



**Welcome to
ANN EDWARDS
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

'Learning and achieving together in a caring community'



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Head Teacher's Welcome

Dear Parents,

I am delighted that you are choosing to read the prospectus for our amazing, vibrant and child-centred school. Ann Edwards Church of England Primary School is an innovative, exciting and nurturing Voluntary Controlled Church of England School that caters for boys and girls aged 4 to 11. We currently have around 240 children on roll taught in nine classes.

Our children benefit from a highly dedicated staff who adapt our broad and balanced curriculum to meet their individual needs. As well as consistently strong teaching in daily English and Maths lessons, our school has a strong reputation for music and sports, including water sports for our older children. We place a strong emphasis on our pupils' emotional and mental wellbeing and support this through whole-school and whole-class activities as well as group and individual nurture support as required.

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum, which is built on a spine of quality, engaging texts. Books can take our children to any place, in any time, allowing them to step into other people's shoes and to learn how different life can be. We also emphasise reading for enjoyment, supported by everything from the attitude of our staff, the books on offer, our daily teaching and our amazing reading bus.

We have a modern, well-equipped building set in pleasant landscaped grounds. We maintain strong links with our local communities and also with the local church. Our Christian ethos provides a spiritual and moral contents that helps children to continue to grow as caring, reflective people.

The village of South Cerney is situated in the Cotswold Water Park, three and a half miles south of Cirencester, very close to the Wiltshire border. It takes its name from the River Churn that flows through the centre of the village, with a mill stream running parallel to it. It is said to be the largest village in Gloucestershire and has many facilities and activities of interest to children and families.

Children come to our school from South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Somerford Keynes, and other neighbouring villages. We also take children from the 29th Logistics Squadron and the Four Acres travellers' site. Our main feeder playgroups are [South Cerney Playgroup](#) and the Duke of Gloucester Barracks.



Mr Ian Moore
Headteacher



GOVERNORS

School governors have responsibility for the overall management of the school, acting within the framework set by national legislation and by the policies of the Local Education Authority. The role of Foundation Governors is to ensure that the Christian ethos of the school is maintained and creatively developed. The parent governors are elected by parents of children attending the school and normally serve for four years unless their child leaves the school before their term has ended. The full Governing Body usually meets formally twice each term. Guidance on becoming a governor and the work they do is available in school.

PTA

We are very lucky to have an active PTA at our school. The PTA run many fundraising events through the school year, including a Cinema Night, Christmas Fayre and school discos. Each event can raise hundreds of pounds, all of which goes directly back to into supporting the school in various ways. Meetings are usually held once a month at a venue in the village and people can volunteer as little or as much as they want. If you are interested in joining our PTA, please contact the school office.

OUR SCHOOL VISION

To create a happy, welcoming and effective school with a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum in which every person can become a thinking, active and responsive member of society whilst developing their abilities and talents to the full. We believe that the whole curriculum should reflect the nature of the diverse society in which we live and contribute to the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of each child.

To demonstrate a commitment to Christian beliefs and values which are reflected in the daily life and ethos of the school and in the importance we place on the act of collective worship as a means of promoting Christian values. In our school, people will treat each other with respect, loyalty, trust, honesty and compassion.

To create a 'can do' culture in which everyone, children and adults, wants to be involved in learning, is inspired to 'have a go', is motivated to aim for high standards and achieve their best. We believe that school must be an exciting, challenging place where every person feels empowered and fulfilled.

All parents will be fully involved in working in partnership with the school to ensure that children are happy, confident and able to achieve their best. Governors will be fully engaged in promoting the interests of the pupils and the school. Through teamwork and co-operation, we will achieve our aims.





OUR SCHOOL AIMS

- ❖ Encouraging and motivating all pupils to develop a desire to learn and an enthusiasm to come to school.
- ❖ Encouraging pupils to be involved in their learning and to strive for high standards in all aspects of the curriculum.
- ❖ Having high expectations of all pupils and acknowledging their efforts and successes.
- ❖ Providing a stimulating, orderly and secure environment, that promotes purposeful learning and equal opportunities for all pupils.
- ❖ Encouraging all pupils and staff to appreciate and value each other and to take pride in their own and others' achievements.
- ❖ Developing in pupils a sense of confidence and self-worth; respect for other people, for property and the environment.
- ❖ Developing social awareness, teamwork and good interpersonal skills.
- ❖ Establishing productive relationships with parents where effective communication promotes a partnership for learning.
- ❖ Providing a daily act of worship to allow pupils to reflect on the Christian values promoted by the school.

