



# Jolesfield Church of England Primary School

**Welcome Information**



## Our School Vision

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School is a small, village school set in the heart of the beautiful Sussex countryside. We are fortunate to be a part of the friendly and supportive village community of Partridge Green as well as having close ties with St. Michael's and St. George's Churches.

Our size means that every child is known and cared for by every member of staff. Plus, deep bonds of friendship exist across year groups, facilitated by our buddy system of pairing younger and older children together to complete joint projects.

However, uniquely for a small school, we have a fantastic range of facilities and resources. A forest space, pond, large field, swimming pool and music room help support us to deliver our rich curriculum. Future plans include an arts area and multi-activity games space.

To find out more about the small school with a big heart and even bigger ambitions, please do explore our school website and contact Natalie or Debbie, in our school office, on 01403 710546 to arrange a visit.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child to Jolesfield.

**Vicky Price**  
**Headteacher**



Our school vision is to create an inclusive Christian community where children develop a love of learning, grow in confidence and flourish. Our approach is underpinned by the Bible verse from John 10, 'Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life and live it to the full."'

We are proud to be a Church of England primary school and our vision is firmly based upon the Christian principle of **'life in all its fullness'**. At Jolesfield, we believe that as children of God we are all equally valued, plus, a happy child is a learning child. We pursue academic rigour and excellence in all we do, whilst prioritising emotional wellbeing, to enable the whole school community to flourish.



## Our School Values

Our approach to learning is firmly built upon our school values, which are underpinned by our Christian values.

This enables every child to grow spiritually and emotionally, fostering imagination and a deep sense of personal identity and self-worth, with guidance provided through the loving example of Jesus Christ.

We are committed to not only developing learners but raising principled citizens to flourish in our community.

Our children memorise these values and they are an intrinsic part of our daily life.

These are our values:

Thankfulness

Respect

Teamwork

Positivity

Kindness



## Our Curriculum Is...

progressive

personalised

inclusive

collaborative

aspirational

purposeful

broad

balanced

rich

creative

inspiring

fun!



## Our Approach to EYFS

We firmly believe that the experience we offer and provide at Jolesfield in the Early Years is vital to ensure a strong start to a child's education as EYFS is the bedrock where the foundation knowledge and skills begin in readiness for KS1, KS2 and beyond.

Children choose from a wide range of stimulating and relevant activities which engage them fully and allow them to effectively demonstrate the characteristics of effective learning. The classrooms and the outdoor areas are stimulating and organised to enable children to make progress in all areas of learning whilst developing their own ideas.

Learning opportunities are promoted through loose parts play provision allowing children to 'tinker' with and move materials around, design and redesign in order to develop thinking skills through an 'I wonder...' approach. This encourages creative thinking and imagination by allowing pupils to assign their own meaning and purpose to objects.



## Developing Oracy Skills

We recognise the importance of developing 'word rich' pupils rather than 'word poor'. In order to thrive socially, emotionally and academically, we equip children with the skills and opportunities to become confident orators. From EYFS to Year 6, pupils are immersed within a rich vocabulary and encouraged to use precise and ambitious language.

The skills of being a good communicator are taught and shaped progressively through our curriculum and school values. Lessons are structured to ensure there is time for children to express their own opinions and share these with a partner, small group or class. Children are taught how to respectfully disagree and use evidence to support their thinking.

Further opportunities to develop oracy are provided through participation in our many pupil-led groups.

Communication skills are an essential component of being a successful buddy for a younger child or through being a librarian, digital leader, school ambassador or member of sports crew.

