

Information about South Baddesley CE Primary School and Nursery

South Baddesley CE Primary School and Nursery is a small Church of England school catering for pupils between the ages of 3-11 years of age. Our school vision and curriculum is firmly rooted in our Christian Value of 'Kindness'.

We consider 'kindness' to have three aspects:

Kindness to ourselves.

Kindness to others.

Kindness to the world.

We look for daily opportunities to teach and explore these values. This approach means that we are fortunate to work in a calm, happy and thriving school. Our children are a joy to work with - smiling and laughter are cemented into life at our school!

Our curriculum aims to 'explore life in all its fullness' and so developing:

Wisdom

Curiosity

Innovation and

Excellence for all our children, regardless of starting points.

We use the core curriculum drivers of literature, people and the world to shape all of our learning experiences so that children engage in deep and challenging learning opportunities.

We have approximately 130 pupils on roll, who are currently organised into 5 classes. Our school is spread across three buildings; these vary from an old Victorian building to a much newer eco-build. We are fortunate to have well designed spaces to teach and learn in.

All of our classes are well supported by a strong and committed support staff team. The school leadership team consists of three teaching and learning leaders, a teaching mentor and the headteacher. Teamwork, support for professional development and staff well-being is a strength of our school. We are committed to teacher development at all stages, from trainees to experienced practitioners.

In July 2024, we celebrated a 'good' Ofsted judgement. The provision for pupil's welfare and behaviour was judged to be outstanding. Inspectors praised our unique and well developed curriculum, bespoke approach to subject leadership, support of SEND and innovative projects with other schools, such as the Winchester University Multi Academy Trust. Our vision is to 'strive and believe to shine' for all individuals at our school.

Having opened our successful Nursery in 2023, we are now very excited to be opening a school farm this academic year. This provision will provide a further range of after school activities as well as providing us with a very special resource for developing our outdoor learning offer.

You will find our school is about a mile outside of the thriving town of Lymington and on the edge of the New Forest. Our school is located in the grounds of Pylewell Estate and therefore we are fortunate to have a large, well developed outdoor space. This includes a specific Woodland School area, a pond, a school garden and a meadow. We use our outdoor space continuously to enhance the learning of the pupils. We are within easy access of the beautiful New Forest and Solent coastline, where there are numerous activities to get involved in. We are also close to the cities and amenities of Southampton and Bournemouth.

A number of children travel in from the New Forest each day by minibus. We are responsible for our own minibus contract and this gives us access to two new mini buses everyday. This means we can regularly enhance the curriculum with visits out and about!

The school has a very supportive and involved team of governors. The Governors take an active role in school life both supporting and challenging the strategic direction of the school. Governors have subject specialist links with teachers across the school. The school is also supported by a very active 'parent- friends association,' called the Friends of SBS. This is led by a group of parents who fundraise tirelessly for the school. We hope that this information provides a flavour to life at South Baddesley, but please book a tour of the school to meet our team and children.

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