



Welcome to
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet CE
(VA) Primary School (SUN)



*‘Together we
dream, believe,
challenge and
achieve.’*

Our School

- We are a small, rural, C of E (VA) Primary School.
- We belong to the Oxford Diocese.
- We currently have 102 children on roll





Organisation

- We currently have 4 classes:

Acorns: Reception – Taught by Mrs Wade

Oak: Years 1 and 2 – taught by Miss Maybanks

Ash: Years 3 and 4 – taught by Mrs Lucas

Sycamore: Year 5 and Year 6 – taught by Mrs Peopall

The children are in mixed year group classes each comprising of a range of abilities.

Organisation

House Groups

Each child is a member of one of the following house groups, who were all named after people the children are inspired by. The children have only last week voted on their new house name; we do this every two years to keep these inspirational people current and relevant to them:

Brown

Kane

Palmer

Backshall

Organisation

Pupil Leadership Roles

- Each house votes in a Year 6 House Captain
- House points can be earned during the week and ongoing totals are revealed on a Friday, working towards the House Cup awarded at the end of each term.
- Each year, we encourage a great sense of community and healthy competition with House events, such as Sports Day, curriculum days and other events organised throughout the year by our House Captains.
- We also have leadership roles in our School Council, Eco Team, Librarians, Arts Ambassadors and Year 6 Office Assistants

The school day

- Children can enter playground 8.25am
- School opens 8.35 – 8.45
- Registration – 8.45 am
- Morning break - 10.30 – 10.45am
- Lunch – EYFS & KS1: 11.50 – 12.40, KS2: 12.00 – 12.50
- School day ends - 3.15pm



Our Vision and Values . . .

- Friendship and forgiveness
- Compassion
- Trust
- Thankfulness
- Peace
- Fellowship and community



- Learning behaviours:

- We learn with...

creativity, curiosity, **RESILIENCE** and **integrity**

Vision Statement

We all live our vision and values:

'Together we dream, believe, challenge and achieve.'

Our vision is strongly rooted in Christian theology. Our inclusive community inspires pupils to dream big and have belief, inspired by faith, with enquiring minds and a spirit of curiosity, developing creativity, integrity and resilience. We challenge ourselves through exploration, and using a broad and balanced curriculum, strive for high achievement for all.

The Lost Sheep

‘What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?’ – [Luke 15:4](#)



Our current development points

- Our School Development Plan is on our website if you would like to see more detail

We are...

- Scientists
 - Mathematicians
 - Geographers
 - Authors
 - Historians
 - Artists
 - Sportspeople
 - Readers
 - Musicians
 - Designers
 - Linguists...
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- Happy & flourishing



Wellbeing

- Outdoor learning
- Mindfulness activities (finger knitting, continuous line drawing, reading...)
- Guided meditation
- Love a Book afternoons
- Music specialist teachers
- 4 x more space per pupil in our amazing grounds than other local schools!
- Bespoke Life Skills Curriculum

Our Learning Environment

**Welcome to
our school!**



Links with Ufton Court

- Each class enjoys regular visits to Ufton Court to enhance their learning experiences.
- Acorns Forest Skills days



Spiritually Flourishing

- All children will learn about a range of religions and beliefs such as Hinduism, Sikhism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Humanism and Judaism
- We link our values through stories, many taken from the bible, collective worship and special reflection and mindfulness time.
- Our church is St Mary's in Sulhamstead.
- We have strong links and collaboratively run weekly Explorer's club.

Above all, it's about our ethos, atmosphere, each child feeling valued and a belonging to a special place in the heart of our community.

OFSTED

- We were inspected in October 2022 and were judged as 'good'.
- "Parents and carers delight in their children coming home, full of enthusiasm about what they are learning. All parents who responded to the online survey, Ofsted Parent View, would recommend this school with a 'family feel'"
- "The school vision, 'dream, believe, challenge, achieve', is at the heart of school life. It encourages pupils to be the best they can be."

SIAMS

- Inspected in February 2018
- Distinctively Christian values drive the school's work so that pupils make good progress academically, and develop their full potential socially, emotionally and spiritually.



Home / school partnership

Home / school partnership is very important to us . . .

