



Newlands Primary School Prospectus



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WELCOME TO NEWLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



I am delighted to welcome you to Newlands Primary School and know that your child will be very happy here. We are a small community school that strives to maintain a family atmosphere where children feel safe and secure. The staff at Newlands are extremely caring and supportive and will find the way in which your child learns best and nurture them. We really look forward to getting to know your child and working with you over the years ahead. This prospectus may help to address some of your queries, but please do not hesitate to contact any one of us to ask questions or gather information to help you and your family settle into the school.

Miss C. Shephard
HEAD TEACHER



OUR VISION

At Newlands, our school is built on belonging, where everyone is accepted for who they are and welcomed, where children feel safe and part of our community. This belonging gives the children the strong roots they need to begin their learning journey with us. Throughout their time with us, the children grow and learn, becoming stronger and taller just like the trunk of the tree. Learning is not always easy and, just like the twists and bends in this trunk, there are challenges to overcome, but through our shared belonging community and core values we support each other through this journey.

The foliage of the tree represents the future and our children flourishing both academically and emotionally because of the strong foundations they have built during their time with us. Our core values, Kindness, Respect, Safety, Responsibility, Resilience and Teamwork are embedded in all areas of the curriculum and our day-to-day practice, coming together to support our vision.

Together we belong, together we grow,
together we achieve.



Our Aims and Values

OUR AIMS

- To provide a happy, caring, secure environment within which children may feel safe and confidently develop their full potential.
- To encourage enjoyment in all aspects of learning and to develop the motivation and enthusiasm to work independently and co-operatively.
- Develop an awareness of self and a sensitivity towards others and the environment.
- Provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum
- Enable children to build firm foundations in the skills of reading, writing, speaking, listening, numeracy and the use of relevant information technology, which are the tools for all other learning.



OUR VALUES

The children, staff, parents and governors worked together to develop our key values. These are embedded across all aspects of school life. They guide us in the behaviours that help make Newlands a happy, successful, learning community.



Our School



Newlands Primary School is located in the North East of Hampshire and is only a few miles from both the Surrey and Berkshire borders. It is situated in a pleasant residential area, within easy reach of the M3 Motorway Junction 4A.

The school was built to a Swedish open plan design in 1980 and won several architectural awards. Since it opened, it has been extended in the same style to provide seven classrooms. A central atrium joins the two areas and houses the library.

We are very fortunate that the school site is located amongst a beautiful wooded setting which really enhances the learning opportunities available for the children.

The school building is well maintained and provides an attractive, welcoming environment that is both educationally stimulating and aesthetically pleasing.

The reception and infant classes have direct access to their own small playground. The main playground and field, which contains adventure play equipment, are located at the rear of the site.

The school has its own kitchen from which contract staff provide midday meals with a varied and healthy three-week menu. Reception and KS1 children benefit from receiving a 'free' school meal every day.

Newlands Primary School is a school where pupils thrive in a positive atmosphere that contributes outstandingly to their personal, social and emotional development and enables them to attain above average standards by the time they leave.

We want ALL children to have a safe and caring environment in which to learn, where children follow the school rules and uphold the school values.