WHAT WE WEAR

We encourage all children to wear school uniform to help them to feel part of our school and to be appropriately dressed for the school day. To help parents, our uniform is kept as simple as possible and reasonably priced. School uniform is available from D & J Sports in Cricklade Street, Cirencester (telephone 01285 652227) or from PMG School wear (online at www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk). Please note: No jewellery, make up, nail varnish or hair dye is allowed in school at any time.

In the winter -

- black or grey skirt (medium length), pinafore dress or trousers (no jeans)
- yellow polo shirt
- black sweatshirt with school crest or
- black cardigan
- sensible shoes (black or navy) – no high heels or trainers

In addition, during the summer -

- Gingham yellow and white dress
- black or grey short trousers (not PE kit)
- No open toe sandals

PE/ Games -

- yellow t-shirt with school sport logo
- black shorts
- plimsolls (daps), or trainers for outdoors
- black or dark blue tracksuit
- Trainers for the daily mile



SCHOOL TIMES

Morning Registration is at 8.50am – children arriving after this time will be marked as late in the register.

If your child is going to be late to school due to an appointment, please call our school office so that we can let your child's teacher know. Please contact the school office to let them know if your child cannot attend school for any reason. It is important that we know why your child cannot attend school as every child should be in school unless there is a valid reason not to be (this could be a medical appointment or illness). We aim to help each family achieve a high level of attendance and work closely with families to achieve this. Our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Jones and our School Office team are available to support families whose attendance may be below 90%. Please see our Attendance Policy on our website for further details on attendance and how it is monitored within school.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

At Ann Edwards Primary School we have a responsibility to ensure that the children with whom we are in contact are protected from harm. The protection and welfare of the child is the paramount consideration in all actions taken by all members of staff. Our Safeguarding Team consist of Mr Moore (Head Teacher), Miss Lund (Deputy Head Teacher and Year 2 Teacher), Miss Sheldon (SENCO and Year 4 Teacher and Mrs Jones (TA, Family Liaison and Nurture Officer). Further details regarding Safeguarding can be found on our website or by contacting the school office.

HOW ANN EDWARDS EXPRESSES ITSELF AS A CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

We are deeply committed to Christian beliefs and values at Ann Edwards Primary School. Collective worship provides opportunities for pupils to share what is meaningful and significant to them as well as giving time for reflection and celebration. We have a close connection with the All Hallows Church community and enjoy its support and encouragement. Reverend McKenzie regularly leads collective worship in school and we visit All Hallows as a whole school to worship at Christmas, Easter and for our Year 6 Leavers service. We make reference to spiritual and moral aspects of pupils learning across the curriculum whenever the opportunity presents itself. We enrich the children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development through regularly supporting local, national and global charities.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHURCH SCHOOL

- Meaningful daily worship
- Quality religious education
- Distinctively Christian ethos
- The distinctive identity of a church school is enhanced by its relationships with a parish church
- The relationship with the local vicar and other members of the church are a welcome and familiar presence, respecting and supporting the teachers, while the school seeks to involve itself in worship in the church from time to time.

SIAMS INSPECTION

The SIAMS inspection focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish. The inspection focuses on the following seven strands:

- Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills
- Vision and Leadership
- Character Development
- Community and Living Well Together
- Dignity and Respect
- The impact of collective worship
- The effectiveness of religious education



We are very pleased to report our last inspection in 2016 was 'Good'. Please follow the link to see the whole report. http://www.annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/SIAMS/SIAMS_Report.pdf

THE HISTORY OF ANN EDWARDS SCHOOL

Newcomers to the area frequently ask about the origin of the name of our school, which was only adopted when the buildings were located on the present site in 1970.

Mrs Ann Edwards lived in South Cerney and was actively involved in education in the early 1800's. She was the wife of the village curate and ran a dame school. When her husband unexpectedly came into money, she endowed the first school building which was opened in 1820. It was a Church of England Foundation School and we know from early records, that there were 29 pupils in 1867. The colours of the Coat of Arms of Ann Edwards - black and gold - have been adopted as the colours of our school uniform in memory of the founder.

The original building still stands in School Lane; it was used as a school until 1972 when it was outgrown and children moved to buildings on our present site. These were demolished in 1990, having been replaced by a modern, purpose-built school.

