



Owslebury Primary School

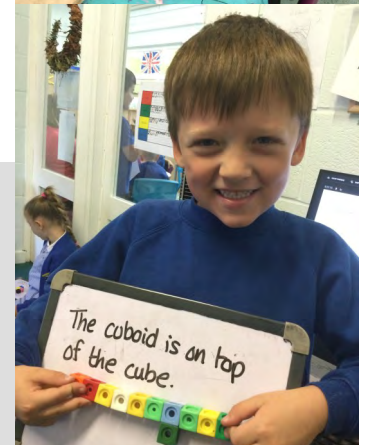
'... a small school with a big heart.'

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Nestled in the heart of rural Hampshire, just a few miles from Winchester, Colden Common and Fair Oak, Owslebury Primary School is an 105-space school for children aged 4-11, which is non-denominational and follows the National Curriculum for England.

Our vibrant, happy and caring school puts children firmly at the heart of everything we do and every member of our unique school 'family' is valued and respected.

We are proud to welcome families to our school where children can begin their learning journey.



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Headteacher's welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Owslebury Primary School, a place where belonging, nurture, and inspiration sit at the heart of everything we do. Having had the privilege of serving as Assistant Headteacher here, I already know what a special community this is, and I am truly honoured to continue our journey together as Headteacher.

At Owslebury, we believe that every child deserves to be seen, supported, and inspired to be their best. Our small, close-knit school allows us to know each pupil as an individual, providing the care, guidance, and encouragement they need to thrive. We are a community where learning is an adventure, every voice is valued, and every success is celebrated.

Our values of Respect, Nurture, Collaboration, Aspiration and Resilience underpin all that we do. They shape the way we learn, play and grow together, and they reflect the kind, inclusive and ambitious ethos that makes Owslebury such a joyful place to be. Through our broad, creative, and purposeful curriculum - enriched by our beautiful outdoor environment - we aim to develop curious, confident, and compassionate learners who take pride in themselves and their world.

We believe that education is a shared journey. The partnership between home and school is vital, and we

greatly value the support and trust of our families. Together, we create an environment where children feel safe to take risks, embrace challenge, and learn from every experience.

We believe in fostering a love for learning that will stay with our children throughout

As you explore our school through this prospectus, I hope you gain a sense of the warmth, passion, and sense of belonging that define Owslebury Primary. It is a place where children are known, nurtured, and inspired and where we achieve, together.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school and to being part of their exciting journey ahead.

Warm regards,

Lucy Chaplen BA (Hons) NPQH
Headteacher



Owslebury's Chair of Governors



Allison is a parent governor and serves as the Chair of Governors. She works in analytics for NHS England and brings a focus on data as well as 16 years' experience in team management and leadership.

Allison has been a parent at the school for a number of years and was keen to volunteer at the school to help make a difference. She very much enjoys being a part of the school alongside the children and staff.



Resilience

We love what we do and constantly strive to do even better.

We are committed individually and collectively to the relentless goal of all being the best that we can be (no matter what the journey/knock-backs).

Resilience

Aspiration

We are excited about learning.

We believe that by providing a thoughtful but precise curriculum, and through effective feedback, we are all challenged and supported in equal measure. We see this through the high levels of progress and attainment for us all. We believe that anything is possible.

Aspiration

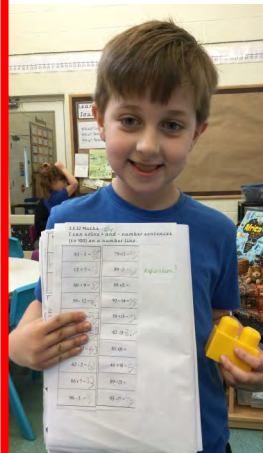
Our values

Collaboration

We are dedicated to the school and its future.

We believe that as both local and national landscapes change the role of the school will change. We work tirelessly to ensure that at every stage we provide the very best education that our community deserves.

Collaboration



By understanding and empowering each other, we are building strong foundations for successful lives.

Our values are tangible through the actions and behaviours of all of us; our children, our staff, our governors and our community.

Nurture

We feel safe, valued, confident and respected.

We believe that these are the foundations upon which effective learning can be built for us all.

Nurture

Respect

We take the time to know and value each other as individuals.

We believe that by understanding each other we can best empower, support and therefore realise our potentials. It is important to help each other understand our roles in a world which is now local, national and global.

Respect

At Owslebury Primary School, we are incredibly fortunate to have beautiful and expansive grounds that provide a rich environment for our children's learning and play. Our school is placed in the heart of the Hampshire countryside, offering a peaceful and picturesque setting that enhances the educational experience.



