



Welcome to our school

On behalf of the all of the staff, children and governors, I would like to welcome you to Acton CEVC Primary School. I hope the following information gives you a flavour of our school and the experiences and opportunities we offer.

We pride ourselves on our warm, welcoming family atmosphere and strongly believe in our school motto “**Strive, Support, Succeed**”. Children at Acton have a love of learning and understand the importance of challenging themselves in order to achieve their personal goals both in and out of school.

Our school is at the heart of the community and we have a close relationship with our village church, All Saints. Our school vision “Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.” (1 Peter 3:8) is key to the shared values which help us strive to be the best that we can be.

If you would like further information, or to arrange a visit, then please make an appointment with the school office.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Mr Jonathan Gray

Headteacher



Our School Values

Dear Future Acton Child,

Acton is where we support each other with kindness and respect. It's where we are expected to strive: identifying challenges as opportunities to grow through perseverance and courage. Finally, this is where we succeed together: gaining wisdom and showing humility, to help us flourish on the next steps of our journeys.

Best Wishes,

The Acton Child

Strive - Perseverance and Courage

Support - Compassion and Friendship

Succeed - Wisdom and Humility

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be compassionate and humble.”

1 Peter 3:8



Who's Who

Mr Jonathan Gray is the Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Mr Alex Newcombe is the Deputy Headteacher/Alternative DSL
Mrs Hazel Fielder is the SENDCo/Alternative DSL

Mrs Laura Clow & Mrs Hazel Fielder teach Year 6 (Wolves)
Mr Alex Newcombe teaches Year 5 (Penguins)
Mrs Anna Garrod teaches Year 4 (Orcas)
Miss Becky Edgett & Mrs Nicola Price teach Year 3 (Llamas)
Miss Daisy Underwood teaches Year 2 (Pandas)
Miss Kerry Birkmore teaches Year 1 (Leopards)
Mrs Hannah Tulkens & Mrs Katy Hammond teach Reception (Caterpillars)

Mrs Sarah Dykes	LSA/MDSA
Mrs Trudy Fisher	HLTA
Mrs Lexie Frost	LSA/MDSA
Mrs Mary Game	MDSA
Mrs Lorna Koksall	MDSA
Mrs Gilly Lawson	LSA/MDSA
Mrs Heather Sargeant	LSA
Mrs Nicky Elliott	LSA
Mrs Kate Davey	LSA
Miss Katrina Sparkes	LSA
Miss Ceri Flye	LSA
Mrs Laura Smith	School Administrator/LSA/MDSA
Mrs Jo Pegley	School Administrator/LSA/MDSA
Miss Samo Lyttle	LSA/After School Sports Clubs



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The School Day

School Day Timings

Children are dropped off at the school gates where staff are waiting to meet them.

Children can arrive from 8.30 am until registration at 8.45am

The morning session runs from 8.45am to 12.10 pm (EYFS and KS1 finish at 12pm). There is a 15 minute break in the morning session.

The afternoon starts at 1.10pm and finishes at 3.15 p.m.



School Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform at Acton CEVC Primary School.

We have a royal blue sweatshirt with our school emblem on it.

We wear grey/black skirts or trousers during the colder months and summer dresses and shorts when the weather warms up.

You can also get warm fleeces with our school badge.

Our P.E. Kit is either a plain white or house colour t-shirt and shorts/leggings.





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Our Curriculum

Intent

At Acton CEVC Primary School, our curriculum is designed to be broad and balanced. It equips our children to widen their horizons and realise talents, develop their character, resilience and well-being, and to enrich their learning through an understanding of diversity. Our curriculum allows children to develop cultural capital which prepares them to succeed academically and engage successfully in wider society.



Content

The Acton curriculum is based on the development of both skills and knowledge. We believe that it is vital that these are developed alongside each other as they are intrinsically linked. Our curriculum is designed to make strong links between and across all year groups and is progressive, building on and enriching children's learning throughout their time in school. We assess our children's knowledge and understanding at the beginning and ending of each discrete learning sequence, so that their progress is visible for all to see.

Our school is at the heart of a local community that is rich in historical and geographical significance and, therefore, our curriculum is led by the humanities. The local history, heritage and geographical links, including the disused WW2 airfield at RAF Sudbury, studying Thomas Gainsborough and the River Stour, are an inherent part of our curriculum design, creating learning which is relevant and unique to the children at our school.





