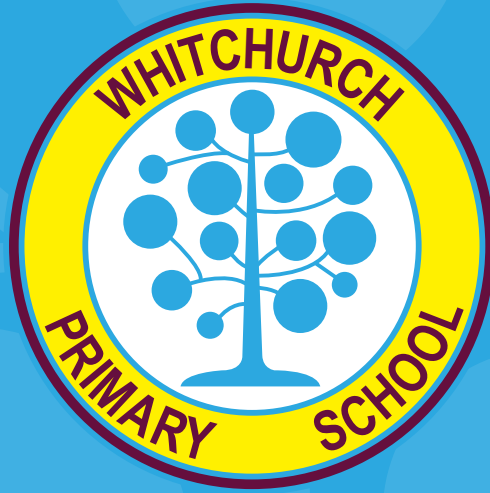


Welcome to Croeso i



We are...
Ambitious, Capable Learners who...
are ready to learn through our lives.

All our dreams can come true... if we have the courage to pursue them.
- Walt Disney



We are...
Enterprising, creative contributors who...
are ready to play a full part in life and work.

You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!
- Dr Seuss



We are...
Healthy, Confident Individuals who...
are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued member of society.

Make sure you're very courageous: be strong, be extremely kind and above all be humble.
- Serena Williams



We are...
Ethical, Informed Citizens who...
are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.

If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.
- Roald Dahl



WORK TOGETHER • PLAY TOGETHER • SUCCEED TOGETHER

Gweithio, chwarae a llwyddo gyda'n gilydd



Whitchurch Primary School
is a supportive and caring environment
in which children can grow and learn.

My son is making
excellent progress
since starting school.
I can't thank his
teachers enough.

- Parent



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I love coming to
school! The lessons
are always exciting
and I love making
friends.

- Pupil



Staff are committed to preparing your child for a lifelong journey of discovery and learning.



Our Values: Ein Gwerthoedd: Respect, Achieve, Care, Inspire

An Introduction to our School

Whitchurch Primary is a successful, three form entry school with over 700 pupils on roll, aged from 3 to 11 years old. We are located in the suburb of Whitchurch to the north of Cardiff, Wales' capital city. Since opening in September 2012, our school has been at the heart of the community and the happiness and well-being of each child is central to the ethos of our school. Children are encouraged to co-operate with one another, respect diversity and treat each other as equals.

We are passionate about equipping our pupils with the skills they need to grow up in an ever changing world and to develop learning attitudes that will stay with them for life.

You are welcome to contact us if you require further information about our wonderful school or visit our website for further information:
www.whitchurchprm.co.uk

Our administration team can be contacted by telephone or email:

Tel:
02920 623 441

Email:
whitchurchprm@cardiff.gov.uk

Welcome Croeso

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of myself, the governors, staff and pupils of Whitchurch Primary I would like to welcome you to our excellent school. Our motto is "**Work together, Play together, Succeed together**" which underpins our commitment and dedication in achieving excellence in all areas of school life.

This brochure has been produced to help to provide you with an insight into our school. It is full of information that will help you familiarise yourself with many of our structures and routines. I trust you will find it useful.

Choosing the right school for your child is vitally important. We all want the very best education for our children, but we also want our children to be safe, happy and to feel secure. We believe we offer all these things. We pride ourselves on our academic results but we are equally proud of our caring, happy and friendly school ethos.

We place great emphasis on developing a strong partnership between home and school, as it is through working together in an atmosphere of mutual respect and support that we can provide what is best for our children, in order that they may be happy, enriched and fulfil their potential.

I believe we are an extremely effective school and all the staff are committed to preparing your child for a lifelong journey of discovery and learning.

I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of this highly performing, nurturing and forward thinking school.

If you have any queries about any aspect of school life, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kelly Watkins
Pennaeth / Headteacher



School Aims Nodau Ysgol

Whitchurch Primary School's aim is to deliver the highest standard of education and care for all our pupils. We aim for us all, as learners, to:

- feel safe and valued as part of a caring community that celebrates success;
- be independent thinkers / learners who are able to seek solutions creatively and co-operatively;
- inspire an 'enquiring' mind and ask questions;
- be confident enough to take risks in our learning;
- experience and actively participate in a relevant, enjoyable curriculum that evolves to meet the needs of all;
- be able to listen and articulate responses showing consideration to others;
- be polite and courteous;
- be proactive in our responsibilities towards the community, society, the environment and economy, linking 'real life' with our learning;
- understand and respect diversity;
- be aware of and recognise our own learning needs and be involved in planning future steps; develop a sense of self esteem: be well balanced and healthy individuals.

Our Vision Ein Gweledigaeth

We aim to deliver a stimulating, exciting and challenging curriculum. Through outstanding and enthusiastic teaching, we will empower children to lead their learning, so that they become motivated and independent thinkers. We are passionate about equipping our pupils with the skills they need to grow up in a ever changing world and to develop learning attitudes that will stay with them for life.

