

Welcome to Iron Acton CEVC Primary School



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Welcome

Welcome to Iron Acton CEVC Primary School. We are a friendly and welcoming church school in the picturesque village of Iron Acton.

We are a small school with a community feel. We pride ourselves that all our highly trained and committed staff know every child and treat them as individuals, tailoring learning to meet their individual needs.

Our latest OFSTED in January 2014 recognises some of the strengths of the school:

“Because pupils make good progress in reading, writing and mathematics, attainment is above average by the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.”

“Pupils have positive attitudes to school and enjoy their lessons. They show good manners to staff and visitors, with pupils of different ages cooperating in lessons and playing well together in the playground.”

Parents also recognise the strengths of a small village school:

“I have 3 children who attended Iron Acton and left with great confidence. The school has a family atmosphere where all ages learn and play together which has given them great resilience and self-esteem and ensured a much easier transition to Secondary school.” Lisa Hatherell

Please do contact the school if you would like to visit us or to know more. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mr Riches

Headteacher





Vision

'A village school committed to excellence'.

Our vision is to inspire every child to achieve their full potential within a culture of opportunity, challenge, faith and fun.

AIMS

- Provide and deliver high quality innovative teaching.
- Achieve results that are amongst the best in the area.
- Enable all children to embrace challenge in academic, creative and sporting areas; above and beyond the National Curriculum.
- Develop effective partnerships between staff, governors, parents and the community.
- Ensure inspirational and accountable leadership at all levels.
- Offer a safe, happy environment, where everyone is respected and feels confident.
- Provide opportunities for children to learn about and respect the diversity of the wider world.
- Promote a positive attitude to healthy eating and lifestyle.
- Ensure Christian and British Values are at the heart of our school life.
- Encourage the development of resilience and confidence to prepare our children for the challenges that lie ahead.

The school day

The playground gates open at **8.45am** and a member of staff is available to supervise the children. The day starts at **8.55am** and ends at **3.15pm**.

Lunchtime is from 12pm – 1pm. All children have a 20 minute morning break and those Key Stage 1 have a 10 minute afternoon break too. Children are encouraged to make the most of our fantastic outdoor space as frequently as possible during these times.



Attendance

We have an excellent attendance record at Iron Acton. It is important that children attend school every day unless they are too unwell.

Our attendance for 2016/17 was 97.3% which is well above average for schools in our area.

Parent partnerships

Developing strong partnerships with parents is very important to us and ensures the best possible outcomes for all children. We openly encourage feedback and open discussions.

Parents are welcome on the school playground before and after school; this provides a great opportunity for parents to speak to class teachers and the head teacher. We hold two parent's evenings each year and parents receive a detailed annual report.

We also encourage parents to join us for our celebration events at the end of each term where children share what they have learnt.

Curriculum

In Reception we follow the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage framework where teaching is through a balance of adult and child led activities with lots of opportunities to learn through play. We have a dedicated outside area which we use as much as possible for hands on learning.



The National Curriculum sets out the statutory areas that must be taught to Key Stages 1 (Year 1 & 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to 6). The curriculum covers the key areas of literacy, numeracy, science, history

and geography and your child will also participate in PE, health education, and will begin to learn a modern language.



At the heart of all our learning are British and Christian values and the children also learn about other religions through Religious Education. This is taught using 'Awareness, Mystery and Value', which is the agreed syllabus for the Bristol Diocese.

Learning

It is our aim that all children feel happy and confident in their learning to ensure they achieve their potential. We aim for children to learn through exploration and discovery, we want to develop enquiring minds and to ensure the children leave the school with a lifelong love of learning.

We achieve this, where possible, by linking subjects through the delivery of stimulating topics and focused learning weeks.

Each term every class has a topic which ranges from Mini Beasts, Great Fire of London to Vikings and the Stone Age. This approach helps to inspire learning and bring the wider world into the classroom through art, drama, music, focused trips plus visits from expert speakers and performers.

Forest Schools & Outdoor Learning

We encourage the children to learn and play outside as much as possible. We have a fully qualified Forest schools teacher who delivers lessons across the school. This allows us to make full use of our fantastic outside space which includes a growing area, wooded area, a pond and a wildlife area as well as extensive outdoor grounds which are also used all year round for play and physical education.

We have access to a specialist horticulturalist who helps the school with its outdoor programme which also includes gardening, pond dipping and horticultural science.



Educational Trips and Visits

The children's education will be enriched through a range of educational trips and visits around the local area and beyond. The trips are usually at least once a term and can relate to their current topic which has included trips to the Bristol Suspension Bridge & SS Great Britain, experiencing Roman Life at Caerleon and Viking days. We also organise many community trips such as local farms, businesses and our annual trip to The Memory Café where children sing carols to the elderly.

During their time in Key Stage 2 children also have the opportunity to attend a residential camp at an outdoor learning and activity centre. This is another fantastic opportunity for children to take part in new experiences and develop important skills of independence and problem solving.

Collective Worship

Every day the children participate in an act of collective worship. This allows children the time to reflect on the value of the term whilst together as a school. As a church school, we welcome members of St James the Less Church to lead acts of collective worship. Once every term we visit the church to hold a service there.



