

**Bemerton St John
C of E Primary School**



**School Prospectus
2019**

We are delighted to welcome you to our school and hope that you will find everything you need to help us to create a positive environment, where your children develop their own spirituality and self-confidence, to reach their potential and raise aspirations.

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VISION AND VALUES

Belief and Confidence to Aspire

We will aim to:

- **Inspire** children to reach their **potential**.
- Build social skills to create a positive environment and **self-confidence**.
- Develop their **own spirituality** and respect the **beliefs** of others.

OUR SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We want to create a positive environment, where children develop their own spirituality and self-confidence, to reach their potential and raise aspirations.

THE SCHOOL

Our school is part of a Multi Academy Trust, The Magna Learning Partnership (MLP). We are, of course, excited about the potential opportunities for children in the future and sharing those with you in the coming weeks and months. We are proud that it is our school that becomes the first primary to join Magna Learning Partnership and are excited about the chance we now have as a staff team to lead the development of primary education locally.

Bemerton St John's Primary School is a church school for children of four to eleven years of age. The children are admitted at the beginning of the school year in which they will reach their fifth birthday.

The school is organised in seven classes and the children are allocated to those classes on the basis of age. Each class contains all the children in one-year group. Each class has a class teacher who is responsible for all the subjects of the National Curriculum. Music is taught in some instances by a specialist teacher. We also have a French specialist.

The oldest buildings (now the hall and one classroom) date back to the 1870's when the school was built to serve the village of Bemerton. Many alterations and additions have been made over the years. The result is a building offering a hall with servery, seven classrooms, a library, ICT Suite and offices. The Governors operate a rolling plan of repairs, maintenance and decoration in order to keep the building up to a high standard.

The school has the advantage of a 'village' setting in very pleasant surroundings. Outside it has a playground and a garden. The garden area is in the process of being developed with the assistance of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

The school is at full capacity with 212 children currently on roll.

STAFF LIST

Headteacher	Mr Alun Richards
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Claire Pearce
Teaching Staff	Mrs Viki Ford
	Mrs Sara Lock
	Mrs Laura Skuse
	Mrs Nicola Young
	Mrs Rosie Howell
	Mrs Annette Lawrence
	Miss Abbie Innes
	Mr Huw Price
	Mrs Cindy Lines
	Mrs Clare Highmore
Teaching Assistants	Mrs Annabel Bennett
	Mrs Kelly Lever
	Mrs Lyn Lingham
	Mrs Lisa Sanger
	Mrs Kate Saykouk
	Mrs Karen Hynes
	Mrs Philippa Hill
	Mrs Ivy Picton
	Mr Alex Hope
Business Manager/Finance	Mrs Vanessa Shield
/Admin Officers	Mrs Kathy Medhurst
Family Link Worker	Mrs Debbie Newman
MDSA	Mrs Nicky Milton
	Mrs Ruth Musselwhite
	Mrs Marie Young
	Mrs Louisa Charles
	Miss Sharyn Coombes

THE GOVERNORS

Headteacher	Mr Alun Richards
Staff Governor	Mrs Claire Pearce
Parent Governor	Mr John Oldroyd©
Local Education Authority	Mr Nick Beazley
Foundation Governor	Mrs Helen Pessell
	Mrs Nicola Hanc
	Mr Jeremy Nettle
	Miss Lindsay Beldham
	Mrs Kathryn Willis

A WELCOME LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

A very warm welcome to Bemerton St John Primary school on behalf of all governors. At Bemerton we are very proud of all the children, the talents they bring and share with others and their enthusiasm for learning. We never fail to be impressed by the progress children make, their genuinely exceptional achievements and sense of fun and enjoyment on their journey here at our school.

We believe this does not happen by chance and key to the success of Bemerton is putting each young person and their family at the centre of discussions about supporting their individual aspirations. We are very fortunate to enjoy positive, active and trusting relationships with parents and carers and, as you know your children best, we listen to your views to help shape every child's educational journey and outcomes.

Bemerton is a friendly, inclusive, fun and caring school with a Christian ethos that has high expectations for every child from every background. This creates a safe yet stimulating and exciting environment for essential learning, independent thinking, intellectual curiosity and sharing of ideas where all can thrive and perform to their best every day.

At Bemerton we strive to ensure every pupil receives an outstanding educational experience whilst realising their full potential, from joining us at the school, through academic progression and attainment outcomes, as well as focusing on extra-curricular opportunities, social and behavioural progress, to ensuring pupils are well prepared, resilient, caring, responsible and confident for their next stage of their education and learning journey.

Through the strong and ambitious leadership of our school and dedicated teachers we have instilled a culture of continuous improvement. Keeping abreast of current thinking in the world of education and continually setting the performance bar high to ensure your children benefit from the truly excellent and enthusiastic teachers and the exciting, informative, engaging and challenging lessons pupils participate in. This coupled with committed staff, the support of the church and wider community, together with access to first-rate facilities, all set within delightful grounds creates a wonderful learning environment.

I would strongly encourage you to visit and experience our happy and inspirational school for yourself and see if it is the right choice for your child or children. Please call Kathy or Vannessa on 01722 322848 to arrange a visit and a member of our staff will be delighted to show you around.

John Oldroyd Chair of Governors

THE SCHOOL DAY

	Key Stage 1 children	Key Stage 2 children
First session	8.50-10.45	8.50-11.00
Break time	10.45-11.00	11.00-11.15
Second session	11.00-11.45	11.15-12.45
Lunchtime	12.00-13.00	12.45-13.40
Third session	13.00-3.15 (15 min break)	1.40-3.15

YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS AND ASSESSMENT

In the Autumn and Spring term a time will be set aside for you to discuss your child's progress. This takes the form of an open week with teachers having after school sessions; you can book a ten minute slot to discuss your child's progress. In addition, you will receive a written report at the end of Term 5. If you then also feel you need to meet with your child's class teacher a further appointment can be made.