Nature & nurture

We understand the importance of play in a child's development, and our school grounds are designed to support both structured and imaginative play. Our playground is equipped with a variety of play structures, offering physical challenges and opportunities for collaborative play. In addition to the main playground, we have designated areas for quiet play and reflection, allowing children to enjoy a range of activities that suit their interests and needs.



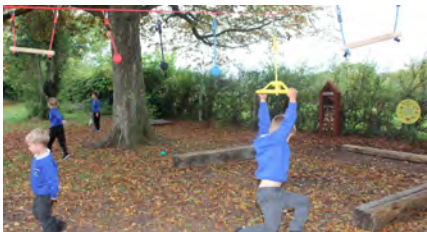
Our outdoor spaces are an extension of our classrooms, and we make the most of them throughout the year. From exploring nature to conducting science experiments and creative writing sessions, our grounds provide endless opportunities for hands-on learning and discovery. The natural environment stimulates curiosity and allows children to engage with their surroundings in a meaningful way.



The Great Outdoors



Our school garden is a source of pride for our community. Students have the opportunity to get involved in gardening projects, learning about sustainability, and the natural world. From planting flowers and vegetables to observing wildlife, the garden is a wonderful resource for hands-on learning. We also have ample green space where children can run, play sports, and enjoy the fresh air.



Our grounds are a vital part of what makes Owslebury Primary School a unique and special place to learn.

Owslebury Primary is a proud advocate of the Forest School approach, where children regularly participate in outdoor sessions that build confidence, self-esteem, and a connection with nature. These sessions take place in a wooded area within our grounds and are a highlight of our outdoor education program.



We encourage our pupils to take an active role in caring for our grounds. Through various initiatives, such as recycling projects and wildlife preservation efforts, children learn the importance of looking after the environment and taking responsibility for their surroundings.

Our grounds are a vital part of what makes Owslebury Primary School a unique and special place to learn. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing these spaces so that they continue to inspire and support the growth of our students.

Classrooms



Our classrooms are bright, spacious, and well-organised to create an optimal learning environment. Each classroom is equipped with interactive whiteboards, a wide range of educational resources, and comfortable seating arrangements that support collaborative and independent learning. We believe in fostering a stimulating environment where children feel inspired and ready to learn.

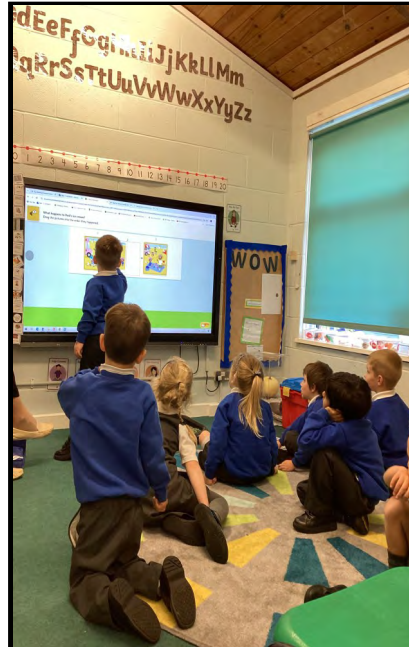


Take a closer look

Our library



Our well-stocked library is a central hub for learning and exploration. It offers a diverse collection of books that cater to all reading levels and interests, encouraging a love of reading in every child. The library is a quiet and inviting space where students can engage in research, enjoy a good book, or participate in reading activities led by our staff.



ICT equipment

Technology is an integral part of modern education, we are fully equipped with up-to-date computers and digital tools that enhance our students' learning experiences. Children are taught essential computing skills, including coding, digital literacy, and online safety, which prepare them for the future. The equipment is also used to support other areas of the curriculum, making learning more engaging and interactive.

School hall



The school hall is a versatile space used for assemblies, performances, physical education, and special events. It is equipped with audio-visual facilities, allowing us to host a variety of activities that bring our school community together. From school plays to celebrations and community events, the hall is a lively space where memories are made.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



Our youngest learners in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) have a dedicated indoor and outdoor area designed specifically for their needs.

This space includes age-appropriate resources that encourage exploration, creativity, and the development of key skills through play-based learning. The EYFS area is a nurturing environment where children can begin their educational journey with confidence and joy.



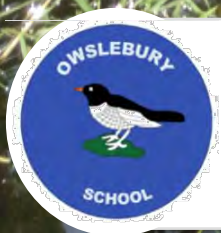
The safety of our students is our top priority. The school is equipped with secure entry systems, and all visitors are required to sign in at reception. Our facilities are designed to be accessible to all, ensuring that every child, regardless of need, can participate fully in school life.

