 6-UKS2

Years 5 and 6 are based in our new, purpose built classroom and are not only role models for the rest of our children but carry out a variety of roles and responsibilities around our school.



# Clubs



## After School Club

After school clubs not only provide busy parents with an hour of after school care, but more importantly often offer opportunities for children to try something new. Our own team put on an after school club each week for the children from 3.15pm-4.15pm.

In the past our staff have held archery workshops, a rambling club for the youngest children, a gardening club, art, craft and cross stitch clubs, Forest School clubs, dodgeball and dancing clubs, a dungeons and dragons club, along with the more usual sports you find in school.

Clubs Complete also put on a range of activities after school from 3.15pm-5.30pm. The activities are revised each term with consultation with the parents and children. These can be booked directly with Clubs Complete.



### Cookery Club



### Football Club



### Cross Country Club



### Gymnastics Club

# Getting involved



## Governors

The Governing Body of the school is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds. Some of the Governors are parents. The school Governors comprise a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted, and are representative of parents and teachers, the LA and the local community. School Governors work with the Headteacher and are responsible for setting the strategic direction of the school.

Meetings are held at least once each term and committees meet in addition to main Governing Body meetings.

Please feel free to come in and ask questions about the work of the Governing Body. If you would like to be a School Governor please contact the Headteacher to find out about any vacancies.

Please contact Governors through the school office.

## PTA

Our PTA is a group of keen volunteers from our parents and teachers who work together to raise funds for additional resources for our school.

The PTA usually meets once every half term and runs school discos, family events such as bingo and quizzes, provides refreshments at most school events, organises gift sales for Christmas, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day and much more. They also organise our legendary camp-out which is held every summer where families enjoy an afternoon and evening together as a school community and then camp out on the school field after chatting around the BBQ and camp fire.

The PTA has funded many things around the school including additional resources for Maths and English, extra computing equipment, transport to the Panto and for school trips, costumes for the school play, and treats for the children for both Christmas and Easter.

The PTA is a great way to get more involved with the school and become part of the Long Whatton team. New members are always welcome and the PTA can be contacted through the school office or by chatting to one of the team.



# How to apply



## Admission Long Whatton Church of England Primary School

We are very proud of our unique school and all that it has to offer. We strongly recommend that you contact us directly to arrange a visit so that you can come and see how special Long Whatton school is. Please contact us on:

Ring us on: 01509 842239

Email: [office@longwhattonschool.org](mailto:office@longwhattonschool.org)

## Applications

At Long Whatton we follow Leicestershire Authority's Common Admissions Policy.

Long Whatton admits children to the Foundation Stage at the beginning of the Autumn Term once they reach the age of 4. This is known as "4 plus" entry. Prospective parents are invited to make an appointment with the Headteacher when considering applying for a place here at Long Whatton School.

After this initial visit, parents need to apply to the Local Authority (LA) for a place at the school, whether or not they live in the catchment area. Once a place has been allocated through the LA, the school will make arrangements for some introductory visits for the child, during the summer term preceding their entry

## Contact Leicestershire's School Admission Team

Visit: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

Ring us on: 0116 305 6684