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Enrichment

Educational visits, immersion days and outdoor learning are at the heart of our thematic, enriched curriculum; we believe that exposure to these first hand experiences equip our children with lifelong skills that enhance and embed their learning.

Parental, community and Church involvement is an essential part of our curriculum. We endeavour to educate the children and school community so that they will go forward to be a positive influence on society and the environment in which they live.



Outcomes

Children leave our school with enquiring minds and embedded life skills. They are secondary ready and have the confidence to take risks, be reflective and become life-long learners.

Additional Initiatives

We have a range of initiatives that support the intentions outlined above including our Church School values programme, our SCARF curriculum and our holistic approach to wellbeing using Zones of Regulation and Emotion Coaching.





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Trips and Visits

At Acton, we enhance our curriculum with a broad choice of trips and experiences throughout the school. These involve visits to local wildlife reserves, museums and other places of interest.

Our older children in years 5 and 6 also have the opportunity to participate in a residential trip each year.





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Starting School

Children can be admitted full time into our Reception class if their fifth birthday falls between 1st September and the following August 31st.

New entrants and parents are welcomed to the school in the half term before starting. Visits to the new class, regular story-time sessions and meetings for the parents prepare the way for a happy start to school. New parents are invited to a meeting where school routines are explained and questions can be asked.





Inclusion

Local Offer

In partnership with families, we aim to prepare all children to be part of an inclusive society, based on the Christian values of tolerance, respect and friendship.

We provide a high quality, motivating curriculum, tailored to individual needs and interests which is based on first hand experiences accessible to all pupils.

We support children with the following additional needs - learning difficulties, communication difficulties, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Specific Learning Difficulties, Physical and Medical needs, Sensory Difficulties and Emotional and Social Difficulties including mental health.

Early Help

We are fully committed to developing the whole child. This means that in addition to ensuring academic and sporting progress, we support the development of a child's responses to the world around them and their interaction with others.

In addition to a robust teaching curriculum of PSHE, our SENDCo and teachers are available to support pupils and parents, and our school employs HLTAs with specialist skills in interventions such as Drawing and Talking.



Getting Involved at Acton

The Governing Body

The Governing Body's aim is to ensure Acton CEVC Primary School provides its pupils with the best educational start in life - helping them to become happy, confident individuals who are given every opportunity to reach their potential.

The Governors, Headteacher and staff work in partnership to promote the aims of the school.

If you are interested in becoming a governor at the school then please contact Duncan Lang (Chair) via admin@acton.suffolk.sch.uk

Friends of Acton School (FOAS)

FOAS are a group of volunteers dedicated to raising funds for children at our School.

They help with funding for school resources, from IT equipment to books and playground equipment. They support educational school trips and activities.

FOAS have great fun, aren't too formal, and are always looking to make new friends, working together to achieve results!

Interested in joining but only have a little time to commit? Not a problem! Get in contact with the School Office.





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After School Clubs

Little Oaks Wraparound

At Acton CEVC Primary School, we offer Wraparound Childcare through Little Oaks Wraparound Care. Sessions run from 7:30 to 8:30am and 3:15 to 5:45pm from Monday to Friday.

During the session, the children take part in range of activities which include art, sports and games. There will also be the opportunity to read and complete any homework. As part of the provision, there will be a light snack provided.

To find out more and book your child's place, please visit www.littleoakskids.com/acton



Sports Clubs

We offer an afterschool club for each class in Key Stage 1 and 2.

An example week:

Tuesday: Street Dance

Wednesday: Art Club

Thursday: Y5/6 Futsal

Friday: Y3/4 Multisports

Y1/2 Gymnastics

We are partnered with Prestige Sports Development, Rivers Gymnastics Club and Sudbury Futsal Club.





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The Next Steps

Come and visit us

If you would like to arrange a visit to our school, please contact the school office



01787 377089



admin@acton.suffolk.sch.uk

Admissions

As a local authority school our admissions are handled by Suffolk County Council.

If you are making an application for a place when your child is starting school or need a place during an academic year please apply online at Suffolk County Council (Search 'Suffolk County Council school admissions')