Security & accessibility

Outdoor space

In addition to our extensive grounds, we have a range of outdoor facilities that enrich the daily experience of our students. Our sports field is used for physical education, sports events, and extracurricular activities, promoting health and fitness. The school also boasts a well-maintained playground, providing a safe and fun environment for children to play and socialise during breaks.





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Be inspired

At Owslebury Primary School, we are passionate about providing an education that inspires and empowers every child to reach their full potential. Our approach to learning is centred around a rich, engaging curriculum that not only meets the academic standards of the National Curriculum but also fosters creativity, critical thinking, and a lifelong love of learning.

A Broad and Balanced Curriculum: We believe in offering a broad and balanced curriculum that caters to the diverse needs and interests of our students. Our curriculum covers all core subjects, including English, Mathematics, and Science, as well as the foundation subjects like History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, Music, and Physical Education. In addition, we place a strong emphasis on personal, social, and health education (PSHE), ensuring that our pupils develop the skills they need to succeed in life beyond the classroom.

Personalised Learning: Every child at Owslebury Primary School is unique, and we recognise the importance of tailoring our teaching to meet the individual needs of each learner. Our dedicated staff work closely with students to understand their strengths, areas for development, and learning styles. Through differentiated



instruction and targeted support, we ensure that all children are challenged appropriately and supported to achieve their best.

Active and Engaged Learning: We believe that learning should be an active and engaging process. Our lessons are designed to be interactive, hands-on, and stimulating, encouraging students to ask questions, explore ideas, and take ownership of their learning. Whether it's through group projects, experiments, or creative arts, we strive to make learning enjoyable and meaningful for all our pupils. ▶



Developing Key Skills: In addition to academic knowledge, we focus on developing essential life skills that will serve our students well in the future. Communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and resilience are just some of the key skills we nurture through our curriculum. We also encourage independent learning, helping children to build confidence and take responsibility for their own progress.

Enrichment Opportunities: Learning at Owslebury extends beyond the classroom. We offer a range of enrichment activities that broaden our students' horizons and allow them to explore their passions. These include extracurricular clubs, school trips, and special events, which provide opportunities for children to learn in new and exciting ways. Our OWLS program is a particular highlight, where children can connect with nature and develop practical skills in an outdoor setting.

Assessment and Feedback: We believe that regular assessment and constructive feedback are vital components of effective learning. Our teachers use a variety of assessment methods to monitor progress and provide timely feedback that helps students understand their achievements and areas for improvement. Parents are also kept informed through regular reports and meetings, ensuring a strong partnership between home and school.

A Supportive Learning Environment: We are committed to creating a learning environment where every child feels safe, supported, and valued. Our small class sizes allow for close relationships between staff and pupils, and our inclusive approach ensures that all children, regardless of their abilities or backgrounds, have the opportunity to succeed.

Preparing for the Future: Our goal is to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need to succeed in the next stage of their education and beyond. We aim to develop confident, curious, and resilient learners who are prepared to face the challenges of an ever-changing world.

We are proud of the rich and varied learning experiences we offer and are dedicated to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to flourish.



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Making a difference

At Owslebury Primary School, we believe that education goes beyond the classroom. Our enrichment opportunities are designed to broaden our students' experiences, ignite their passions, and develop essential life skills. Through a variety of activities and programs, we aim to inspire creativity, build confidence, and foster a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities: We offer a wide range of extracurricular clubs that cater to the diverse interests of our pupils. Whether your child is passionate about sports, the arts, science, or technology, there is something for everyone. Our clubs, which take place before or after school and during lunchtime, provide opportunities for students to explore new hobbies, develop talents, and build friendships. Popular clubs include:

- **Sports Clubs:** Football, netball, athletics, and more, promoting teamwork, fitness, and healthy competition.
- **Creative Arts Clubs:** Art, drama, and music, where students can express themselves and develop their creative skills.
- **STEM Clubs:** Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics activities that encourage problem-solving and innovation.
- **Gardening Club:** Hands-on experience in our school garden, where students learn about sustainability and nature.

School Trips and Residential: Educational visits and residential trips are an integral part of our enrichment program. These experiences provide children with the chance to learn in new environments, build independence, and develop social skills. Our trips are carefully planned to complement the curriculum and include visits to museums, historical sites, cultural landmarks, and outdoor activity centres. Residential trips, especially for our older students, are a highlight of the school year, offering opportunities for adventure, teamwork, and personal growth. ▶





OWLS: Owslebury Primary School is proud to offer a wild learning program, where children engage in regular outdoor learning sessions. Held in our beautiful woodland area, OWLS allows students to connect with nature, develop practical skills, and build confidence through hands-on activities. From shelter building and fire lighting to exploring wildlife and learning survival skills, Forest School is a unique and memorable experience that encourages resilience, creativity, and a deep appreciation for the natural world.

