



# Brixworth CEVC Primary School Prospectus



# Welcome to Brixworth Primary School

## Our School Vision

As you read our brochure and visit our website to find out more about us, you will notice that our children are at the heart of everything we do. Our mission is to:

**'Be the Best You Can Be' – Academically, Socially, Emotionally, Physically and Spiritually within a safe, healthy, inspirational and enjoyable environment.**

Our aim is for children in our care to all reach their potential and be well prepared for the opportunities and challenges of the future.

We want children to display independence, resilience, curiosity and confidence, have a positive self-image and show compassion and respect for others. This is done through nurture and pastoral care, as well as engaging with the families of the pupils.

We achieve this by focusing on 'Our School Bees':

**Academic Bee** - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.

**Social Bee** - Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you.

**Emotion Bee** - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.

**Physical Bee** - I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

**Spiritual Bee** - God did not give us spirit that makes us afraid but a spirit of power and love and self control.

Our school will provide outstanding teaching and learning opportunities and has a great achievement record. Our facilities include a hard surface playground, a large sports field, a number of activity areas, a woodland themed library, a quiet garden, forest school area, nurture room and a wooden play galleon.

We work very closely with our local churches and community groups such as the pre-schools, local industry and senior citizens.

As a Church of England school we endeavour to provide your child with an education based on the Christian Faith, which considers values and morals to help each child grow. We also have a great respect for other faiths. We encourage you to visit us and see for yourself what makes Brixworth Primary School so special.



Each Friday we produce a newsletter for parents called 'Primary Word'. This gives you information about learning and events that have happened and are taking place in the future.





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## Our Mission and Values

### Our Mission

**'Be the Best You Can Be' – Academically, Socially, Emotionally, Physically and Spiritually within a safe, healthy, inspirational and enjoyable environment.**

### Our Values

Through our core values of Love, Peace, Courage, Thankfulness, Kindness, Service, Forgiveness and Truth, we want every child to reach their God given potential.



#### Our School Bees



*We should be the best we can be for we are all  
God's Masterpiece*

### Our Christian Values

As Brixworth Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school, collective worship is an integral part of school life and forms the heartbeat which we are able to reflect on every day.

Each week we focus on one worship theme and through this and the teaching of our values for life such as hope, compassion and perseverance, we teach the children love and concern for others as well as their own self-worth.

We have very strong links with our local churches, and representatives actively contribute to our daily assemblies. Each year group participates in a service at Brixworth All Saints Church, usually linked to the church calendar.

We also provide a highly inclusive setting, which warmly welcomes children and families from all backgrounds and faiths.

One of our key focuses is mental health. By caring, supporting and educating children, staff, parents and governors we have been awarded the GOLD award from TaMHS, Targeted Mental Health in Schools.

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## Our Curriculum

We aim to develop pupils for the challenges they face in the future so that they are confident, articulate, independent and adaptable young people, who are able to show kindness, consideration, compassion and respect for all aspects of the world around them.

We provide a stimulating and creative curriculum which is engaging and relevant in today's society. It is a broad, well-balanced and planned curriculum to challenge the children and develop their problem solving, critical thinking and resilience.

Our expectations are that all children feel valued and are given opportunities to achieve their full potential.



The National Curriculum is taught in accordance with the current legislation.



The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on learning through play, guidance and experience and establishes a child's individual ability. Key Stage One and Key Stage Two provide an enriched curriculum that is full of opportunities such as first hand experiences, onsite visitors and offsite trips that bring learning to life.

This will challenge all ability levels to achieve success, and we support our children to aim high.

The more able are challenged further in their learning and children who find aspects of their learning more difficult are appropriately supported so that they too are enabled to experience success.

Through continuous assessment and targeting areas of learning with additional support, we are able to offer a high quality of education.

Each term our children experience an integrated topic in each phase of the school. This is the base of all their learning and each subject is themed around this.

Our termly topics are driven by the programmes of study set out in the National Curriculum. We have a 'WOW Start' which encompasses the key concept and theme of the topic and builds children's imagination and excitement for their learning ahead. They continue their learning through 'A Marvellous Middle' and then finally, our 'Fabulous Finish' is a memorable experience, an enrichment activity to conclude the topic and engage the children. These consist of external visits, workshops and in-house activities.

