



# Alveston C of E Primary School

## School Prospectus

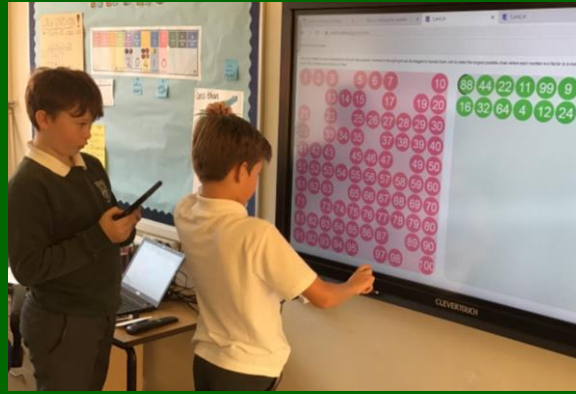
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"I love the really warm atmosphere." Nell, Year 6 (2019/2020).

## We have **a clear ethos**

Our goal has always been to provide a happy, caring and stimulating learning environment for our children. To deliver this environment we work closely with our parents, governors, Friends of Alveston (PTA) and the local community. Together we teach, we nurture and we value the whole child; to ensure they flourish and reach their full potential in every aspect of their development.

Living and working in accordance to our Christian values, all children are warmly welcomed at Alveston whether joining us in Reception or part way through their school journey.

We always remember that children come in all different shapes and sizes, are from different backgrounds and are interested in different things. Consequently, they all learn differently. Not only do we strive to meet individual needs, we celebrate our differences and learn from each other.

We hope you will find the time to read and digest this prospectus as we aim to give you a feel of Alveston. However, if you would like to get straight to the point, this is Alveston in a nutshell:

- We are a **small school**
- We know **the little things matter**
- We teach the **whole child**
- We share **the experience**
- We are a **Christian school**
- We embrace **our environment**
- We are a **skilled team**
- We deliver **big results**
- We support **our family**

**Welcome to our school!**



"I love that we are a family." Ellie, Year 5.

## We are a **small school**

At Alveston we have 7 classes with up to 30 children in each. Our numbers are rising and we are now oversubscribed every year. Being small has its advantages: we know every child, every family and they know us.

We may be small in number but:

- we enjoy teaching in a spacious building, facilities and grounds.
- we have big ideas for our teaching, for learning and for the futures of our children.
- our pupils are empowered to lead the way. We encourage pupil leadership through School Council, Online Safety Committee, Collective Worship Committee, Eco School Committee, Play Leaders and Peer Mediators.

## We know **the little things matter**

We have high expectations of all our children and as a result they make excellent progress from their starting points academically, socially, emotionally and physically.

We believe children should be supported and challenged in equal measure to enable all our pupils to learn and reach their full potential.

We work hard to deliver a warm and welcoming school. We know we have succeeded because our children, families and all our visitors tell us so.

We keep our expectations for behaviour simple. Combined with our family feel, behaviour at Alveston is exceptional as we all strive to be ready, respectful and safe.

In a busy, changing world we don't just teach children, we support them every step of the way. The pastoral support we provide our children is second to none. Nurturing a happy culture is important to us, as happy children learn better.





"I love the equipment we have for PE and Music." Polly, Year 6.

## We teach the **whole child**

At Alveston the team have always delivered an exciting curriculum across all subjects including for example Humanities, Sports and the Arts. The curriculum is further enriched with visitors to school, experiences and trips.

We are passionate about every child experiencing success during their primary school years. Delivering real breadth in our curriculum and a depth of experience, children have the opportunity to shine, to know what success feels like be that in reading, writing or maths or through Science, Computing, the Arts or the sporting arena.

We teach differently. We teach children to look at the evidence, appraise it and form their own views. Rather than develop children who are passive recipients of facts, we encourage them to be independent thinkers. For example, we don't just teach children who Boudicca was and what she did; we ask children to appraise the evidence, form their opinions and debate if she was a freedom fighter or a terrorist.

We also celebrate the whole child. We celebrate those children who not only demonstrate an excellent attitude and aptitude for learning but also those who are kind, community spirited, go the extra mile or those who share their joy and sunny spirit with us all.

## We share **the experience**

We know we could not deliver what we do without the support of you, the parents and carers.

At Alveston we have recently introduced Learning Together Time, when we invite all parents in to school to share a lesson with their children.

*"I feel very privileged to have sat in on the Y6 Limerick lesson. The teacher was very inspiring and the children produced some fantastic work."* Y6 Parent (2019/2020).

Each week we celebrate our Stars of the Week. Parents are invited to share this celebration by joining us in our end of week Celebration Assembly.



"I love the assemblies." Seth, Year 2.