Cultural and Artistic Events: We are committed to nurturing the cultural and artistic talents of our pupils. Throughout the year, students have the opportunity to participate

in a variety of performances, exhibitions, and competitions. These events, including school plays, musical performances, art displays, and poetry recitals, allow children to showcase their talents and gain confidence in front of an audience. We also invite local artists, musicians, and authors to share their expertise and inspire our students.

Community Engagement: As a village school, we place great importance

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on our role within the local community.

Our students regularly take part in community projects, charity events, and local celebrations, which help them develop a sense of responsibility and empathy. We also welcome parents and community members to share their skills and knowledge with our students, enriching the learning experience and strengthening our community ties.

Leadership and Responsibility: We encourage our students to take on leadership roles and responsibilities within the school. Through initiatives such as the School Council, Sports Crew, and House Captains, children have the opportunity to voice their opinions, lead projects, and make a positive impact on school life. These roles help develop important skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, preparing our students for future challenges.

Special Events and Theme Days: Throughout the school year, we organise special events and theme days that add excitement and variety to the school calendar. From World Book Day and Science Week to sports days and cultural celebrations, these events provide opportunities for cross-curricular learning and whole-school participation. They also foster a sense of community and fun, creating lasting memories for our students.





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Working together

At Owslebury Primary School, we firmly believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for the success and well-being of our students. We recognise that parents are the first and most important educators in a child's life, and we are committed to working closely with you to ensure that your child receives the best possible education.

Open Communication: We value open and honest communication with parents and strive to keep you informed about your child's progress and school life. Regular newsletters, emails, and updates on our school website provide you with important information about upcoming events, key dates, and school initiatives. We also use a secure online platform to share your child's achievements, homework, and other important notices, ensuring that you are always in the loop.

Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we are always keen to hear your thoughts on how we can improve our school.

Parent-Teacher Meetings: Formal parent-teacher meetings are held twice a year, providing an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress, social development, and overall well-being. These meetings are an important part of our partnership, allowing us to work together to set goals and support your child's learning journey. In addition to these scheduled meetings, our teachers are always available to meet with you at other times should you have any concerns or questions.

What our parents say...

The school is a lovely, friendly and caring little school and very inclusive. As a parent and my child we feel this school is such a fantastic school and my children have always been happy here.

The school is good at communicating with parents, and inviting parents into school to see how well they are progressing.

My child has flourished at Owslebury and I found that the school has fully supported us with any concerns we've had. I wouldn't find a better school!

All the staff are wonderful and make such a difference every day!

I personally know when I drop off that they are in a safe and caring space.

Parent Survey





What our staff say...

“The school is a lovely place to work. The team has never felt closer or stronger.”

“It’s a great place to work and one that does genuinely have a family feel about it.”

“I love the school. The staff are amazing, the children are well behaved and the parents are supportive and friendly. There is always potential for the school to improve and we should never use the fact it is a small school as a reason for it not to excel. Parents get a good deal with the class sizes. Small schools are hard work as people have so many roles and extra workload, which would normally be spread around a larger team. I feel this fact is recognised and we are fortunate to be given time to complete work. If I have any issues or worries, I always feel I can speak with either of the leadership team and they will listen and do their best to help/resolve matters.”

Parent Workshops and Information Sessions: To support your child’s learning at home, we regularly offer workshops and information sessions for parents. These sessions cover a range of topics, from understanding the curriculum and helping with homework to supporting your child’s emotional wellbeing and online safety. We believe that ensuring our parents feel supported and equipped with the right tools and knowledge, we can work together to create a consistent and supportive learning environment both at school and at home.

Volunteering and Involvement: We warmly welcome and encourage parents to get involved in school life. Whether it’s helping out in the classroom, joining us on school trips, or sharing your skills and expertise with our students, your involvement is greatly appreciated. We also have an active Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) that organises events and fundraisers, contributing to the vibrant community spirit at Owslebury.

Supporting Learning at Home: We believe that learning doesn’t stop when the school day ends. We provide guidance and resources to help you support your child’s education at home. This includes regular homework, reading activities, and access to online learning platforms. We also encourage parents to share in their child’s successes and milestones, celebrating their achievements together.

