



Stoke Prior Primary School



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Welcome to Stoke Prior Primary School



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Stoke Prior Primary School is a friendly, small village school in the heart of the Herefordshire countryside just outside Leominster. We have a pupil population of approximately 90 pupils, taught in 4 mixed age classes. We cater for children aged 4 to 11 years, and are a member of the Three Counties Academy Trust. We serve a wide geographical area, with pupils attending from surrounding villages and Leominster.

Our warm and welcoming school is set in the countryside, just outside the village of Stoke Prior, on its own spacious grounds. These grounds consist of a wildlife area, school garden, playing field, hard surface play areas and an adventure play area with safety surface. The building itself is an older Victorian building, which has been sympathetically extended over the years. The school has 4 classrooms, a hall for sports, assemblies and larger group activities. We have a Design & Technology room, medical room and library. The school has access to its own Forest School site in local woodland, which provides outdoor learning opportunities for all our pupils. Our EYFS classroom benefits from its own spacious and secure outdoor learning area. Lots of areas for our curious and unique learners to discover and grow. We continually strive to develop and improve all our learning areas, and have recently planted a willow room, which will be used for quiet class activities and wellbeing sessions.

The school is well equipped with the resources necessary to meet the needs of the National Curriculum, including iPad facilities in the classrooms, a suite of laptops, gymnastics equipment in the hall, and spacious classrooms.

In order to help families and working parents we offer wraparound care which includes a breakfast club from 8am and an after –school club which runs until 4.30pm.

Stoke Prior school is very much community based, and we work together to ensure that pupils, who are at the center of all we do, have the best possible environment to achieve. Our team of dedicated and experienced staff work alongside parents, governors and the wider community to ensure every opportunity for our children to be Successful and Proud. The relationship with parents is key in fostering a rounded learning environment for our pupils, and we welcome parents regularly into school to share in the learning opportunities and achievements of the children.

We are lucky to have a dedicated and effective governing body, with many of our governors also having volunteer roles at school. They are able to strategically plan for the school's future with an excellent knowledge of the nurturing environment of the school and the opinions of the children. Our PTFA are a dynamic team of parents whose input and fundraising is felt at the heart of the school. They provide extracurricular opportunities for the children as well as funds to help the school provide additional resources for learning.

Our website is where we share the best of what we do, and also information about the school and what is going on. We welcome visits to the school, where you can experience for yourself the warm welcome and supportive environment of our lovely school.

Values and Vision

At Stoke Prior Primary School we believe that every child is unique and all children can be successful by achieving their best. To do this we expect children to be self-disciplined, caring, curious and enthusiastic. Through achieving success in all that they do, we hope children will become self-confident.

Children, staff, parents and the community should be proud of Stoke Prior School, respecting each other and the school, feeling ownership and working together, and being dedicated and committed to this vision.



At Stoke Prior we aim to help children to:

- Be **successful** and
- Be **proud** of their school

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| Stoke | Prior |
| Unique | Respect |
| Caring | Ownership |
| Curious | Unity |
| Enthusiastic | Dedicated |
| Self-disciplined | |
| Self-confident | |

- Commitment
- Friendliness
- Creativity
- Cooperation
- Flexibility
- Gratefulness
- Peacefulness

- Forgiveness
- Loyalty
- Respect



- Patience
- Love
- Courage
- Kindness
- Honesty
- Modesty
- Enthusiasm
- Confidence
- Generosity
- Truthfulness
- Determination

Our Caring School

The wellbeing of the pupils in our care is of paramount importance to staff at Stoke Prior Primary School. Adults in school know that a child can't learn if they are upset or worried so we strive to support those emotions first. We are proud to offer Emotional literacy support to pupils who may benefit and have an excellent nurturing family ethos that helps to build the understanding, skills and positive relationships they need to develop and sustain healthy social and emotional wellbeing.

We also work with many outside agencies (such as the school nurse, speech and language and a wellbeing and emotional support team) to provide further care for children who may need it at any time. In order to support working parents, we offer a breakfast club and after school provision.



EYFS

Early Years Education is a very important stage in the development of a child for it is here that the foundations for learning are put in place.