Extra-curricular activities

We believe it is important to give children a range of experiences whilst at school and therefore we also provide many opportunities for children to learn through extra-curricular activities.

We run a number of sports, music and creative clubs throughout the year.

Our sports clubs are mostly run by our specialist sports teacher and includes football, athletics, multi-sport and boccia and we also bring in professional coaches for more specialist training such as tai-kwon do and gymnastics.

We have a range of creative clubs which includes lego and cookery and every child has the opportunity to attend a music club such as recorder club and our school choir.



Special Educational Needs

It is our aim that every child makes excellent progress and reaches their full potential. Sometimes children may need additional or tailored support in order for this to happen.

Our teachers work closely with our special educational needs coordinator, Mrs Anstey, to ensure that children who have additional needs are supported appropriately; This may sometimes involve outside agencies and small group work.

Parents will be kept informed by school if this is the case and are invited to attend and participate in any meetings that take place.

If your child has additional medical needs we work closely with you to ensure they are cared for appropriately whilst at school.

Food and drink

We like to actively promote children to be fit and healthy. We encourage a healthy approach to food throughout the school.

We have a health week each year where children are encouraged to explore new and healthier food options and every child spends a full day cooking with a specialist cooking company called 'travelling kitchen'.

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 receive free fruit every day. Children in Reception who are under the age of 5 and those who receive Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free School Meals) receive free milk every day.

All children must have a water bottle in school every day which they are encouraged to use as frequently as possible.

Children can have either school dinners or bring in a healthy packed lunch. Those having School dinners may choose from a hot school dinner, a baguette, a jacket potato or our salad bar.

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school dinner under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. The cost of school dinners for children in Key Stage 2 is £2.10 per meal.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals even if they are in Key Stage 2. For more information on free school meals for Key Stage 2 or to apply please visit <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals/>.



Breakfast club

We currently provide a breakfast club every morning during the week. Children are welcome to come along from 7.45am until the start of the school day where they will be able to choose from a selection items to make their breakfast. They will also be given time to play before the school day begins.

The breakfast club costs £3.50 per child per session.



Staff

Position	Name	Class Responsibilities
Head Teacher	Mr Mike Riches	Year 6
Senior leader	Ms Sarah Bagnall	Eagles – Years 4, 5 & 6
Teachers	Mrs Alice Wood	Kestrels – Reception and Year 1
	Mrs Amy Lyall	Kestrels – Reception and Year 1
	Mrs Cathy Detzler	Falcons – Years 2 & 3 Eagles - Years 4, 5 & 6
	Mr Ben Brown	Falcons – Years 2 & 3
SENCO	Mrs Sue Anstey	
Teaching Assistants	Mrs Bev Jones Mrs Alison England Mrs Sue Pilgrim Mrs Amy Pearce	
Reading Assistant	Mrs Pauline Shaw	
Breakfast Club Supervisor	Mrs Gillian Allen	
School Administrators	Mrs Jane Hall (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Helen Parry (Wednesday to Friday)	
Caretaker/ Cleaner	Mrs Pat Taylor	
School Meals Supervisory Assistants	Miss Georgina Kendall Ms Lisa Green Mrs Helen Edwards Miss Michelle Pugh Mrs Sue Harrison	
Kitchen Staff	Mrs Julie Wilding Miss Clare Thorne	



Attainment and Progress

This table shows our most recent attainment information:

Early Years	Number of pupils	Percentage of pupils
Good level of development	10/13	77%

Phonics	Number of pupils	Percentage of pupils
Year 1	12/13	92%
Year 2 (cumulative)	12/12	100%

KS1	Number of pupils	Percentage of pupils
Reading	Expected 11/12	92%
	Greater depth 5/12	42%
Writing	Expected 9/12	75%
	Greater depth 3/12	25%
Mathematics	Expected 10/12	83%
	Greater depth 3/12	25%

KS2	Number of pupils	Percentage of pupils
Reading	Expected 9/12	75%
	Greater depth 4/12	33%
Writing	Expected 10/12	83%
	Greater depth 2/12	16%
Mathematics	Expected 10/12	83%
	Greater depth 2/12	16%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	Expected 8/12	75%
	Greater depth 3/12	25%

Our attainment information compares very well with the national and local authority information.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform every day. The uniform with the school logo may be purchased from 'Initially Yours' in Yate or you may choose to purchase a plain red uniform from any other local shop or supermarket.

The school uniform consists of a red sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt, black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt/dress or red and white dress.

The school PE kit consists of a red t-shirt, black shorts, daps or trainers.

The Friends of Iron Acton Primary School

The Friends of Iron Acton Primary School is our Parent Teacher Association and supports the school by raising money, helping with school events and organising social events. All parents/guardians of children in the school as well as staff are members and are welcome to join the committee.



Admissions

Reception places are allocated by the South Gloucestershire admissions department. Further information on how and where to apply can be found on the local authority website: <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/> Arrangements for transferring children to the school can also be made in accordance with the local authority admission procedure and practice. If this is applicable an appointment with the Headteacher will be arranged to discuss the situation further.