



# Welcome

*We're very proud of our wonderful school and would love to share with you the great things that we do.*



*Come & visit!*

Welcome to The Ferns Primary Academy! We're a small primary school located in the heart of the community in Farnborough, Hampshire. We are single form, with just one class per year group of learners aged between 4 and 11 (Reception to Year 6). The great thing about that is we get to know each other really well and that has helped us become the caring, nurturing community that we are. We became a Kite Academy in June of 2019 and are very excited about the many benefits this brings our school.

At The Ferns, we are a family of learners, working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for the children in our care. We believe learning should be fun so work hard to provide an inspiring, engaging curriculum. Above all, we offer a supportive, encouraging environment that values effort and recognises that it is the learning journey, not just the final destination, that is important. Personal and social development is recognised, valued and celebrated as much as academic achievement.





We're very lucky here at The Ferns. We have large playing fields, a purpose built trim trail, and a spacious enclosed Early Years and Key Stage 1 outdoor classroom. Our separate playground and adventure playground provide lots of room to run, learn, enjoy and play sports. We're looking forward to the re-opening of our swimming pool in the near future too. Inside, our classrooms are bright and spacious. Windows on both sides mean we all have lots of natural light which we know helps our learning! We love our brightly coloured and well stocked library. Did you know we even have a special room that you enter through a key hole?



## Curriculum

Our curriculum is built on developing our skills as lifelong learners. Courage, Confidence, Curiosity and Co-operation underpin our learning and help us make very good progress. We know learning shouldn't be easy and use the learning pit to help us identify challenge. We work hard on building our language skills. Carefully chosen books are used as a basis for our English learning and linked to our topics where possible.

Phonics is taught using Read, Write, Inc and we focus on developing fluency and reasoning in maths skills using Maths Mastery in all classes. Access to laptops and a computer suite enhance our learning. The Jigsaw programme is used throughout the school to teach PSHE. We are also very proud of our newly refurbished swimming pool.



## Trips

We love a trip and know these help our learning so all year groups do their best to get out and about! Trips vary from year to year but just some of the places we have been to recently are: The Science Museum in Winchester, Wisley Gardens, Butser Farm, The Look Out Centre, the British Museum and our school council even visited the Houses of Parliament! At Christmas, we love our whole school trip to the pantomime! Year 5 and 6 have had the chance to develop independence skills during residential visits to Runways End and, of course, we visit our local Kite academies too.



## *Wrap around Care*

Wrap around care is available from 8am each morning and after school up to 5pm.

## *Clubs*

We love singing at The Ferns! Glee club is open to all – no auditions– just a love of singing needed! We will be out and about in the local community so look out for us! We also offer judo, cheerleading, Couch 2 3k, reading café and booster clubs. In the spring term, Arts & Crafts becomes computing club.

## *PTA*

Our PTA has a long tradition of supporting our school with events ranging from treasure hunts to discos to the Christmas and Summer Fairs. New members are very welcome and any support parents are able to give – whether it be for a one off event or on a more frequent basis – is always very much appreciated.

*We know choosing a school for your child is a big decision, particularly starting Year R or moving to Year 3.*

*We would love to welcome you on a personal tour during the school day to show all that The Ferns has to offer.*

*Please contact the office to arrange a time to visit.*



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