“We aim to deliver a stimulating, exciting and challenging curriculum.”



Teaching Staff

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Leadership Team

Tim Arwain

	Year 6	
Mark Ridout	Maura Matheson	Sophie Rowlands Bryony Miller
	Year 5	
Luke Davila	Ella Lewis	Sean Jones
	Year 4	
Rhian Trotman	Tia Peachey	Merize Van der Westhuizen
	Year 3	
Kathryn Ceciliato	Tom Lewis	Ruby Priday
	Year 2	
Rachel Karamouzis Jonathan Stephens	Becky Murray	Joshua Flynn
	Year 1	
Clare Zirker	Naomi Richards	Sara Brown Lydia Davies
	Reception	
Nia Davies	Alice Wilson	Ellie Griffiths
	Nursery	
Trudi Matthew Samantha Hembury		

Headteacher	Kelly Watkins
Acting Deputy Headteacher	Rachel Karamouzis Sophie Rowlands
Assistant Headteacher	Catherine Watkins (on secondment)
Acting ALNCo	Sophie Hawkins
Leader for Learning N&R	Trudi Matthews
Leader of Learning Y1-Y3	Rachel Karamouzis
Leader of Learning Y4-Y6	Sophie Rowland
Chair of Governors	Jonathan Morgan

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are ready to learn through our lives.



A Challenging and Enjoyable Curriculum for Wales

There are four purposes and six areas of learning and experience (AOLE) which underpin the Welsh Curriculum.

The four purposes are :

- Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn through their lives.
- Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world.
- Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

The six AOLEs are:

- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Languages, Literacy and communication
- Health and well-being
- Expressive Arts
- Humanities
- Science and Technology

The four purposes are the starting point and are at the heart of all learning. We strive to ensure that they permeate all aspects of school life.



Learning and Teaching

Whitchurch Primary School is clear and focused in its aspirations for the school's curriculum. We aim to offer an exciting curriculum which inspires all of our children and staff to achieve their full potential.

Our staff are highly qualified and experienced practitioners who will strive to keep the children at the 'cutting edge' of their learning.

It is our aim to foster and encourage children to be highly motivated, have a thirst for knowledge, a love of learning and perhaps most importantly to have confidence in themselves and in what they can achieve.

Our community is always prepared to embrace new initiatives which will assist in our aims. We will seek through the formal and informal curriculum to:

- Develop lively, enquiring minds.
- Ensure that children have developed skills to work as an individual and also as a member of a group.
- Encourage individual development so that when they leave our school children are prepared for the 'next steps'.
- Ensure a level of appropriate skill in Literacy, Numeracy, Thinking Skills and Information Technology.
- Promote importance of Welsh culture through Curriculum Cymreig.
- Promote the understanding of responsible citizenship.
- Build strong personal relationships.
- Develop respect for their own and others' cultures and traditions.
- Develop an understanding of spiritual and moral values.

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Pupil Voice

We take a whole school approach to pupil voice, aligned with Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.(UNCRC) This means listening to the voices of our children. By involving them in decision making they make valued contributions and have a sense of ownership in the school. We provide many opportunities for children to share their views through the School Council, Eco Committee, Crew Cymraeg, Digital Leaders, Rotakids, Playground Leaders and Healthy School Crew.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

All children should have the right to access information that keeps them safe from harm. You have a central role to play in this. At Whitchurch we gradually build knowledge, skills and ethical values as the children develop throughout the school. We will equip our children with the tools to be able to understand how relationships, sex, gender and sexuality shape their own and other people's lives, but only at the appropriate ages. Our latest RSE Policy can be found on our website. We work with the school nurse, police and external services to support and enhance this aspect of our curriculum.

Religion, Values, Ethics and Collective Worship

Children are given the opportunity to inquire and explore various religions and beliefs. Through cross curricular activities and events throughout the year we recognise the diversity and cultures of Whitchurch Primary and endeavour to celebrate these where possible.

We take part in collective worship every day and we take time to focus on seasonal events, various aspects of our values. We have a Celebration assembly weekly to celebrate the children's achievements.

Rights Respecting School

A rights-respecting school is a community where children's rights are learnt, taught, rehearsed, respected, protected and promoted. This is part of our ethos. Each year our children create their class charter, incorporating elements of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Whitchurch Primary is a GOLD Rights Respecting School.



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Sport and Healthy Schools

Physical education is an important part in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. We have PE and movement lessons every week. Alongside PE lessons we aim to provide as many sporting opportunities as possible for our children to enjoy and compete in. Details of our extra-curricular clubs can be found on the school website.