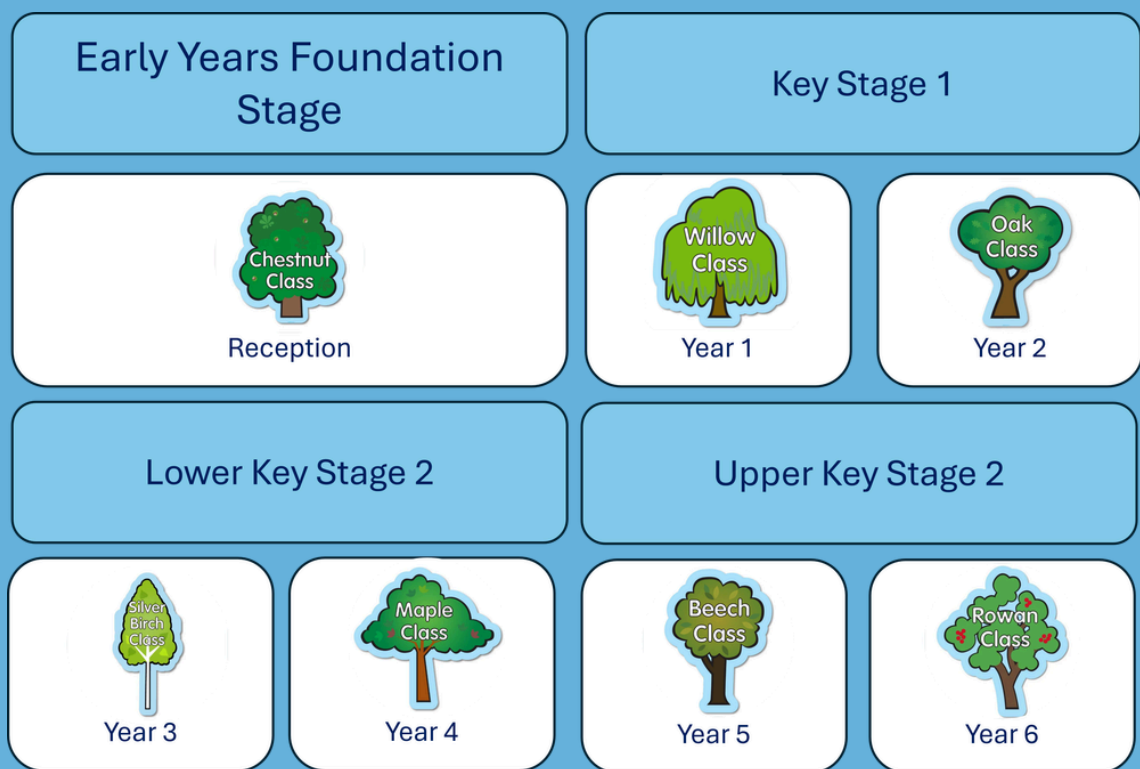
Pupils and their parents tell us that they feel safe, happy and confident and that they are well prepared for the future.



School Organisation

The School is organised into four phases of learning. There is one class in each year group making seven classes in total. The classes in the school are named after different trees.

Children are organised in mixed ability classes and are supported by the class teacher and a range of teaching assistants.



The School Day

Children filter into school via the gates between 8.30am and 8.45am. Members of the school team welcome children onto the school site. The gates close at 8:45 and all children are expected to be in their classrooms by this time. The school day finishes at 3:10pm



Our Curriculum



At Newlands Primary School, we are passionate about providing an education which grows the whole child, encompassing balance and breadth across all areas of learning and life.

Our whole school curriculum is bound together by our British Values and school values, on which we place so much emphasis and which make us a positive, successful community of learners.

We ensure our curriculum is purposeful and relevant for our children by building on their experiences and interests and embedding learning in real life contexts. As our children move up through the school they experience progression in both skills and knowledge across all curriculum areas.

Our curriculum is designed specifically for the needs of our children and teachers have freedom and flexibility in planning in order to be able to personalise the learning for the children within their classes. Learning hooks and experiences are used to engage and inspire learners exploring aspects of the curriculum in greater depth.

We provide many varied opportunities for all children, irrespective of their need or interest, and celebrate excellence in all subject areas.



English

English skills including speaking and listening (oracy), phonics, reading and writing are taught in daily English lessons. Opportunities to develop key English skills are also embedded.



Computing

The use of technology, including PCs, laptops, and iPads is an essential part of Newlands's curriculum. Children develop the skills of programming, the use of multimedia, emailing and safe use of the internet



Science

Investigation and discovery are the central aspect to science development in primary school. Children develop an introductory knowledge to biology, physics and chemistry and learn how to design experiments and hypothesise.



Art, Design and Technology

Children will learn creative skills, to design, make and evaluate in a wide range of media. They will learn about materials, textiles and artists from across the ages.



History & Geography

Humanities are taught across the school with a focus on understanding the similarities and contrasts between the past and present, places around their world and their characteristics.



Religious Education

Children are given experiences which are intended to develop respect and understanding for the importance of belief in human life, encourage



awareness of moral issues and allow for exploration of Christianity and the other principle religions.

Maths

The basic skills are taught in daily Maths lessons. A range of physical resources are used to support the development of skills and then to apply these to solve problems with reasoning.



Physical Education

All children take part in two hours of physical education every week. Children learn gymnastics, sports including hockey, football, tag rugby, netball, dance and athletics. In year 5 children have a term of swimming lessons.



Personal, Social, Health, Relationships and Citizenship Education



This aspect of the curriculum addresses equality, inclusion and tolerance. It helps children to understand emotions, how to interact, respond and interact with others.

Music

Children learn to express themselves, improvise and compose as well as some simple techniques and forms.