- Meet the Teacher events at the start of the year
- Acorn Stay and Play afternoon
- Maths, therapeutic approach, writing and phonics information sessions
- MHST parent and pupil workshops
- SATs & Year 6 residential information evenings
- Parents and volunteers help us on trips, hear readers, go with us to Forest skills, walk to & from Church, raise funds with Friends of SUN....
- Open ended home learning to encourage collaborative working
- Parent Council – an opportunity to understand how and why decisions are made in your school
- Class Reps
- Autumn & Spring Termly Parent Evenings to discuss your child's learning, final school report in July.
- Links with the Foodbank, Toy Appeal and wider local services to help families

Extra Curricular Activities

- Mindfulness
- Football
- Science
- Choir
- Yoga
- Explorers
- Art & Crafts
- Multi skills/Cricket/Netball
- i-Rock
- Berkshire Music Trust – guitar/piano
- Learning to play a wind/brass/string instrument
- Drama
- Singing & Choir



i-Rock



Life Skills Curriculum

- This is unique to S.U.N School and a bespoke, progressive curriculum to enhance our existing curriculum and teach the children how to prepare for life and work.

Our Life Skills Curriculum is full of exciting and enriching learning experiences which prepares our children to become positive role models and effective contributors to society whilst giving our pupils the chance to become the very best versions of themselves.

Life Skills are taught fortnightly and incorporate our school values.

Some activities in Acorns include:
planting and growing tomatoes,
gardening, making cakes (and doing the washing up!)
Calling 999
Caring for pets



Bi-Annual Careers Fair



SUN events

- Harvest Festival service
- Remembrance
- Upton Dole – community tradition, just before Easter. Bread and linen doled out to the parishioners.
- Friends of SUN – Christmas bazaar, discos, Summer Fayre, Craft sessions, magic & Science shows . . .
- Christmas, Easter & end of year celebrations at St Mary's
- Summer focus week – art, health and well-being.
- Grow '£5'
- Performing at The Hexagon music concerts
- Mother's Day Tea & Father's Day Brunch
- Grandparent's Day
- Carols Round the Tree
- Careers Fair
- Thinking Day, Mental Health Awareness, Children in Need, World Book Day...
- Most importantly, our children are courageous advocates for causes close to their hearts and are free to plan and undertake many additional fund raising and awareness raising events across the year

Wrap around Care

- Breakfast Club:
- 7.45 – 8.45
- After School Club:
- 3.15 – 4.30 or 6pm



After School Club Timetable

Activity	
3:15 - 3:45	Children arrive from school. Registration.
3:45	Healthy snack and drink is served.
3:45 - 4:30	Child led play (free flow play inside and outside). A planned craft/baking/science activity is available.
4:30 - 4:45	Children booked on to the short session will go home. Children attending after a school run club will arrive.
4:45 - 5:15	A light afternoon tea is served.
5:15 - 6:00	Child led play (free flow play inside and outside). The planned craft/baking/science activity continues. A chance to do homework and reading is offered.
6:00	Home time.

Please note: Timings are estimate and may vary day to day and location to location. The activities and meals on offer are dependant on school facilities. Not all sites can offer hot food.

Wrap Around Care at SUN!



**Funtastic
Kids**

Funtastic Kids is excited to be providing
nurturing and dependable childcare at
Sulhamstead & Ufton Nervet CE
Primary School.



Breakfast Club

Monday - Friday, 7:45am - 8:45am

£6.25, includes a nutritional breakfast

After School Club

Monday - Thursday, 3:15pm - 4:30pm

£8.10, includes a healthy snack

Monday - Thursday, 3:15pm - 6pm

£14.50, includes a healthy snack plus
a light afternoon tea

Open to all children who attend
Sulhamstead & Ufton Nervet CE Primary
School from Reception to Year 6.

We are an Ofsted Early Years Childcare
Provider and accept Childcare Vouchers.

Activities provided include arts and
crafts, drama, science, sports, games,
and outdoor play!

10% Sibling Discount.



Follow us on social media for updates of what we get up to at our clubs!