Assessment is a process that begins when the child first enters school and it continues until the child leaves. Assessment is carried out formally and informally; teachers use this information to inform future learning. At the end of the Year 1 children do a phonics screening test. At age seven, a more formal assessment takes place. This takes the form of Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs) which are externally set, administered and marked by the teacher and externally moderated. These SATs coincide with the end of a Key Stage One of the National Curriculum. At age eleven, further formal testing takes place in a similar way to the end of Key Stage One. However, this testing is marked by an external examiner.

Our aim is to minimise the trauma of formal testing as far as possible and even when SATs are being administered we try to keep the day as normal as possible.

The school's Assessment Co-ordinator oversees all assessment work in the school.

ABSENCE AND LATENESS

The school must be notified by telephone, letter or verbal message from the parent on the first day of absence explaining the reason why their child is not in school; contact will still be required for each day your child is off school. Failure to notify the school will result in the child receiving an 'unauthorised absence' mark. All Children should arrive at school for 8.50am and ready to start work at 9am, after the close of registration you will receive an unauthorised absence.

If you wish your child to leave the school during the day for any reason, please notify the school in advance.

No child will be allowed to leave the school unless collected by an authorised adult, unless in Key Stage 2 when a covering letter is given.

If at any time you are concerned about your child do not hesitate to contact either the class teacher or the Head who will arrange an interview at a convenient time. If we are concerned about a child we do not hesitate to contact the parents about our concerns.

DELIVERING & COLLECTING CHILDREN

Children should arrive at school between 8.40am and 8.50am in the morning. The playground is supervised from 8.40am onwards.

If parents wish to speak to their child's teacher they should make an appointment with them in the playground when their child is collected at the end of the day.

At the end of school day all children are brought out into the playground to be handed over to their parents. All the children are taught to stay with their teacher if nobody is there to meet them.

If you find that you will be late in picking up your child, or that someone else will be meeting them, please contact the school and tell us who the substitute will be.

POLICIES

The following policies can be found on the school website.

www.bemerton.com

- Behaviour Policy
- Charging Policy
- Homework Policy
- Equality Policy
- Security Policy
- Parent/Child Contract
- Admission Policy

BEING A CHURCH SCHOOL

There is an act of worship in school each day. This takes place at a variety of times during the week. Parents have a right to withdraw their child from religious education and collective worship. We enjoy an input from members of local church groups and organisations. The children also take assemblies, sharing their learning with the other children.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

We offer a range of afterschool clubs throughout the academic year in school; these include the following, Eco Club, Football, Netball, Hockey Rounder's, Gymnastics, Choir, Cross Stitch, Pony and Recorder Club. The clubs are offered to children in Year 1 – Year 6

We also offer private music lessons and have a Guitar and Flute tutors in school. There is a charge for this service which is payable termly.

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are brought to the premises and healthy eating habits are encouraged. A menu for a term at a time is displayed so that children may choose days on which they wish to have a lunch if they normally have sandwiches.

Lunch break time takes place between 12.00-13.00pm (Key Stage 1) and 12.45-13.35pm (Key Stage 2). The children can bring in a snack from home but this must be either a vegetable or a piece of fruit. (Fruit is provided daily for all KS1 children) Children are encouraged to also bring water bottles.

During the school lunchtime the children are under the supervision of Midday Supervisory Assistants. In addition, either the Head or Deputy is on site to deal with any problems that might arise.

Meals and sandwiches are consumed in the hall. The remainder of the lunchtime period is spent in the playground or field, or in the classrooms in the case of bad weather.

The cost of a meal is £2.00. Payments are taken daily or weekly by special payment envelopes located by the school office. Lunch money must be placed in an envelope child's name and class, cash or cheque is acceptable, payable to HC3S

If you wish, your child may bring a packed lunch to school. Please do not send any glass containers. You also need to provide a plastic cup for your child's drink.

Please see the office staff for more details on applying for Free School meals.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Children have the opportunity to accompany trips to places of interest connected with their studies. We firmly believe in a 'hands on' approach to learning which we want the children to experience at first hand. At Key Stage 1 the trips are of one day's duration. At Key Stage 2 we widen the children's opportunities and a residential trip will be offered in Year 6. This is usually to PGL Liddington, Swindon.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children are asked to wear school uniform. We use Kids Klobber in Endless Street Salisbury for all our uniform supplies, they normally have a large supply of stock or can order for you on request.

BOYS White shirt/white polo shirt
 Grey trousers/Shorts
 Grey socks
 Royal blue sweatshirt or pullover

GIRLS White blouse/white polo shirt
 Grey skirt or trousers (not fashion trousers)
 Grey or white socks
 Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
 Blue/white checked dress

Jewellery must not be worn. Children who have pierced ears should wear studs and these need to be covered whilst doing PE.

All summer sandals must cover children's toes for safety.

Please apply sun cream at home and bring a sunhat. School sunhats can be purchase from the school office.

P.E. KIT

Every child needs a P.E. kit to change into for P.E. and other activities. This should be brought to school each Monday, left at school for the week and taken home at weekends for washing. Please see the current uniform sheet for kit required.

It is school policy that if coaches are used for trips any seatbelt fitted must be used and no child sits in an exposed seat. If minibuses are used, we only use those with forward facing seats and seatbelts.