



Longwick Church of England Combined School



Inspiring a love of learning through our Christian Values



Welcome

Welcome to Longwick Church of England Combined School. Our school is a happy, friendly, rural Church of England school, proud of its caring and inclusive atmosphere. Thank you for taking an interest in our lovely school where I am proud to be the Headteacher.

At Longwick our vision is centred on a commitment to excellence in learning and high expectations for all. We aim to support individuals to achieve the very best and ensure pupils are well prepared for the next steps in their education and have well developed life skills.

Choosing a school can be a difficult decision, we want to help you make the right choice to ensure that your child is supported to achieve his or her potential. If you would like to know more about Longwick please contact us to arrange an appointment to ask questions, visit and meet with myself. I look forward to meeting and working closely with you to help your child on the next stage of his or her learning journey.

Best wishes
Trudy Cotchin, Headteacher



What OFSTED said

“This is a Good school. Pupil’s attainment is above the national average. Good teaching ensures that the pupils make good progress.”



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Become part of Longwick

Children start their education in Reception in September. We also have pupils join our junior school in Year 3. If you are interested in sending your child to our school, please phone to arrange a visit and experience the school for yourself. You will be able to see our learning environment and meet staff and children.

If you require a place in other year groups please contact us to find out if we have places available.



"The care and commitment Longwick School gives to our children is the best it has been."

Parent

Ethos and Values

At Longwick we aim to serve our community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice and promote Christian values through the experience it offers to all. We take pride in providing strong pastoral support in a safe, inclusive learning environment where every child is prepared for the challenges and changes of the future. We give our pupils opportunities so they can achieve the highest standards in their personal and academic development.

Our Christian Values are explicitly linked to the Bible and are taught through worship, assemblies and our curriculum. Our Christian Values are:

● **Respect** ● **Perseverance** ● **Wisdom** ● **Peace** ● **Responsibility** ● **Compassion**

Our School Aims

- To provide a rich learning curriculum that is based on our Christian values and promotes the provision for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development for all children regardless of ability, gender, race or religion.
- To challenge and inspire our pupils to develop their intellectual curiosity and skills to become confident, independent and resilient learners who are well prepared for life.
- To promote a sense of belonging within our school community and provide pupils with the opportunity to engage with the local community and the wider world.
- To be good role models for the pupils, emphasising respect and compassion for others and the world around us.
- To provide a welcoming, safe and caring environment in which the children and all members of staff are valued.



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The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, judged Longwick as outstanding in all four areas:

- *Distinctiveness and effectiveness of Longwick as a Church of England school.*
- *Meeting the needs of all learners through the school's distinctive Christian character.*
- *The impact of collective worship on the school community.*
- *The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school.*



Home/school/community partnership

We welcome and value our partnership with parents and greatly appreciate parent support. We hope that together we can support our children in making our school a successful place for all.

Parents are always welcome and there are many opportunities for parents and carers to help and participate in school life in addition to taking part in our special events. Classes lead assembly worship every half term and parents are invited to celebrate with us. Parents are also invited to attend end of term Celebration Assemblies.

The Head teacher's monthly newsletter keeps you up to date with school life. Regular class newsletters and curriculum overviews provides information and home learning enables you to be involved in the children's development. There are also a number of informal and formal meetings, throughout the school year, to discuss your child's progress with his/her class teacher.

The school plays an important part in community life and we are fortunate in having an enthusiastic local community who support the school. Our local Clergy at St Mary's in Princes Risborough are also committed to supporting and being involved in school life.

Positive Behaviour

Our school community works hard to develop behaviour through mutual respect and trust between pupils, and between pupils and staff. We believe that pupils, staff and parents should work together with high expectations and that all have rights and responsibilities within our school.

Pupils are taught to have a sense of pride in themselves, in their school, and in their environment. Shared clear expectations are underpinned by a calm and purposeful atmosphere that supports children to make decisions about their behaviour.

A whole school reward system is used consistently and fairly throughout the day ensuring pupils are clear of the school's expectations. Our children demonstrate outstanding engagement and behaviour and understand that this is a learning focussed environment. They know who to ask for help and feel safe during the school day.

We work with parents to inform them of any notable behaviours and give support when needed. Home school diaries, behaviour charts, telephone calls and discussions are used to keep parents up to date. We welcome your support in encouraging positive behaviour from all our children.

Teaching and Learning

At Longwick there is a strong emphasis on teaching and learning and regular monitoring of standards. We have a team of highly trained staff who are dedicated to ensuring that our children make the very best of themselves during their time at Longwick. Teachers and teaching assistants know the pupils very well and plan the curriculum to ensure that our children's needs are met. Our curriculum is broad, balanced and is matched to our pupils needs. It is cross curricular where pupils focus on developing key skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Curriculum overviews are shared at the beginning of every half term with parents and pupils. Our curriculum is also enhanced through a range of day visits and a residential visit in Year 6.

For children with further needs the support needed may be academic or social, cultural or emotional. We have put in place a number of systems to help this inclusive view of education as well as challenging more able pupils through differentiation.

Pupils at Longwick can enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities ranging from netball to French! Please see our website to find out what we currently offer.



What OFSTED said

"Pupil's behaviour is outstanding and the pupils know how to stay safe."

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Good 2013