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St Nicholas Priory

Church of England VA Primary School

Teachers ensure that lesson time is very productive. The energy and excitement of teachers are an inspiration for pupils.

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Welcome.



A warm welcome to our vibrant, happy and successful school. All of the staff at St Nicholas Priory Primary School are caring, experienced and committed to meeting the individual needs of every child, and to creating a secure and enriching environment.

We believe that it is important to raise every child's aspirations, and to provide the opportunities for them to experience success, develop their skills, and broaden their horizons.

As a Church of England school, we aim to provide not just high academic standards, but to develop and nurture every child, meeting their spiritual, moral, social and cultural needs.

That Christian ethos means that we have a real and deep concern for every individual, helping them to be part of the school community which encourages high standards in an environment where every child is nurtured and valued.

I warmly invite you to come and see our school for yourself, and look forward to welcoming your child into the Priory family.

Maria Grimmer
Headteacher

Our school

We aim to develop our children as independent learners, equipping them with academic and social skills based on their individual needs, and ensuring that they move on from us to high school with high aspirations and broad horizons.

We have two classes in each year group, with just over 400 pupils on the role. We have more than 20 teaching staff, including the Head Teacher, and we also have a high ratio of qualified teaching assistants and Higher Learning Teaching Assistants for additional support.

The school has a well-equipped classroom for computing, as well as an excellent library. Although we do not have our own

playing field, we are able to use local sports facilities, such as the Wellesley Sports Ground for athletics and a local swimming pool.

Our three playgrounds are marked out for games and activities, and the main playground recently has AstroTurf installed, giving an all-weather surface with incorporated markings for football, netball and hockey.

Supporting families

We believe that education is a shared responsibility, and that children do best when we work together. We encourage families to view themselves as an integral part of their child's education. As part of this, we have dedicated staff members providing Family Support, Mental Health Support, and Attendance Support.

A Good school

In May 2018 we were recognised as 'Good' in the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection, and in March 2019 we were rated as 'Good' across all areas following an Ofsted inspection.

Children are well-behaved, maintain good levels of concentration and listen to each other. They are kind to one another, take turns and share the equipment well.

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The curriculum, including additional activities, provides pupils with a broad range of learning experiences that enable them to enjoy school.

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Bringing learning to life.

From Reception right through to Year 6, we offer a rich and exciting educational experience aimed at allowing our children to be the best they can be so that they can fulfil their aspirations and their potential.

We endeavour for all children to become motivated, ambitious life-long learners. We do this by providing an enriched, meaningful and challenging curriculum through project-based learning. Our termly projects provide learners with real-world outcomes to encourage problem-solving, self-reflection and a desire to innovate.

In every lesson staff teach and set activities at different levels so that children of all abilities can enjoy and make progress in their learning – progress which is monitored each day by teachers and teaching assistants.

Children may receive additional support within the class or in a small group taught

by an adult outside the classroom if they are not making the expected progress. Equally, each classroom has a wide range of enrichment and extension activities to challenge and stretch more able learners.

Priory Citizens

Classes in Years 3 to 6 each have two Priory Citizens who help develop aspects of teaching and learning. These are pupils who are trained to help their fellow students by promoting learning throughout the school. We also have Science and Religious Education representatives in school, who take part in special events.

Enabling children to flourish

We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, including dance, sewing, art, chess, performing arts and a variety of sports such as football, hockey, dodgeball and basketball.

