



# Ancaster

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# Welcome



Welcome to Ancaster Church of England Primary School. We are a small, yet growing school based on the outskirts of Grantham with pupils aged between 4 and 11 years old (Reception to Year 6).

As a small school we are able to offer a bespoke learning experience which allows for all children's progress, and well-being, to be carefully supported.

Our staff team are talented, dedicated and

committed to developing the skills, knowledge and understanding which will enable children to enjoy learning, achieve their very best and become contented and fulfilled young people.

Ours is a happy school, where children feel safe and secure. We believe that Ancaster is a special place where children flourish, strive to be the best they can be, enjoy their education and make outstanding progress.

We value our relationships with parents, carers and the wider community, and hope that by working with you, the time your child spends with us will be happy and rewarding.

This prospectus is designed to give you an insight into Ancaster Church of England Primary School and will hopefully capture a sense of our school and the values that underpin all we seek to achieve. We warmly encourage you to visit so that you can experience our school for yourself.

Mr Sam Eden  
Head Teacher

*“Teaching is categorised by excellent relationships between adults and pupils, and the good use of praise and rewards to encourage and motivate.” OFSTED*



# Our Mission Statement

'To provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment where everyone can feel accepted, happy and reach their full potential.'

Our school aims to create a positive experience that meets the needs of all members of the community, promoting Christian Values and Beliefs, as part of a high quality education.

## Our Aims for your Child

- To help each child to develop self-worth and respect for others
- To provide a secure, caring and enabling environment
- To help children to achieve their potential in terms of academic achievement and aesthetic appreciation
- To provide a broad, balanced curriculum through which children will develop a breadth of knowledge, skills and understanding
- To foster high expectations and standards
- To promote an awareness of God and celebrate the diversity of race and religion
- To equip children for the responsibilities and experiences of life, in partnership with parents/carers and the wider community.



**"Be the Best  
You Can Be."**



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# Learning and Teaching

Excellence and enjoyment are central to our school ethos. Learning and fun go hand in hand as we develop our pupils to become creative, independent learners. Our school strapline of 'Be the Best You Can Be' is recognised by all members of the school community. We endeavour to ensure that all children try their best in every task they undertake which leads to excellent attitudes for learning across the curriculum.

Our experienced and well qualified staff ensure that all children make progress, whatever their starting points and our creative, skills based curriculum is carefully planned to ensure that all children are challenged, engaged and motivated to learn. Regular enrichment events take place across each term, including visits and visitors and WOW days which inspire pupils to learn and widen their understanding of a given topic.

Our school values, which are rooted in the Christian faith, underpin the school's curriculum ensuring that our identity as a church school continues to shine. We are very proud to be a Church of England primary school and use our established values to help shape all individuals and promote social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

Out of hours learning is very important to us too. We have a fantastic range of after school clubs on offer over the course of the year and a breakfast club which runs on school premises each morning.



*"This is the best school in the universe! Everyone is always smiling, we are supported to listen to each other and feel valued." Pupil*





*"This is a wonderful school that has helped my child progress to be the best he can be. All of the teaching and support staff do a fantastic job and this is shown in the children's eagerness to learn." Parent*

## Learning outside the classroom

Our extensive grounds allow for a wide variety of learning to take place beyond the classroom. Children are encouraged to utilise the many aspects of the outdoor area that have been created for their use. Our vast school field allows for Physical Education and sports to be accessed, all the while giving the children the opportunity to appreciate the freedom of space.

We are very fortunate to have dedicated outside areas for Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 which are accessed directly from their classrooms. Learning can be extended in these areas for our youngest learners to develop their talents through a range of different learning styles.

The playground has been designed to allow children the chance to choose what they would like to do in their free time. With dedicated areas promoting music, science, drama, writing and reading; there is plenty of choice for children to keep them busy. A wooden stage is available for children to perform and the very popular trim trail is an excellent adventure area designed to encourage physical development.

Our school celebrates its position as part of a rural community and we ensure that children appreciate the outdoors and everything it has to offer. We have our own chickens on site which children, along with school adults, take responsibility for as well as a pond area which is a fantastic place to visit to explore nature, habitats and different living things. In addition to these fantastic places, we also have a very special Peace Garden which offers members of our school family time and space to reflect.



# Pastoral care and transition

We care about each and every child in our school and through our strong commitment to pastoral care, strive to ensure that we provide outstanding support for all our pupils and families. Our team of staff help children to relax and build their self-confidence as well as developing the needs of children both socially and emotionally. Our school is very proud of our friendly, open door policy where parents and staff are able to openly discuss any issues and resolve them together.

We are committed to ensuring effective transition at every stage of education whether that be for children entering our school into Foundation Stage, changing year groups/classes or moving on to secondary school at the end of Key Stage 2. We understand that children need time to feel comfortable with change and tailor transition events so that each child feels supported and ready for the next step in learning.



*“School leaders ensure through rigorous tracking that all pupils have equal opportunities. Through the curriculum and regular whole-school assemblies, pupils are consistently taught to be tolerant of diversity, to be understanding of different perspectives, and never allow discrimination.” OFSTED*





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