Modern Foreign Languages

Newlands focuses on teaching French to children in KS2. Children learn structured approaches to developing their understanding of language both in oral and written forms.



Enhancement Experiences

Experience days and trips are used to inspire and engage children and help them make connections in their learning.



The Early Years Foundation Stage

Children in Reception follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, which consists of three prime areas; Communication & Language, Physical Development, and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We also support the children in four specific areas, which include essential skills and knowledge for our youngest children, and through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied. The specifics are; English, Maths, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts & Design.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Children develop their communication skills through speaking and listening, phonics, reading and writing. They are provided with a vast range of rich opportunities to develop these skills through play where their progress is closely tracked and scaffolded.

Mathematics

Early mathematical experiences are through practical activities, rhymes, stories, counting games and songs. These include aspects such as weight, length, position, shape as well as number and calculation.

Physical Development

Children develop physical control and coordination through the use of climbing equipment and small apparatus such as balls, bean bags and hoops. They develop their fine motor skills by using scissors and tweezers. They also learn about being healthy and safe.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children learn to express their thoughts and feelings in a creative way. They explore the different role play areas, respond imaginatively to music and make many wonderful creations in 2 and 3 dimensions.

Understanding the World

In this area children are encouraged to explore their immediate environment and find out about the world around them. They have opportunities to use scientific apparatus such as magnets, magnifying glasses and technology such as programmable toys. Children find out more about other cultures and beliefs by celebrating a range of festivals such as the Chinese New Year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children learn to co-operate with others, to share and take turns. They also develop their self-confidence and become independent at the same time, developing personal values through an understanding of right and wrong and awareness of the needs of others.



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Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities depend upon the interest, time and goodwill of the staff and parents involved. Recent clubs offered have included choir, football, netball, Lego, street dance, gymnastics, craft and a multi-sports club. We have a long-standing judo club that runs a weekly pre-school session.

Collective Worship

Each school day has an act of collective worship where the children may meet as a whole school, key stage or year group. Acts of collective worship may explore festivals, celebrations, morals, cultures other than those that are Christian based and other traditions. They also celebrate the children's own achievements. Children sing together to build bonds of community, promote empathy and sensitivity and engender pride in being part of the Newlands Primary School Team.

FONDS

FONDS (Friends of Newlands School) is a friendly and thriving organisation which contributes fully to school life by organising wonderful school events, including discos, fayres and quiz nights in order to raise money for the benefit of the children.

All parents are welcome to come and get involved.



Home Learning

To support the curriculum, each term you will be sent ideas for activities that you could do at home to support your child's learning.

We expect that all children in our school will share books with adults and read at home regularly. In addition to this, children in Years 1 to 6 will receive a home learning grid of activities to complete each half term.

Praise

We publicly celebrate good work, attitudes and behaviour. Every opportunity is taken to ensure children receive praise and recognition, which includes regularly sending the children to celebrate with another member of staff, often a leader in the school. We particularly emphasise children who demonstrate our values and learning habits. On Fridays we hold a celebration assembly where stars of the week from each class are announced and celebrated.



Safeguarding

Newlands Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all staff and volunteers to be aware of and share this commitment.

Regular training sessions are held for staff and adults working in school to maintain this awareness.

We have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place and all staff, volunteers and governors are aware of these procedures. Our policies are available for parents to read on our website.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in our school are:

Cathy Shephard – Headteacher

Samantha da Silva – SENDCo

Michelle Wilson – Curriculum Lead

Laura Harris – English Lead

Special Educational Needs

Newlands Primary School is an inclusive learning environment. Our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) assists our class teachers in identifying and assessing specific needs. If necessary teachers will draw up Individual Education Plans and may arrange for additional assessments and extra support teaching. Parents are kept fully informed of their child's progress and are invited to attend appropriate meetings.

Wraparound Care

Newlands Primary School operates its own wraparound care using regular school staff. If you are interested in this facility please make contact with the school office when you are offered a place at the school.

