



# Bredenbury Primary School



Dedicated to Learning, Thriving Together



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**Three Counties Academy Trust**



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# A warm welcome to Bredenbury Primary School

A prospectus can only give you a tiny glimpse of what we offer but I hope it gives you a flavour of what is important to us here at Bredenbury – our children!

I am incredibly proud of our unique little school, located close to the wonderful town of Bromyard. Our committed staff provide a wonderful education with plenty of fun, memorable experiences for our pupils. We value caring, friendship and collaboration as a vital part of our learning journey. That is why we proudly display our motto: Dedicated to Learning, Thriving Together.

Our small, mixed age group classes mean that pupils are known in depth by their staff and develop close, positive relationships. They also learn from and form close bonds with each other.

Our enthusiastic staff are friendly and welcoming, as we believe that the best results for your child can be achieved through developing a positive partnership between school and home. We value the contributions families make to our school and love to invite them in for both their opinions and to entertain them.

If you would like to know more about our wonderful school, or see for yourself why we're so proud of our children, please visit our [website](#) or do contact the school office to arrange a visit.



# Our Values

Bredenbury Primary School offers your child an unparalleled educational experience. Set in the breath taking rural setting of Herefordshire, our carefully curated grounds include a wonderful adventure playground, wildflower gardens, an extensive school field with a sleeping dragon and forest area, a school pet centre and a well maintained pond. These facilities enable our pupils to enjoy an education steeped in outdoor learning, animal care and team building. Our pupils are genuinely like a large family, caring for and understanding each other.

We believe that learning should be an enjoyable, lifelong process through which everyone can achieve their potential and exceed their expectations. We challenge and support our pupils to do their very best, by providing an extensive range of learning experiences beyond the statutory requirement.

Values Education underpins all aspects of our school life and gives staff and pupils the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the values in life that they believe in.

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## EYFS

Reception pupils at Bredenbury get an exclusive start to their school lives. With a maximum of 10 pupils in the year group, they enjoy a bespoke experience of individualised learning, based on staff observations of children's needs, interests and stages of development. Our youngest pupils also have the benefit of spending time with the Year 1 pupils and learn from their modelling.

We offer a happy, safe and stimulating classroom for children to explore, supported by an excellent ratio of staff to pupils. Reception pupils have a large, secure outdoor space with a writing shed, sand pit, construction site, huge mud kitchen, play house, water tray, chalk board and a stage, to develop their skills and creativity. Outdoor learning is a focus in the EYFS with children planting, potting on and tending to flowers and vegetables to use in school.

We plan an exciting and challenging curriculum based on the EYFS statutory framework, working towards the Early Learning Goals.





# Our Curriculum

Whilst our curriculum is based on the National Curriculum, it is also designed to meet the needs of our pupils in a small rural school. We use a 2-year rolling programme, teaching distinct curriculum subjects across our mixed-age classes of KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2. We believe that effective learning takes place when there is considerable emphasis on active involvement, opportunities to talk both imaginatively, expressively and to explain and clarify thinking.

Enrichment is an important characteristic of our curriculum and pupils are offered a wide range of experiences to extend their understanding of themselves and the world they live in. Recent opportunities have included exciting visits to the Caerleon Roman Fortress, Wicton Farm and local woodlands plus activities such as working with the Forestry Commission. We utilise our local area and school grounds often.

We hold whole school, themed art days each term and other events such as our Easter Bonnet Parade help forge an invaluable sense of community learning amongst our pupils.

Bredenbury Primary School strives to be a fully inclusive environment where children grow, learn and achieve together. We value each child as an individual with a unique potential for learning. We believe in developing the 'whole child,' supporting the emotional and social growth of each of our pupils and developing the intellectual, expressive, physical, moral, cultural and social skills they need to succeed in life. Being part of a close, caring and respectful community means that pupils will leave Bredenbury with a sense of belonging to their community and the enthusiasm to explore their diverse world.





# Parents and Community

As a small, village school, close links with families and our community play a vital role in Bredenbury Primary School. The school was founded in 1874 and some of our parents and grandparents came here as pupils.

Our wonderful PTFA hold many events throughout the year, providing fun opportunities for our pupils and invaluable funds for developing our school grounds. We love to invite parents into school to share our learning and for events like our whole school Nativity.

Bredenbury Primary School enjoys being part of the vibrant community of Bromyard. We have weekly visits from the local vicar and pupils make regular trips to the village church. We attend sporting events with other schools and take part in town events such as the Christmas Tree Festival, Scarecrow Festival and the Lantern Parade.







# What makes us unique?

We are extremely proud of our wonderful, little school. We think that Bredenbury Primary School is quite unlike any other local school. Our unique selling point is definitely our emphasis on outdoor learning and caring for animals, teaching our children confidence, empathy, responsibility and the importance of nurture. Our children help to care for our rabbits, guinea pigs and sheep and our school dog (Breden) plays an active role in the school day, whether 'hearing' readers, playing football at play times and lending a calming, listening ear for emotional support.

Our staff and pupils know and understand each other in depth. Teachers are able to offer excellent amounts of individual support and focussed learning due to small class sizes. Playtimes at Bredenbury are creative and a joy to watch, with older and younger children playing together and looking after each other.

Breakfast club and after school clubs (such as sports, crafts and music) are run by our staff ensuring that children feel well cared for by someone who knows them.





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