



North Road Primary School



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Welcome

On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils of North Road Community Primary School (North Road) we should like to offer you a warm welcome. North Road is a happy and vibrant small school located in the heart of South Gloucestershire. We pride ourselves on offering a unique opportunity to learn and play in a safe, fun and stimulating environment that enables our children to develop a love for learning. Our motto is:

“Enjoy learning, succeed in life”

Because we are a small school, every child is highly valued as an individual. Our priority is the learning and social development of each and every one of our children. We also believe working closely with parents is vital to ensure that children start their formal education with confidence and we look forward to working with you to make your child's years at North Road a truly happy and memorable time.

This prospectus should give you a flavour of life at North Road, however further information can be obtained from our school website:

www.northroadprimaryschool.co.uk

It is important to us that all parents and visitors feel welcome. If you have not already visited the school and would like to, please telephone the school on 01454 867788 to make an appointment. We look forward to meeting you and showing you around our lovely school.



Ofsted

We were last visited by Ofsted in February 2017. This was a positive experience for the school and we were proud to receive a rating of good. Some of the comments fed back by Parents and Ofsted were:

“There is a supportive family feel to the school which never compromises its effectiveness.”

“Pupils ‘feel very safe in school’ and are ‘happy and feel well looked after’.”

“There is always a lovely buzz of activity.”

“Children are clearly progressing very well... children are happy and confident and enjoy attending school.”

“The headteacher has made ‘an impressive impact on the school’, ‘leads by example’ and ‘consistently models and upholds the school values of Respect, Pride, Perseverance, Responsibility, Ambition and Positivity’.”

“Pupils know what they are learning and are clear about the way that the teaches mark their work.”

“Pupils use their mathematical skills well when they explore interesting topics.”

“Children apply their mathematical learning across a range of different subjects. This has been achieved through the introduction of an exciting new curriculum approach.”

“The safeguarding of all pupils is paramount to staff and is an integral part of school life.”

Vision

Our vision at North Road is to be:

**"A school where everyone is encouraged to develop a love for learning,
fulfil their potential and discover new talents."**

Values

Our vision and aims are underpinned by the school values of:

Respect, Perseverance, Pride, Responsibility, Positivity and Ambition



Aims

To achieve our vision, we aim for all pupils, staff, governors and parents to provide a school community where:

- Children are happy, safe and secure
- High quality teaching and learning takes place
- Children's learning and wellbeing are at the centre of everything we do
- Children's achievements are celebrated
- Creativity and curiosity can flourish
- Everyone and everything is treated with respect
- Children are encouraged to be independent, think for themselves, accept challenges and persevere
- Good behaviour and honesty is expected and everyone is encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions
- Inclusion, diversity and pride are promoted
- Children feel part of the wider community



The History of Our School

The school was originally early Victorian and was built in 1850. It was known as Yate British School. In 1879, it gained the status of public elementary school and received grants from the government. The original attending pupils came from the local farming and mining communities and lessons included reading, writing, maths, needlework and woodwork. In the 1950's it became known as Yate County Primary School.

More historical information on the school can be found at Yate Heritage Centre.

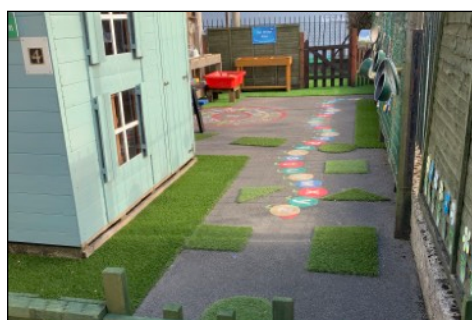


2020 was the 170th anniversary of the school. To mark this momentous occasion, the children of the school were all involved in creating a celebration mosaic which is displayed at the entrance to the school.



Foundation Stage (Reception)

We pride ourselves on being able to offer a very special start for our reception children. They have their own classroom with a maximum class size of 15 children and two outside learning areas all to themselves. They are taught by an experienced early-years Teacher and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. This provides a fantastic adult-to-child ratio. Our Reception Class is called Pluto Class.



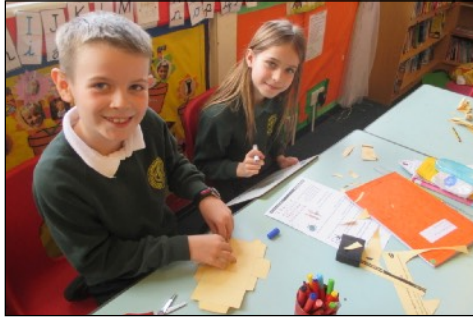
Key Stage One (KS1)

Key Stage One children (Years 1 and 2) are taught together with a maximum combined class size of 30 pupils. They have their own classroom and a dedicated outdoor area for learning and play. This class is called Mars Class.



