



'Living, Laughing and Learning Together'

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

William Penn Primary School is the only state primary school in the country with a Quaker foundation. The Quaker led values of friendship, integrity, reflection, simplicity, truth, equality, and peace are the driving force in our approach to learning.

At William Penn we aim to provide a stimulating, supportive environment and curriculum that:

- nurtures, notices and treats children as individuals,
- focuses on helping children reach their goals,
- promotes confidence and self belief,
- works with parents, ensuring that children are happy,
- respects, values and challenges children and encourages them to do the same for others.

Every member of our school community is a teacher and learner. Our dedicated teaching staff are committed, caring and always striving to improve their practice. Working closely with parents, governors and the wider community, we ensure we deliver a broad, progressive and ambitious curriculum.

Currently serving families in Coolham, Billingshurst and beyond, we provide a high quality and nurturing start for young people in a village setting. While our school is built on Quaker foundations, we welcome children from all backgrounds.

“A small school with a big heart for nurturing and care, where each child is known by their name.. and encouraged to thrive to their fullest potential with boundless enthusiasm and support.”

Kathy H. parent

“This is a special school because everybody is kind.”

Pupil, Year 3



WHAT DO WE OFFER?

At William Penn, we provide safe, engaging learning spaces to promote a sense of curiosity and enjoyment in learning. Our broad curriculum is designed to motivate and challenge children through a series of topics and themes.

Throughout the school, English and Maths underpin our curriculum. We promote a love of reading and writing using Read Write Inc. phonics and The Power of Reading. Maths is taught through a mastery approach using White Rose Maths.

Our school is lucky to have a large premises where we can facilitate our newly opened Forest School. This allows children to develop skills and confidence; it fosters well being and a connection with the natural world, in conjunction with more traditional classroom teaching.

We celebrate key events during the year, including Easter, May Day, a Christmas Concert at Christ's Hospital, and termly music performances for all to enjoy. Trips and visits are used to enrich in school learning and provide first hand experiences for children. In addition to everyday lessons, we offer a range of after school activities for pupils to enjoy, from Clay club to sports clubs.

William Penn is delighted to be able to offer parents affordable, before and after school wrap around care. The Friends Club runs from 8am until 5:30pm on site.

We have a keen, committed governing body and an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that hold social events throughout the year for children, parents and staff to meet, have fun, and raise funds for school. New members are always welcome.



“I feel safe because the staff always look out for us and are here to help.”

Pupil, Year 4

HOW DO WE SUPPORT POSITIVE MINDSET?

As a small village school, William Penn is able to offer children a variety of roles and responsibilities to build confidence, resilience and independence. We encourage our children to be active members of the school community and to develop their social and communication skills to express their opinions, ideas and concerns to others. As a Rights Respecting School, children have a real voice when it comes to decision making at the school and they do this through their own elected School Council members, or as librarians, digital leaders and peer mentors.

Restorative Practice is at the heart of our behaviour policy and is used to create a safe and peaceful environment to learn and to play in. Children are encouraged to resolve problems and seek solutions through discussion and by asking questions. It allows children to take responsibility and this calm approach feeds directly into our Quaker values of reflection, equality, peace, simplicity, friendship, and integrity.

“The great thing about William Penn is that within 5 minutes you already have new friends, and in the playground there is always someone to play with.”

Pupil, Year 6

For more information about our school, or to arrange a visit to see learning in action, please contact us.

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