Parents are invited into school regularly for a celebratory exhibition or performance, showcasing a selection of work produced by the children throughout their topic.



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### English

English language forms a central part of the whole school curriculum. It enables the children to interpret the world they live in and gives them a means to communicate their feelings, ideas and experiences. They learn these essential literacy skills through reading, writing and spoken language.

Some of the programmes we use are Kinetic letters, Phonics and Talk for Writing.



### Maths

We endeavour to foster a positive attitude towards the learning of mathematics and an enthusiasm for the subject. Learning takes place through a variety of approaches including practical activities, investigations and problem solving. We use a range of strategies which ensures that there is complete coverage of the requirements in each year group.

Maths lessons take place on a daily basis where mental strategies are developed, new concepts explored and consolidation of topics takes place. Children also use the app Times Tables Rockstar in class and at home.

### Design and technology

Design and technology is an inspiring, rigorous and practical subject. Using creativity and imagination, pupils design and make products that solve real and relevant problems.

They acquire a broad range of subject knowledge and use other subjects such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art to support their ideas. Pupils learn how to take risks, become resourceful, innovative and through the evaluation of past and present design and technology, they develop a critical understanding of how to improve their learning.



### History and Geography

A high-quality history and geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world, people and the past. Our teaching will equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

### R.E

Children are taught to understand and respect the importance of religious beliefs in the world around them. We encourage children to use and develop their skills in RE and to participate in critical and reflective thinking. We aim to ensure that the RE curriculum is challenging, dynamic and relevant to pupils of all ages.

During RE the study of Christianity is developed and religious beliefs within Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam are explored.



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### Art

It is so important that children develop creative minds alongside their ability to express individuality through the arts: art, craft and design. The national curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences. They become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques as well as evaluating and analysing creative works using the language of art, craft and design.



Children will also learn about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

### Modern Foreign Languages

In our school, from Year 3, children are introduced to a modern foreign language through French lessons. There is a large focus on the oral language to familiarise children with the language and to equip them to understand vocabulary and conversations.

Key vocabulary is taught in an interactive way using songs, rhymes and games. In years 5 and 6, written French is used alongside these to ensure children progress and are ready to move onto more formal teaching sessions in secondary school. KS2 children also have the opportunity to learn Spanish through an extra-curricular club outside of school hours.

Each class has a School Council representative, who is elected by the children in their class at the start of the academic year. School Council members are always looking for ways to make a difference for the children within our school.



We have resident hens in school who are well looked after by the children. They clean them out, feed them and collect the eggs daily.

### Personal, Social and Health Education

Through PSHE, our children are given opportunities to develop their social skills, their understanding of themselves (both physical and emotional) and their knowledge of society. A combination of lessons (through both weekly Jigsaw sessions and subjects such as RE), assemblies and other activities promote their self-motivation and an understanding of their rights and responsibilities within our diverse society. Sex and Relationships education is taught at an age appropriate level throughout the school.

### Science

The principal focus of science teaching at Brixworth Primary School is to enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. They do this through exploring and developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments.

Each Term children have a topic which they study. From World War II to Rainforests, this forms a basis for their History and Geography learning.

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Above and beyond our Curriculum

## Forest School



We believe that taking learning outside promotes children's self-esteem, well-being, behaviour, co-operative learning and problem solving. These skills feedback positively in to the classroom. The Forest School concept builds on the natural instinct for children to learn and explore. It offers opportunities for children to make choices about their own learning as well as taking and managing risks.

Children enjoy experiences such as building shelters, woodland craftwork, telling stories, climbing trees and hunting for mini beasts.

As Forest School develops within our school, woodland tools are introduced to extend learning and provide new opportunities for risk management.

## Music

We aim to give as many musical experiences as possible to enhance children's knowledge and creativity in this area of the curriculum. Throughout their time at Brixworth CEVC Primary, they will engage in practical opportunities to compose, perform, listen and appraise music from a range of times and cultures.



Outside of the classroom lessons, songs are an important part of daily collective worship and we are proud of our children's confidence, enthusiasm and enjoyment of this.



Children in KS2 are offered the opportunity to participate in lessons offered by the Northamptonshire Music Service and achieve 'Music Medals' as evidence of their achievements. Samba drumming and ukulele lessons are also taught as part of music lessons.

Everyone has the opportunity to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities, including recorder groups and KS1 and KS2 choirs.