Key Stage Two (KS2)

There are four year groups in Key Stage Two, which are split into two classes; one for Years 3 and 4, called Neptune Class and one for Years 5 and 6, called Jupiter Class.



School Day

The school day begins at 8.35 am, when the gates onto the playground are opened. The school bell is rung at 8.45 am, when the children are collected by their class teacher from the playground and are registered.

Mid morning break takes place at 10.20 am for Reception and Key Stage One, and 10.40 am for the Key Stage Two classes, when toast or fresh fruit is available.

Lunch time starts at midday. Key Stage Two eat their lunch in the school hall from 12 pm until 12.25 pm, whilst Reception and Key Stage One play on the playground. At 12.25 pm, Key Stage Two go out to play whilst Reception and Key Stage One eat their lunch. Lunch break ends at 12.55 pm when afternoon registration begins.

At 2.45 pm daily, all children take part in a whole school assembly before each class enjoys a daily class story time. The school day ends at 3.15 pm.



Staff

We are fortunate at North Road to have a small, highly dedicated and experienced team of teaching and non-teaching staff who work well together to create a professional and family-oriented environment.

All of our Teaching Assistants have additional specialised qualifications, including Phonics Champion, Sandbox Therapist, Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Additionally, each Teaching Assistant is a permanent member of a class teaching team to provide a higher level of consistency and teaching support.

Our Teaching Assistants are also our Lunch Break Supervisors so are well known to the children, making lunch times a fun and sociable experience.

Inclusion

At North Road Primary School, we strive to support all children to enable them to achieve at school.

In order to facilitate this, many steps are taken to support them through their learning journey. Quality teaching is vital; however, for some children there are occasions when further additional support may be needed to help them achieve their targets. Our SEND local offer is available on our school website.



Computing

We encourage extensive and creative use of computing through regular cross-curricular links, to support classroom learning wherever possible. Additionally, targeted weekly lessons are used to teach all aspects of the computing curriculum, including Word Processing, Presentations, Graphics and Programming to all pupils across the school.

We also teach discrete lessons in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two regarding ICT safety and we participate in the national Safer Internet Day (SID) each year.

Our facilities include classroom laptops, iPads, child-safe Internet access, interactive white boards, digital cameras, programmable robots and digital recorders.



Health, Sport and Wellbeing

We have a Health in Schools award and encourage an active school day, including playtimes and lunchtimes.

We work hard to promote healthy eating through education and the provision of free fruit and vegetables daily to all children under the age of seven.

Every child participates in at least two hours of taught physical activity per week from both their class teacher and experienced sports coaches. Each child also takes part in a weekly Children's Mile 15 minute run and a weekly Wake-Up, Shake-Up session of 15 minutes aerobic workout to music.

We encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school as much as possible and we provide a weekly walking bus where staff, children and parents meet and all walk to school together.

We offer a wide range of sporting after school clubs, for example gymnastics, cross-country, football, netball, tag-rugby, dance, cheerleading and hockey. In addition, the children in Key Stage Two attend a block of swimming lessons each year.

We participate in *The Small School Football League* as well as various sporting competitions, for example cross-country running, hockey, athletics, dance, tri-golf and swimming.

We have good links with Brimsham Green School and make use of their larger range of sporting facilities as well as attending organised sporting events. We also take part in in-school football and rugby sessions provided by Bristol Rovers Community Trust and Bristol Bears Community Trust.



Cooking

Children cook throughout the year, supporting curricular activities, following the National Curriculum for Design and Technology.



Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a wide range of extra curricular activities, both after school and during the school day. These include outdoor play club, choir, construction club, drama, netball, computing, arts and crafts, piano, multi-sports and ocarinas. These vary from term to term and all clubs are well attended.



Breakfast Club

At North Road Primary School we offer a breakfast club, which opens on site at 8.00am. A small daily charge is made for child-care provision and breakfast. More details including the breakfast menu and play activities can be found on the school website.



School Dinners

Fresh fruit is available daily in each class or alternatively, freshly cooked toast is available at playtime at a cost of only 10p.

We are proud to be able to provide healthy school dinners, freshly cooked on site by our catering team and served in the school hall. The menu can be found on the school website.



School Trips

We endeavour to make the children's learning experience stimulating and fun, and arrange school trips which support and enhance the curriculum. Recently, the children have visited places such as @Bristol, Westonbirt Arboretum, Redwood Estate, The Wild Place and Caldicot Castle. The cost of these trips is subsidised by the school but voluntary contributions from parents are requested.

In year 6, the children go on a residential field trip which is a fantastic and exciting experience. For many children, this is their first adventure away from their parents for any length of time.