NURTURE AND FAMILY LIAISON

Mrs Jones provides help and support to families through difficult moments. She has links with a variety of support agencies as well as the Early Help Team at GCC who can provide specialist help to families when needed. All enquires are dealt with in the strictest of confidence. Our aim is to support parents so that they can feel empowered and are able to cope with challenging situations.

Mrs Jones also provides a link with the Service community. She is in regular contact with both the Welfare Team and Service Parents. When a parent is deployed Mrs Jones provides support to the children and she also provides nurture support with pupil transitions between schools and different countries. Parents can contact Mrs Jones to inform her of dates when their family maybe moving. If the move is abroad then Mrs Jones will ensure that the EOS Form is completed and sent to the new school. Mrs Jones can be contacted via the school office, at the school gate and also via email at Jjones@annedwardsprimary.co.uk

Nurture Groups

Mrs Jones also runs nurture sessions for some of our pupils. The sessions take place in a special room called The Nurture Nest. Children come to the Nurture Nest in small groups or have individual one to one sessions depending on the need. Some of the areas that children can be supported in are emotions, friendship skills, social skills and traumatic events such as bereavement. We have found this support very valuable and it has provided the extra support some of our pupils need during the academic year.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

At Ann Edwards educational visits are very much a part of school life. The teachers and staff spend a lot of time trying to find the most stimulating and cost effective trips to help enhance the learning of all the children in the school. In years 4 & 6, pupils at Ann Edwards are offered the opportunity to attend residential trips which give them an invaluable experience of independence and being away from home for the first time. In Year 4 our pupils travel to Braeside Education Centre in Devizes Wiltshire for two nights and in Year 6 they travel further afield for four nights, with trips in recent years taking place in Devon and Wales. These trips are very well attended and the children have the richest of experiences and stories to tell on their return.



School trips and day trips are always costed by teaching and administration staff to get the best possible value for our parents and pupils. A voluntary contribution is asked for most trips to meet the cost of coaches, entrance fees, etc. Day trips only go ahead if the cost has been met by at least 90% contributions by parents and carers.

In some circumstances assistance can be made by the school to help with the cost of these trips and we ask that you contact the school office if you have difficulty in paying for a trip. Further details regarding our Charging Policy can be

found on our website or a paper copy can be obtained from the school office.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

During the year a range of clubs is offered at lunch-times and after school. Some clubs are run internally by teaching and non-teaching staff and others are run externally by sub-contractors coming into the school. There is always a wide and varied range on offer; Gardening, Choir, Football, Water Sports and many more.

MUSIC LESSONS

We are also very lucky in that external music teachers offer a variety of lessons within school. Currently we offer Guitar and Drumming lessons. Please note that all music lessons are charged for by the provider.

SWIMMING

As swimming is part of the National Curriculum when children reach Year 3 they attend weekly lessons at a local Leisure Centre. Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution to meet the cost of transport to and from the swimming pool.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Here at Ann Edwards we are fortunate enough to have the 'Chil-Zone'; our wrap around provision for parents who need extra childcare due to work and other commitments. Breakfast clubs starts at 8am each morning and runs until registration at 8.50am. The cost of this is £2.50. After school club runs Monday to Thursday 3pm – 6pm and Fridays from 3pm – 5pm. The cost for a one-hour session is £5.50 and the full session time is £9 or £8 on a Friday. Both of these clubs do need to be pre booked and spaces are limited. Please contact the school office to obtain a booking form and for more information.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Bus services are available to transport children who live on the Duke of Gloucester army base or in some neighbouring villages to South Cerney. Parents may be eligible to apply to Shire Hall for a yearly bus pass for their child, depending on age and distance from home to school. Please visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk to apply for a bus pass. We are very lucky to have a bus monitor who takes a bus register each day and escorts the children to and from the bus to ensure all children are safely on board.



FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School is a place for outdoor learning which enables children to gain new skills and become engaged with nature, learning through a practical and hands-on method of exploration while having fun together.

The outdoor environment can provide unique experiences, opportunities and resources for teaching and learning in a safe and supervised environment. Forest School learning uses a holistic approach that encourages the development of the whole child and celebrates children's individuality, boosting self-confidence and self-esteem.

Social and emotional skills are also developed in this nurturing setting, alongside opportunities for children to be reflective on their learning. Long term, regular sessions with a trained Forest teacher, provide children with fun, hands-on inspirational activities that engage them with the natural surroundings of our wooded area.