Breakfast Club:

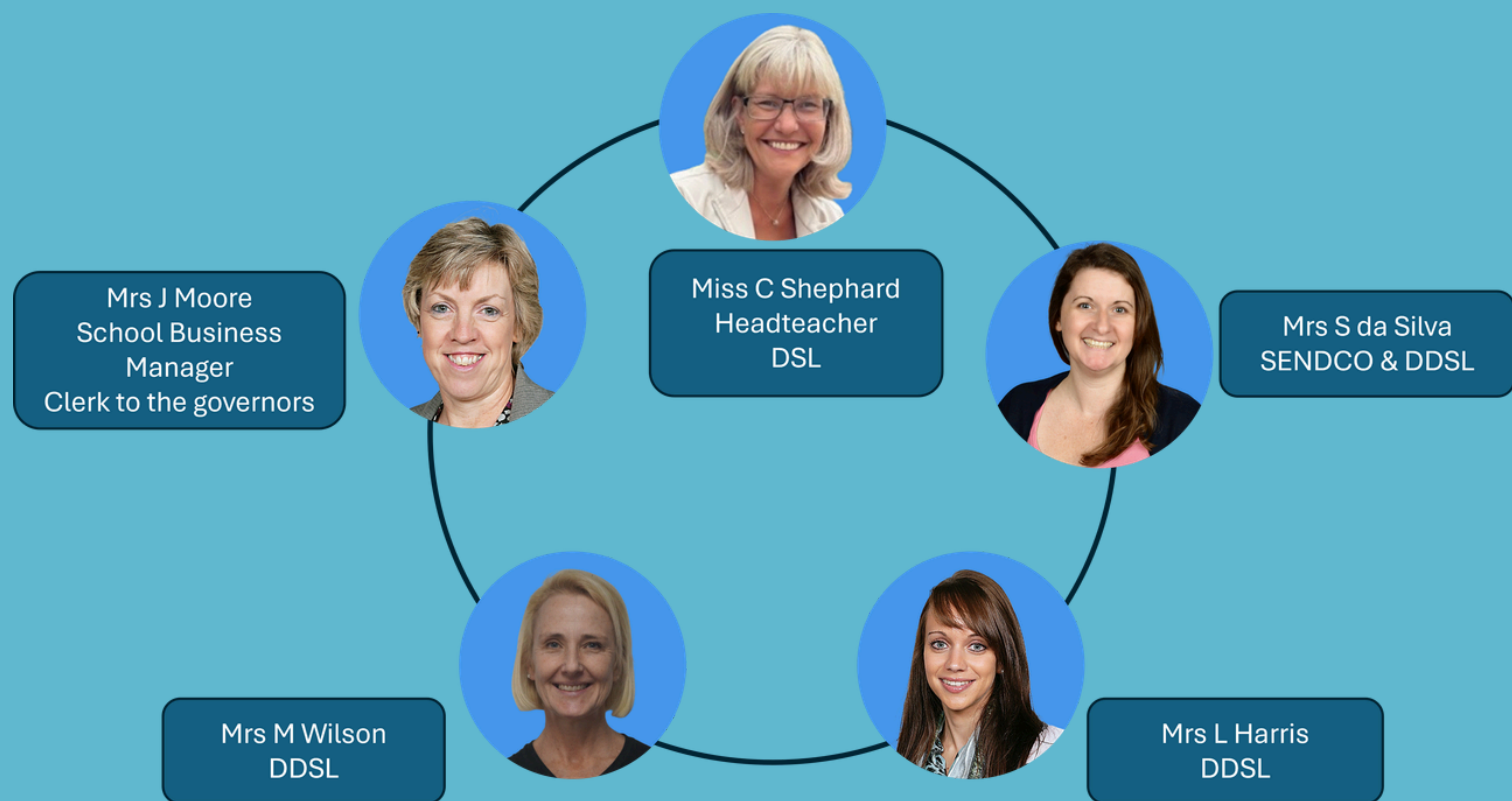
07:45–08:30 Monday–Friday

After School Club:

15:15–18:00 Monday–Thursday



School Leadership Team



The School Governors

The Governing Body oversees the work of the school and acts as a 'critical friend' to ensure that the school continues to make good progress. Being a Governor requires commitment and time but the work is kept in perspective and meetings and working parties are conducted in a good positive spirit. There are sometimes vacancies and if you would be interested in serving, please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher or the Clerk to the Governors. All Governors are elected to serve a four-year term.

Meet our Governors:

Miss Cathy Shephard Headteacher/Staff Governor
Mr Callum Whittern Chair of Governors/Co-opted Governor
Mr Rob Sales Vice-Chair of Governors/Authority Governor
Mrs Emma Mitchell Parent Governor
Mrs Jessica Shipton Parent Governor
Mrs Jo Wilson Co-opted Governor
Mr Luke Joslin Co-opted Governor
Mrs Michelle Wilson Staff Governor