At Stoke Prior School we aim to work in partnership with parents to ensure that children are offered the best possible opportunity to learn and develop to their full potential. We provide a safe and friendly environment with stimulating learning experiences, creating an exciting and memorable start to your child's time at school.

Early Learning Goals: From ages birth to five years children follow an early year's education which is divided into seven areas. Each curriculum area has what is referred to as Early Learning Goals.

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Children will progress towards these goals at different rates and individual achievement will vary. Some children will exceed these early learning goals and will benefit from opportunities based upon the National Curriculum which will extend their knowledge and understanding. Other children may require continued support to achieve some of these goals even after they have entered compulsory education (which is the term after their fifth birthday). In our mixed age group class this is easily achieved.

Our Curriculum

We are very proud of our Curriculum at Stoke Prior Primary School. Our curriculum is broad, balanced exciting and stimulating for the children in school. It meets the needs of all children whatever their ability. The taught curriculum comprises both The National Curriculum and the wider curriculum. We ensure the children have a range of learning experiences that challenge, stimulate and promote thinking and learning.

The Knowledge and Skills that the children will develop while at Stoke Prior are contained within the National Curriculum. We have devised topic plans to ensure coverage of key knowledge at different stages of children's development. A key feature is enjoyment of the range of curriculum areas and this achieved through excellent teaching and enriching activities. Sport, drama and music is given high priority in school and allows children to develop confidence in a range of ways. Being such a small school we find that children get many opportunities to represent their school either through singing in the choir, performing on stage in our shows or attending sports tournaments. We also have a fantastic forest school site that our youngest children attend weekly, and regularly by children throughout the school. Extra-Curricular after school clubs include a range of sports, Gardening, Craft, mindfulness and fun activities to enrich our provision further.

We also aim to help pupils become resilient learners that have a "Growth Mindset" and can use meta-cognition and self-regulation. These are the skills and values that underpin "success" within our vision statement and will prepare children for their next stages of education and their future.

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Parents and Community

No school is an island...and we value highly the good working relationships that are developed between home and school, as we work to help the children grow and achieve success. We love to celebrate our children's successes, giving them the opportunity to be proud of their achievements. We invite families to school to share in their children's learning, to participate and spectate at events such as Harvest Festival, Christmas productions and sports day. We have a strong link with a school in Tanzania. Our teachers have visited the school and we have hosted reciprocal visits. We regularly fundraise for books and equipment for Singi'si school.

We have an amazing PTFA, who run events such as school discos and bingos, and our locally famous Late Summer Fete. They also provide treats for the children, for example the pantomime, Christmas party day and leavers BBQ. All of these events allow children and families to interact socially with our school community.

At Stoke Prior we are part of a very supportive wider community, and the school takes part in events and activities like the Village Christmas and Leominster in Bloom.





Beyond the classroom

Not all learning happens in the classroom, and at Stoke Prior PS we have a broad balance, and there are lots of opportunities for enrichment outside the classroom. These activities are a very important part of the children's growth.

Our children are involved in enrichment days with themes such as Harvest, Science Day, and Multi Faith Day. These days involve activities such as crafts, experiments, cooking and singing. We welcome musicians and authors to school, the children have opportunities to watch bands and puppet theatres. Our School Council organises and gets the school involved in Fundraising for charity and our Eco Council work hard to ensure our school is friendly to the environment.

Each class has school trips providing valuable opportunities to enhance their learning (with visits to places such as Ironbridge, Hampton Court, Welsh National Show caves) and years 5 & 6 participate in a residential visit too. Our pupils also participate in Forest School sessions. We are lucky to have more than half our teachers Forest School trained, and all classes have the opportunity to visit our Forest School site in the woodland close to the school.

We have a broad range of after school clubs, giving all children the opportunity to participate in sports or gardening, or perhaps some crafts. Our school choir is very active, performing both in school and to audiences outside. As a school we participate in lots of sports events and tournaments throughout the year like Luctonians Tag Fest and the Hereford School Games.

We believe that these wonderful opportunities help nurture well-rounded children who have the opportunity to be Successful and Proud.



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