Through the choir, children get the opportunity to perform at our annual summer soiree and a Christmas carol concert. Performances take place for the elderly in the village and KS2 can be involved in the Young Voices arena show, where 5000 children from around the region join together to form one choir.



We are also involved in the Notivate programme which builds confidence writing and recording music.





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## Sports



At Brixworth Primary School, we recognise the importance of being healthy and how this is an integral part in a child's emotional, mental and social well-being.

Through two hours of curriculum PE each week, children cover a broad range of activities including curling, archery and badminton as well as opportunities through extra-curricular activities such as football, rugby and netball.

As well as promoting physical development we also encourage creative performance through gymnastics and dance.

We recognise the importance of competition and competing at the highest level and therefore we participate in cluster, district and county level competitions.

Throughout the year our pupils have the opportunity to take part in: football, tag rugby, netball, kwik cricket, swimming, athletics, multi-skills and gymnastics competitions with all children taking part in our annual school Sports Days. Inclusion is vital but so is striving for excellence and we strive to succeed.



Children in Year 5 are invited to join swimming lessons for one term.



We have also been awarded the Platinum level School Games award. This award has not been easy and it has taken the hard work of all the children and staff at our school.

We continue to show commitment to providing a wide range of competitive opportunities alongside promoting health and well-being, positive sporting values and skills development throughout school.

We provide a wide variety of free and chargeable sports clubs for the children. These take place at lunch times and after school and include Pacesetters, Freestyle Soccer and Dodgeball, Running Club, Football Club, Rounders and Taekwon-do.

Each year, our Year 6 children have the opportunity to participate in Bikeability. This scheme gives children the chance to learn cycling and road safety skills.





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## Celebrating Success

At Brixworth Primary School, we celebrate achievement and good behaviour. Rewarding children for demonstrating excellent behaviour comes in many forms and includes giving praise verbally and through marking in books, the use of stickers and stamps and the awarding of Pupil Points to children who have consistently kept the values of the school. Each class have a jar they fill with pom poms and when the jar is full all the class receive a special reward chosen by the children.

In Key Stage 1 and 2 there is a class Star of the Week trophy for a pupil who has consistently made the right choice or excelled in their learning over the week. In addition to this, there are also weekly star awards for maths, reading, spelling and learning attitudes.

Children who produce outstanding work, or who have shown great effort, will share this with the Headteacher and receive a gold Headteacher award sticker. Certificates and value bees are awarded during our weekly Celebration Assembly to pupils who have demonstrated one or more of the school values that week. We regularly send praise letters home to parents where children have made great progress or have impressed us with their attitude to learning.



Attendance and punctuality is vital to the success of all pupils in order that learning can be built upon.

At the end of each academic year, we celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 school leavers. We have a number of awards available, from sporting excellence to a Teaching Assistants award and a community award. Parents are invited to attend the assembly to celebrate their child's achievement.



Once a year children take part in a class assembly which provides an opportunity for the children to share their learning with their parents.



Every Friday, children are invited to join our Celebration Assembly where we celebrate a child from each class who has demonstrated one of the school values.



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## School Facilities

### Our Playground

Thanks to our PTA we were delighted to add two fabulous additions to our playground. Our pirate ship gives the children an opportunity to boost confidence in climbing and develop risk taking and logical problem solving skills. Our gazebo gives us a great space for children to take their learning outside.



### The Whispering Woodland Library



Opened in 2020 and also funded by our PTA, the Whispering Woodland Library is a dedicated quiet space for children to come and get lost in wonderful stories and adventures.

We encourage imagination and our Library gives children somewhere stories can come alive and this creativity can transfer back into their learning.



### Breakfast and After School Club

Brixworth Primary School offers both a breakfast and after-school club to allow wrap around care from 7.30am to 6.00pm. Breakfast club provides children with a nutritious breakfast to start their day. Both clubs are located in our Small Hall. Breakfast club is run by school staff, and the after school club is run by Mighty Oaks. More details can be found on our website.

### Clubs

We are delighted to offer many extra curricular activities and clubs during lunchtime and afterschool. Thanks to the commitment of our staff these include music choir, sports clubs, Year 6 drama, collective worship, book club and home learning club.



As well as our School Council we also have an Eco-Council and an Anti-Bullying focus group.