@FuntasticKidsWrapAroundCare

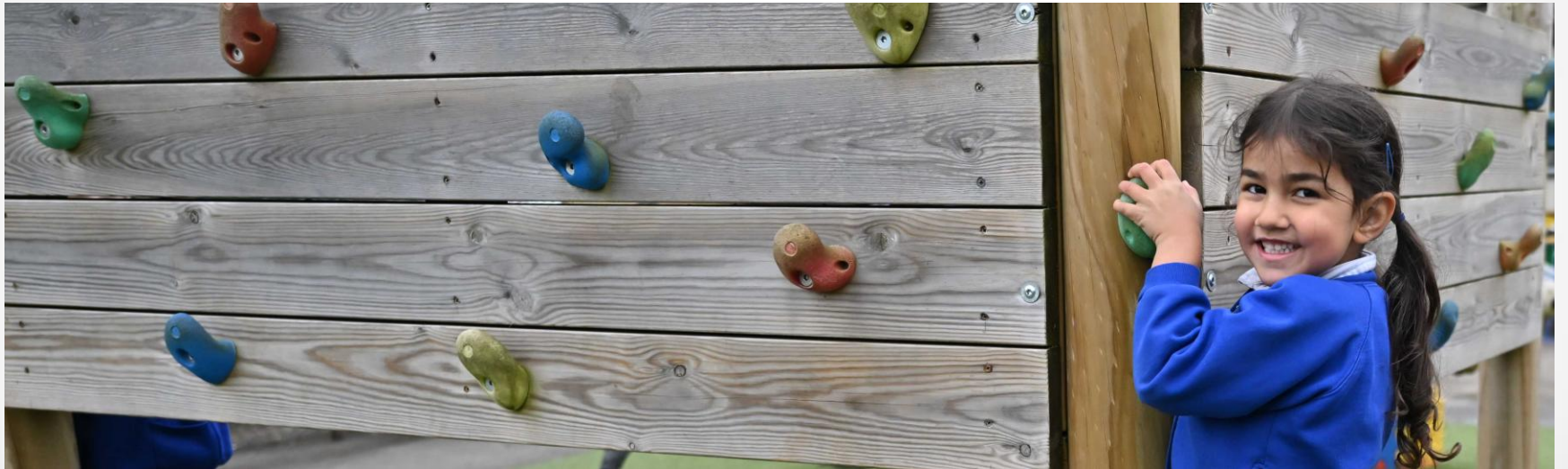


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Attendance

- At Sulhamstead & Upton Nerve CE Primary School, we believe that attendance and punctuality are important disciplines that help to structure our daily lives and must be modelled and taught to the children.
- Schools have a duty to prepare pupils for life in the 21st century as responsible members of our community and part of this journey is to teach them about the importance of attendance and punctuality.
- As a school, we monitor attendance closely, so please do inform school if there are significant issues impacting your child that mean that your child may not meet our minimum expectation of 96% attendance.
- Do ensure you speak to your child's teacher or Miss Kennedy, as we will always try to support you and your child.



Attendance

- At SUN, we treasure all learning time in class, and want to support you and your children to get the most out of the school day.
- If you are encountering any problems around ensuring your child can arrive on time, please do come and speak to your class teacher or Miss Kennedy.
- By informing the school, we can give you as much support as possible.
- One way we help families in the mornings is for them to attend our Funtastic Kids Breakfast Club. Do consider this as an option if you feel it will help.
- Thank you for your continued support to ensure all of our
- children are making the most of their school day. •

Acorn Class





Starting school

- Near the end of the summer term, the children are invited for two short visits to Acorns.
- Mrs Wade will also visit the children at home. Home visits occur towards the end of term.
- The Autumn term – children have a slightly staggered start, mornings first and then full time.
- Stay and Play afternoon

Acorn Class

My Child's Learning

- Parents meeting in Summer term.
- Stay and Play afternoon in September
- After a few weeks, we will invite you to a phonics information meeting.
- There will also be Parent's Consultation Evenings.
- At the end of the year you will receive a report summarising and celebrating all that your child has achieved over their time in Acorn Class.
- We use Tapestry to ensure parents are aware of what their child is learning and to help the home/school links. Parents can comment on their child's achievements and add some of their own!

Lunch

- Your child can choose to have a packed lunch or a school lunch. They can do different things on different days. Lunches are ordered through **Crumbs** on the My Child At School App.
- Acorns children always eat first and we sit with them at lunch time to keep a close eye on what they've eaten and encourage them to try new foods.
- Free milk for 4 year olds.
- Snack time morning and afternoon.



Admissions

- As a church school, we welcome applications from Christian families, and those of other faiths or none. We ask all parents applying for a place at our school to respect this ethos and its importance to the whole school community.
- Applications for entry to the school in the academic year 2027-28 must be received by the LA by 15th January 2027.
- These will then be forwarded to the school to be ranked according to the oversubscription criteria. Governors decide final places.
- Offers of places will be issued on their behalf by the LA on 17th April 2027.
- 15 Reception places.
- See our website and West Berks Admissions website for more details.

Any Questions?

- You are welcome to attend more than one open day and please do email or phone the school office if you have any queries or questions – no question is too small or too big!
- We welcome school visits if our open day dates aren't suitable