Feedback and Collaboration: Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we are always keen to hear your thoughts on how we can improve our school. We regularly seek input from parents through surveys, suggestion boxes, and informal conversations. Additionally, we hold parent forums where you can share your views and ideas directly with the school leadership team. This collaborative approach ensures that we continue to meet the needs of all our students and families.

Celebrating Success Together: We believe in celebrating the successes of our students together with their families. We regularly invite parents to school assemblies, performances, sports days, and other special events where we can all come together to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work and achievements of our children. These events are a wonderful way to strengthen the bond between home and school and to create lasting memories for our students.

Transition Support: We understand that transitions can be challenging for both children and parents. Whether your child is starting school for the first time, moving between year groups, or preparing to leave for secondary school, we are here to support you every step of the way. We provide detailed information, guidance, and emotional support to ensure that these transitions are as smooth and positive as possible for both you and your child.



Wraparound care

At Owslebury Primary School, we understand the demands of busy family life and are pleased to offer our Breakfast and After School Club services. These clubs provide a safe, welcoming, and an enjoyable environment for children outside of regular school hours, ensuring that they are well cared for while parents manage work and other commitments.

Breakfast Club: Our Breakfast Club offers a great start to the day, ensuring that children arrive at their classrooms feeling refreshed and ready to learn. The club opens at 7:30am and runs until the start of the school day. Children are served a nutritious breakfast that includes a variety of healthy options. We focus on providing balanced meals that fuel children's energy levels and concentration throughout the morning.

Before the school day begins, children can take part in a range of quiet activities or enjoy some physical exercise in our safe play areas. These activities help to stimulate their minds and bodies, setting a positive tone for the day ahead.

After School Club: Our After School Club provides a fun and engaging environment for children to relax and enjoy themselves after the school day ends. The club operates from

3:30pm until 5:30pm offering flexible pick-up times to suit parents' schedules.

We offer a wide range of activities to cater to different interests and energy levels. Children can choose from arts and crafts, games, sports, and outdoor play. There is also time allocated for homework, allowing children to complete their assignments with support from our staff if needed.

A selection of healthy snacks is provided during the session to keep children energised and satisfied.

A Safe Environment: Our clubs are run by qualified and experienced staff who are dedicated to creating a nurturing and secure environment for all children. We maintain high standards of care and ensure that all activities are supervised appropriately.

Flexible Booking Options: We understand that flexibility is key for busy families. Our clubs offer various booking options to accommodate different needs. Bookings can be made in advance, and we strive to be as accommodating as possible.

For more information contact:
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How to apply

Thank you for considering Owslebury Primary School for your child's education. We are delighted that you are interested in joining our school community, and we look forward to guiding you through the application process. Below, you will find all the information you need to apply for a place at our school.

Visit Our School: We encourage all prospective parents and children to visit Owslebury Primary School to experience our vibrant and nurturing environment first-hand. During your visit, you will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet our dedicated staff, and ask any questions you may have.

Check Admission Criteria: Owslebury Primary School follows the admission policies set by Hampshire County Council. It is important to familiarise yourself with the admission criteria, which include factors such as catchment area, sibling attendance, and proximity to the school. Detailed information about our admission criteria can be found on our school's website.

Complete the Application Form: For children starting school in Reception, applications are made through Hampshire County Council's online application system. The application window typically opens in November and closes in January for the following September intake. To apply, please visit the Hampshire County Council website and complete the online application form within the specified timeframe.

If you are applying for a place outside the normal admission round, such as an in-year transfer, please contact the school directly to discuss availability and the application process. Our staff will guide you through the necessary steps and provide the relevant forms.

Accepting Your Place: Once you receive an offer of a place at Owslebury Primary School, you will need to accept the offer by the deadline specified in the offer

letter. This is usually done online through the Hampshire County Council website. If you decide not to accept the place, please inform both the council and the school as soon as possible, so that the place can be offered to another child.

Important Dates:

Application Deadline: Ensure your application is submitted by the deadline, usually in January, to be considered for a place in the upcoming academic year.

National Offer Day: You will be notified of the outcome of your application on National Offer Day, which typically falls in April. Offers will be communicated via email or letter from Hampshire County Council.

Appeals Process: If your application is unsuccessful, you have the right to appeal the decision. Information about the appeals process will be provided with your offer letter. Appeals are managed by Hampshire County Council and involve presenting your case to an independent panel.

Preparing for School: Once your child's place is confirmed, we will be in touch to provide you with all the necessary information to help your child transition smoothly to Owslebury Primary School. This includes details about our welcome events, induction sessions, and key dates leading up to the start of the school year.

Contact Us: If you have any questions or need further assistance with your application, contact our school office. We are here to help and ensure that the application process is as smooth as possible for you and your child.

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