These trips make learning fun and are instrumental in developing independent and confident children, and strengthening social bonds.



Assemblies

We hold daily assemblies which feature collective worship, plays, singing or storytelling to reinforce the key values of our school. We also encourage visits to school from artists, performers, sports groups and other professionals in order to enrich and extend the children's learning.

Parents are invited to attend class assemblies and special services during the year to celebrate Harvest, Christmas and Easter.



Special Days and Lunches

We hold special celebratory days throughout the year which often involve dressing up and/or a specially-themed lunch. Recently, these have included the Queen's Jubilee, World Book Day, Children in Need, Roald Dahl Day and Faith Days.



Parent Helpers

Parents are actively encouraged to become involved in school life and if anyone has the capacity to come and help during school hours, this is always welcomed. Many parents come to listen to the children read (or read to the children where appropriate) whilst others help with gardening, tidying the library and some even run after school clubs!

An active Friends of North Road School fund raising group exists to help plan and organise fund raising events for the school, and new parents and fund raising ideas are always welcome.



Community Links

We have strong links with the local community and attend many of the local events, music and dance festivals, Iron Acton May Day Celebrations and sports tournaments. We also have good links with other local schools and are part of a small schools' network, which enables us to share resources and help make some educational trips economically viable. Representatives from each school meet regularly to share ideas and expertise, and to agree ways of addressing initiatives and curriculum changes. This is very supportive for teaching staff and helps to ensure consistency in practice for parents and children.

We also invite visitors into school to take assemblies and visit classrooms in order to help increase the children's awareness of issues relating to the wider community.



Reading Areas

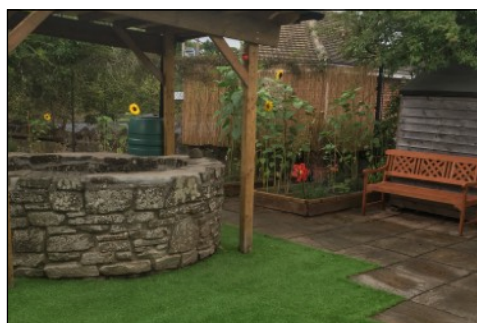
To reflect our school ethos of developing a love of reading, children are encouraged to read for pleasure. Each classroom has its own inspiring and relaxing reading area which children can use daily. During break times and lunch times, children can relax with a book in our outdoor reading area including our all-weather outdoor reading teepee.



Sensory Garden

As part of our commitment to Health and Wellbeing, we have an all-weather Sensory Garden area. This is open to all children throughout the day and is a peaceful and tranquil area where children can sit and relax with their friends.

We also have a pond area, which is home to the protected Crested Newt.



Outdoor Spaces

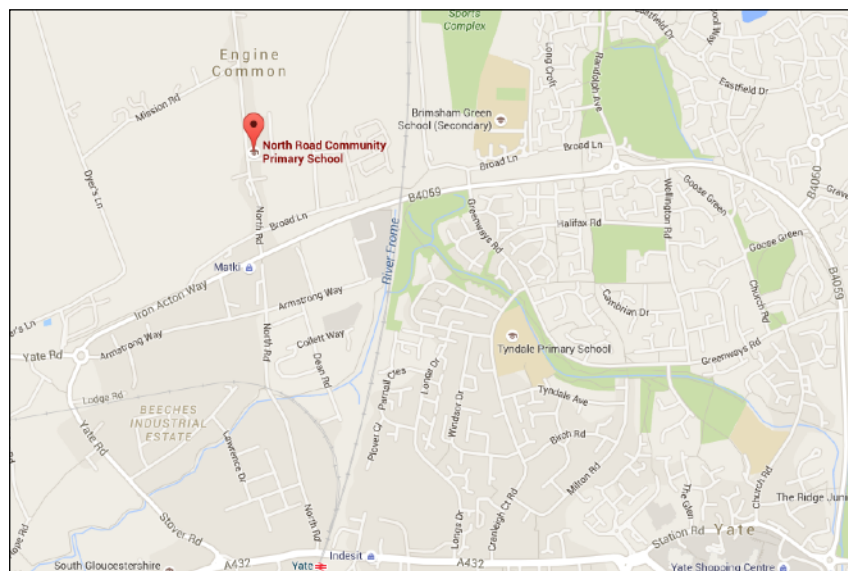
In addition to the dedicated Reception and Mars class outdoor areas, we have a whole school playground complete with playground games, climbing wall, trim trail, gazebo, reading area and seating areas. All play areas are also used as outdoor classrooms to support learning. We also have a school playing field and football pitch.



How to contact us

We pride ourselves in being an open and welcoming school and would encourage you to contact us at any time. You can contact us,

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