## We are a **Christian school**

As a school we embrace and model Christian values in all that we do. We start each day with Collective Worship. This not only provides quality reflection time but also a positive start for us all. We focus on our school values, which we believe encompass all faiths:

Responsibility and Courage

Forgiveness and Compassion

Hope and Peace

Honesty and Justice

Tolerance and Respect

Community and Friendship

Our Collective Worship sessions are led by all adults in the school so children get to meet all the teaching staff. In addition to this, Revd Canon Richard Williams leads worship every Monday morning. Every year, Mr Williams also visits school to lead Key Stage 2 in a Eucharist service, teaching them about each element and comparing and contrasting the Eucharist to other religions.

Three times each year we all visit St James' Church. Here the whole school celebrates Harvest, Christingle and Easter with our families, friends and community. The children walk to church and parents are welcome not only to attend these services but also to join us on this heartening walk.

## We embrace **our environment**

We have the most wonderful grounds and spacious building at Alveston.

Inside we have the space for four practical areas, which provide a fabulous area for children to experience big art projects, get messy and cook. A well-appointed whole school library, sits in a beautiful, naturally lit hub for our children to relax in. We are also lucky to have a well-equipped computing suite, in addition to iPad technology in each classroom for cross curricular learning.

Outside provides a delightful extension to all our classrooms. We are surrounded by an expanse of land to enjoy during lessons, during breaks and the plethora of after school activities. In addition, we are very proud of our purposefully landscaped and planted Forest School which we use through all seasons and all weathers to provide outdoor learning opportunities for all children as they progress through the school. With three qualified Forest School Leaders, we have an experienced, in-house team to ensure the Forest School provision is maximised.



"I love the teaching style here, the way we explore subjects." Sam Y6 (2019/2020)

## We are a **skilled team**

Our people are supportive, encouraging and nurturing. Not only are they highly skilled individuals, they also work together to ensure the education they deliver across the whole school is of the highest quality.

Our teaching team enjoy teaching at Alveston. When they have left for pastures new, we find they come back! They are dedicated to the children they teach and to securing the best outcomes for all. Our team share their passions through their own extra-curricular clubs both at lunchtime and after school. In addition, it is our teaching team who supervise the children at play, both at morning break and lunch. As a result, the children are being looked after by adults they know and trust.

Our support staff work hard, often unnoticed, to ensure the school operates efficiently and effectively from day to day. Supporting the teaching team and our families, they are a powerhouse of activity striving to deliver the very best service to all.

The Friends of Alveston work tirelessly to raise funds for the school through a varied and exciting range of fundraising activities. With their help we can afford some of those little extras which make a big impact on our children during their time at Alveston.

Last but not least we are lucky to have an experienced team of governors who have a breadth of skills to support and challenge us. This helps to ensure we deliver the very best education for all our children.

## We deliver **big results**

We are not all about results. We have always focused on preparing our children for the next stage in life. However the way we do things at Alveston does result in the delivery of exceptional attainment and progress.

Our end of Key Stage 2 results in 2018 and 2019 placed us in the top 3% of all primary schools in the UK, not bad for a small school!

As we closed in March 2020, SATs did not take place this year. However we were confident that our results would continue to be above the UK average for the third year running.





"I have made lots of friends here." Henry, Year 1.

## We support **our family**

We work alongside parents and carers to ensure every transition is smooth and we are always available to discuss any concerns you may have.

Starting school is exciting but it can also be nerve wracking - not only for the children! Normally in the summer term, we have an induction day when children visit for a morning or an afternoon. In addition, there are two more settling in sessions in the summer term and a New Parents' Evening in July, when all information will be shared prior to the children starting. At the start of September, Reception class teachers make a home visit before children attend for a short session.

Each Reception child is also given a Year 6 pupil buddy, who supports them through work and play. With all this in place, children usually settle quickly into our family.

This year due to COVID-19, we needed to make some changes. We held a virtual parents evening, children then came into school in small bubbles for two transition days and home visits were also conducted virtually.

## Warwickshire Admissions

If you think Alveston is the right school for your child, you can apply through Warwickshire Admissions.

If you have an email address, the easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Log on to the following address to find a link to create an account and following the instructions provided:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-school-place-reception/apply-school-place-reception/>

### General school admissions enquiries:

Email: [admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01926 414143

The closing date to make your child's primary school application is **15 January 2021**.

If you need any help with your application, or if you have any further questions please do contact us on 01789 293 412 or by email [admin3002@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3002@welearn365.com).



"I love the school trips because they are brilliant!" Max, Year 2.



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For further information please do call or email, we will be happy to help.

Your opinion matters to us and we would love to hear your feedback.

We welcome all comments and we promise we listen! So please do tell us:

- about your first impressions of Alveston
- what you think we are doing well
- what you think we could improve



"I love Forest School because I love nature." Oliver, Year 5.