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## Events

### World Book Day

Every year, we embrace the fun of World Book Day and celebrate our favourite books and authors. The entire school focuses on a single book or author, giving us inspiration that guides our learning for that day.



### Drama Production

Each year our Year 6 children impress audiences with their performing skills. They develop their language and memory skills as well as their self-confidence and self-expression. There is also group

participation and roles are available front and back stage.

### Young Voices

For many years now our KS2 choir has participated in Young Voices. This incredible arena show brings over 5000 children from primary schools all over the country to join together to make one large choir. Learning songs and dance moves starts many months prior to the event and the children absolutely love the day.

### Visitors and Trips

Throughout the academic year we enjoy school outings to bring the terms topic to life. We begin with a 'wow' start and end with a 'fabulous' finish to the children's learning and understanding of the topic. Some of these visitors and trips have a small charge or a voluntary contribution.



### PTA



We are extremely proud of the Brixworth Parent and Teacher Association volunteers and the support that they provide. Their funding is invaluable to the school and contributes greatly to enrich the social and educational experiences of our children.

Fundraising projects include the annual Christmas and Summer Fayres, Mother and Father's day stalls, design a Christmas card, discos and raffles.

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### Residentials

Each year we are delighted to offer our Year 4 and Year 6 children the opportunity to join us on a residential trip.

Year 4 take part in a 3 day (2 night) residential, currently to Beaumanor Hall in Leicestershire. For some children this is their first time away from home and has a positive impact on the children's independence and confidence.

The trip to Beaumanor Hall offers the children team building activities and also incorporates the topic of The Victorians.

Year 6 pupils take part in a 5 day (4 night) residential, currently to Whitemoor Lakes, in Staffordshire. This residential is packed full of outdoor activities such as sailing, abseiling, climbing, high ropes and low ropes, canoeing, fencing, archery and many more.



It is very popular with the children and we see a great effect on the children's physical health, well-being and self esteem.

During the children's time at Whitemoor Lakes they also visit the National Arboretum which incorporates the learning for the topic WWII.

This is one of the many events that we plan for our Year 6 children in preparation for them to leave us to start their next chapter in education.

### Charity Events

Charity fundraising is very important at Brixworth Primary School, not only in our own community but also for nationwide charities. This includes Young Minds, Children in Need, Remembrance Day and Save the Children.



In 2022 we were delighted to raise £691.66 for Children in Need, £295.10 to the Poppy Appeal and donated harvest boxes to the elderly in Brixworth.





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## Term Dates

### Academic Year 2023-2024

<b><u>Term 1</u></b>	Training Day Training Day <b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	Monday 4th September 2023 Tuesday 5th September <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Friday 20th October</b>
<b><u>Term 2</u></b>	Training Day <b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	Monday 30th October <b>Tuesday 31st October</b> <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b><u>Term 3</u></b>	Training Day Training Day <b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	Thursday 4th January 2024 Friday 5th January <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b><u>Term 4</u></b>	<b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Thursday 28th March</b>
<b><u>Term 5</u></b> Bank Holiday	<b>Re-open to Pupils</b> School Closed <b>Close</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> Monday 6th May <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b><u>Term 6</u></b>	<b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	<b>Monday 3rd June</b> <b>Tuesday 23rd July</b>

### Academic Year 2024-2025

<b><u>Term 1</u></b>	Training Day Training Day <b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	Monday 2nd September 2024 Tuesday 3rd September <b>Wednesday 4th September</b> <b>Friday 25th October</b>
<b><u>Term 2</u></b>	Training Day <b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	Monday 4th November <b>Tuesday 5th November</b> <b>Friday 20th December</b>
<b><u>Term 3</u></b>	Training Day Training Day <b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	Monday 6th January 2025 Tuesday 7th January <b>Wednesday 8th January</b> <b>Friday 14th February</b>
<b><u>Term 4</u></b>	<b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	<b>Monday 24th February</b> <b>Friday 4th April</b>
<b><u>Term 5</u></b> Bank Holiday	<b>Re-open to Pupils</b> School Closed <b>Close</b>	<b>Tuesday 22nd April</b> Monday 5th May <b>Friday 23rd May</b>
<b><u>Term 6</u></b>	<b>Re-open to Pupils</b> <b>Close</b>	<b>Monday 2nd June</b> <b>Tuesday 22nd July</b>

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