







Celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## Headteacher's Welcome

On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I would like to welcome you to Ashurst CE Aided Primary School.

Our school opened in 1873 and we have recently celebrated our 150 year anniversary. We have high hopes for all of our children and aim to provide a safe and secure environment based on Christian teachings, in which everyone can learn together and develop as individuals.

We believe that by working alongside parents and the community we can develop a real partnership to benefit all of our children.

If you need further information about our school please contact the School Office and we will do our best to help you.

Mrs S Smith Headteacher







## Our Vision for Ashurst CE Aided Primary School

Through our core values of Love, Hope and Joy we nurture and support our children to become well rounded, confident, responsible and successful children who aspire to achieve their full potential in a rapidly developing and changing world.



**Our vision is rooted in the biblical text found in 1 John 3:18**

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

We translate this into practice by being ambitious in growing an inclusive community of adventurous and curious learners who are skilled and concerned enough to connect to a world that needs them.

We strive to support and nurture our children to be lifelong learners by:

- Developing a creative, coherently sequenced curriculum that celebrates cultural diversity and is literacy rich
- Encouraging strong connections between past and future learning
- Ensuring a wide range of learning experiences that inspire curiosity and develop children's knowledge and skills.

We weave this vision into daily life at the school so it is evident in our teaching and in our actions.

We aim to strengthen the inspiration of faith, share our ethos, and enjoy working with our local and wider community. The children, led by the Young Ashurst Governors, choose the local and national charities that we will support each year, and make Christmas and Easter cards for local care homes.

Our vision for our school and our children is the core thread that runs through all we do, and is key to the story of Ashurst.





# The School's Mission Statement

At Ashurst CE Aided Primary School we aim to provide all children with an education of the highest quality, within a truly Christian atmosphere, that genuinely includes every member of the school community.



## Parents Comments 'What our parents say'

“We are pleased with the support and communication regarding our child; it is what every parent wants. It is the best decision we made to bring our children here”

“Wonderful, such a lovely environment for our child to grow and thrive. The clubs are also a joy for them to participate in”

“We have found the teaching to be excellent. Their class teacher has been particularly good at giving positive and clear instructions which can easily be followed”

“What a great year with new activities and old traditions, my children are really enjoying the new clubs after school”

“Thank you for making my child so welcome, they love coming to Ashurst and they are really looking forward to next term”



# OFSTED Report 2024

Pupils enjoy coming to this school. They are happy and build strong relationships with each other. Personal development is a strength of the school; children relish opportunities to contribute to the school community through pupil responsibilities, such as being Young Governors. Pupils behave very well, they have positive attitudes to learning and at social times, play happily and harmoniously.

Pupils respond eagerly to the school's high expectations and aspirations for their achievement. Staff have secure subject knowledge, explain new learning confidently and effectively check what pupils know and can do. As a result, pupils achieve well.

From OFSTED Inspection report September 2024



**In our 2024 Parent questionnaire** 100% of parents agreed/ strongly agreed that:

- My children are happy to come to school
- My children feel safe and secure at school.
- We are able to approach the school on any matters relating to our children.

**In our 2024 Pupil questionnaire** 100% of pupils agreed/ strongly agreed that:

- I enjoy learning in this school
- I feel safe when I am at school.
- My school provides me with information and support about my next steps.
- My school encourages me to respect other people from different backgrounds and to treat everyone equally.





The school mission and values strongly underpin the curriculum and the high level of care and relationships across the school community, enabling the school to successfully meet pupils' individual academic and pastoral needs.

SIAMS 2018



The school is to be commended on the work it is undertaking to develop children's understanding of what it means to be courageous advocates for change in their local, national and global communities.

Diocesan Education Partner





“Pupils are polite, happy, sensitive, supportive and the school overtly encourages the pupils to be friendly and help one another. There is a very calm and supportive environment, the range of linked outdoor trips and activities at the school are quite special. Pupils can make strong connections with their curriculum in lessons and the linked extra-curricular events”

Local Authority Partner



“It’s not just getting the results you want your children to get. They will learn here how to cope with life beyond Ashurst. If they want to go to a school with 3,500 children they will be fine. If they want to go to a school where there are 200 children, they will be fine, because they have learnt how to learn. And that, I think, is the biggest prize you can give any child.”

Education Director of ARC Pathway and School Governor

#### What our pupils say:

“I really like this school. I like learning and the teachers make it enjoyable. I like the way they teach. I especially liked learning Macbeth, when we were interacting and having conversations about it, and I liked it when we talked through the characters.”

“I like it because it is small and you know everyone and everyone knows you”

“I have enjoyed my time at Ashurst. The only way to make it better is if I can stay one more year.”







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