Whitchurch Primary works with Cardiff Healthy Schools Scheme. We encourage all our children to drink water, which helps develop concentration skills and the children's well-being. During morning break, we ask our children to bring a healthy fruit snack. If your child has a packed lunch, we request you provide a range of healthy foods and a healthy drink.

New Horizons, wider opportunities!

An extensive timetable of extra-curricular clubs and activities, visits and visitors, enhance the curriculum and add depth and interest to our pupils' learning.

Pupils can extend their skills and experience by taking part in a variety of clubs, ranging from football, netball, athletics, cricket, MineCraft, to dance, Choir, Italian and Spanish.

Trips and visits help to bring learning to life and enable pupils to gain first-hand experience of the world around them. These include visits to the theatre or local, Call of the Wild in the Brecon Beacons, Cadbury's World and National Coal Mining Museum, as well as the Year 6 residential.

Links with schools abroad, in Italy and Spain, also provide opportunities for pupils to widen their horizons. If you want your child to feel valued, cared for, inspired, and enjoy fantastic opportunities to learn and grow, Whitchurch Primary is the school for you.

“
Excellence and
enjoyment for
everyone!
”

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Think creatively and solve problems

Welsh Cymraeg

We value and pride ourselves on immersing our children in celebrating our Welsh culture and language. The use of incidental Welsh throughout the day by class teachers and children promotes the understanding of basic commands, simple sentences and language patterns from Nursery to Year 6.

We celebrate our Welsh heritage in our inquiry work and we hold an annual Eisteddfod complete with a Crowning of the Bard Ceremony.



“Rydym yn mwynhau siarad Cymraeg!”

Admissions Derbyniadau

The application process to obtain a place at our school is facilitated by Cardiff Local Authority. You can contact the School Admissions Team on 02920872909 or register your child online at www.cardiff.gov.uk

Families are eligible to apply for a Nursery place for their child, to start the September following their third birthday. We know these formative years lay good foundations for the rest

of your child's education. Meetings are held for parents of new children attending the Nursery and Reception Classes.

In order that our school records are kept up to date, we ask parents /carers to complete a form which provides us with essential information. Any changes to this information should be reported immediately to the office.

At Whitchurch
Primary School
children come
first!

Play is the
highest form
of research.

Albert Einstein





My teachers are amazing. They help me learn and always make lessons fun!
- Pupil



Breakfast Club

We provide a daily Breakfast Club that runs from 8.10am-8.50am. Children are provided with toast, cereal, yoghurt, fruits and a selection of fruit juices, water or milk. This service is facilitated by Cardiff Local Authority Catering Service.

Please contact Sian Burnette on **07786908242** or email woodpeckersclub@gmail.com

School Security

The safety of children, staff and visitors is of paramount importance. All external gates and doors of the school are closed promptly at the start of the day. Access to the school outside of school drop off / collection, and during the school day is through the main office.

Multiple CCTV cameras internally and externally protect the site. Our Health & Safety, and other associated policies can be located on the school website.

Charging and Remissions Policy

Our Charging and Remissions Policy is reviewed on a three year cycle and can be found on the school website.

Before and After School Childcare

A private Woodpeckers Club is based on the school grounds and runs from **7.45am – 8.55am** and after school from **3.15am – 6pm**.

School Session Times

Year Group	Timings	School Hours
Nursery	9.10 - 11.40 & 12.40 - 3.10pm	5 hours
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	8.55am - 3.15pm	5 hours 20 mins
Year 3 - Year 6	8.55am - 3.30pm	5 hours 35 mins



Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

We believe in equal opportunities for all, and aim to give everyone the chance to succeed. We are an inclusive school and all staff are passionate that all learners thrive during their time at school. We want all our children to grow in confidence and make a positive contribution to our school. This includes helping them to take responsibility for their own learning, teaching them how to stay safe and making sensible choices that contribute to their health, happiness and well-being.

Our ALNCo, Miss Sophie Hawkins works with our children, parents and staff to ensure suitable provision and support for identified children. We follow a graduated response at the school.

“Whitchurch Primary is a supportive and caring environment in which children are nurtured and can learn.” - Parent.

Attendance

We expect our children to be in school every day, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Please ensure you contact the school if your child is unwell and unable to attend.

Complaints

For a copy of the school Complaints Policy please reference the school website. A copy is also available from the school office.

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An inclusive and caring community ...





When I came to
Whitchurch Primary
I didn't know much
English but lots of
people have helped
me learn.

- Pupil

My child adores
school and I feel
that it's as much to
do with the school's
attitude to him as
a pupil, as it is his
attitude to school!

- Parent

Our community is built
upon a foundation
of values RESPECT,
ACHIEVE, CARE and
INSPIRE which helps
us to be good pupils
and good people.

- Pupil



The well-being
and care the
school provides is
excellent- the staff
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- Parent

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