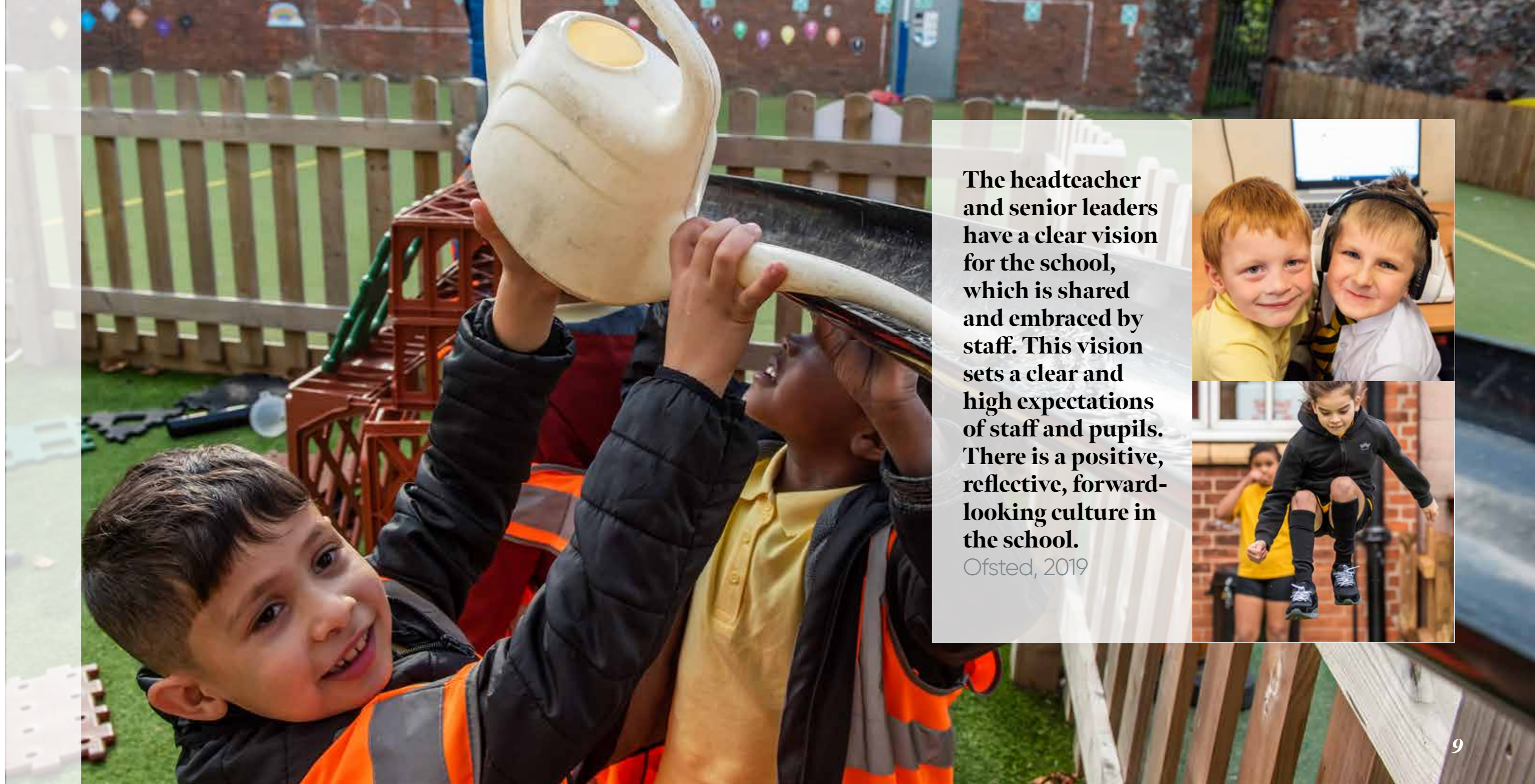


Broadening horizons is an important part of the school ethos, and an extensive programme of trips is an important part of this. As well as an annual School Camp, recent trips have been to Whitby, the Science Museum in London, Harry Potter World and Bletchley Park.

Music plays an important part in school life. We are fortunate to have staff from the Great Yarmouth Minster working with us to support musical activities, including the opportunity for pupils to attend 'Song School' in the Minster

(with breakfast included). we also have music teachers offering lessons in keyboard, recorder, violin and woodwind instruments, and a choir, which for the past two years has participated in the 'Voice In A Million' concert at Wembley.

With both Breakfast and After School Clubs on the school site, our Extended Schools provision means that you can be confident your child is secure, happy and taking part in a wide variety of activities.



The headteacher and senior leaders have a clear vision for the school, which is shared and embraced by staff. This vision sets a clear and high expectations of staff and pupils. There is a positive, reflective, forward-looking culture in the school.

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Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development permeates the school... The school provides opportunities for pupils which are rich, wide and personalised.

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The Diocese of Norwich Education Family.

St Nicholas Priory Church of England Primary School is an inclusive, supportive school with our own distinctive character.



We are part of the wider Diocese of Norwich Education family, in which schools draw strength both from each other and from the Diocese, supporting and valuing staff.

Being part of the Diocese of Norwich education family allows schools to develop and nourish strong community links, providing opportunities and experiences across all ages and backgrounds which will allow our young people and those in the wider community to live well together.

Diocese of Norwich schools and academies are open to families of any religion, and of none, and are there to serve their local community. Although our values are deeply-rooted within the Christian faith, our approach is very much one of inclusivity; our schools are open to all and accepting of all, regardless of faith. The education offered by schools within the Diocesan family is guided by Christian values, but it is not a religious education– it encourages dignity, respect and living well together.

We are stronger together.



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