At Ann Edwards School we are lucky enough to have an extensive Forest School area within the school grounds including a fire pit area where we cook seasonal foods and warm ourselves up on colder days; a large mud kitchen which the children love to play in; willow structures, pallet hideaways and plenty of natural loose objects used to make dens. The area has a wide range of trees for the children to enjoy during their time in Forest School, providing opportunities to learn about the changing seasons and tree identification, progress their practical skills such as whittling hazel and willow sticks, learning knot-tying in creating shelters, as well as providing lots of fun when we play hide and seek!



Children across the whole school enjoy regular Forest School time throughout the year, come rain or shine. They take part in a variety of activities linked with the Early Years Foundation Stage and National Curriculum as well as building their practical skills and knowledge of the natural world in this relaxed environment. Having fun in Forest School whatever the weather helps to encourage children to enjoy positive experiences on even the wettest days, building their resilience and independence in getting themselves dressed in all seasons, as well as enjoyed the calmness the woodland brings on sunny days. This helps to develop the whole child as they make lasting memories in their time at school.



We have two Forest School Level 3 trained practitioners at Ann Edwards who run the sessions: Miss Lund (Deputy Head and Year 2 Teacher) and Mrs Horne (Teaching Assistant). They plan and lead the sessions held in our Forest School across all year groups, bringing their expertise and enthusiasm for outdoor learning for all the children to enjoy.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Since September 2014, all Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children have been entitled to a free school meal, as per the 'Universal Free School Meals for Key Stage 1' directive. School lunch for KS2 children costs £2.36 per day. All our meals are cooked on site and are provided by Caterlink. Each week children are offered a variety of wholesome food including a meat and vegetarian option each day as well as a jacket potato and filling each day. The main is followed by a dessert and there is always fresh fruit, bread and water to accompany their meals. Parents who believe they are entitled to free school meals can obtain further information from the school office who will be happy to assist. School funding is based on numbers of FSM children and parents are encouraged to register to see if they qualify. <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transportand-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> We do advise choosing a balanced healthy lunch box to help children get through the afternoon at school! Suggestions for healthier lunch boxes and snacks can be found using the following link <http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>



EMERGENCY CLOSURES

On rare occasions it is necessary to close the school due to adverse weather conditions or failure of essential services to the school. Parents will be informed by text in this situation as well as via the school website. Always assume school is open unless otherwise informed.

MEDICINES & APPOINTMENTS

At Ann Edwards we try to encourage all non-urgent medical and dental appointments to be made outside of school time but do understand that sometimes this is unavoidable. Please do let the school office and teaching staff know if you need to take your child out of school.

ILLNESS

If your child is unwell please keep them home from school; this ensures that illness is not spread and can be contained at home. If your child has any bout of sickness or diarrhoea then please keep them at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. If your child is absent from school please call the office on 01285 860335 before 9.30am to inform us.

PARKING AT ANN EDWARDS

Here at Ann Edwards safety is always top of the agenda. We do ask that parents and visitors of the school do use designated parking areas only. There is a large visitor car park situated to the right of the main entrance. We do ask that you use this one rather than parking by the local residents garages Please can we ask that you do not park on the yellow zig zags outside of school. We thank our parents and visitors for keeping all of our pupils safe.

CONTACT WITH PARENTS

To enable children to reach their full potential here at Ann Edwards we enjoy good relationships with our parents and parent's evenings are a regular and highly beneficial part of school life that we encourage all parents to attend. Should you need to speak to a member of staff at any other time regarding your child then please contact the school office who will be more than happy to assist. Teachers are familiar faces on the school playground also for more informal questions at the beginning and end of the school day. For longer appointments please arrange this with the class teacher or via the school office.

HOLIDAYS

Holidays are not permitted during term time and cannot be authorised by the Head Teacher unless there are exceptional circumstances for travel. Please obtain a form from the school office before you travel and complete and return.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023

TERM 1	Monday 5 th September to Friday 21 st October
TERM 2	Monday 31 st October to Friday 16 ^h December 1.30PM FINISH
TERM 3	Tuesday 3 rd January to Friday 17 th February
TERM 4	Monday 27 th February to Friday 31 st March 1.30PM FINISH
TERM 5	Monday 17 th April to Friday 26 th May
TERM 6	Monday 5 th June to Tuesday 25 th July 1.30PM FINISH

INSET DAYS

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Tuesday 6th September 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Monday 5th June 2023



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