

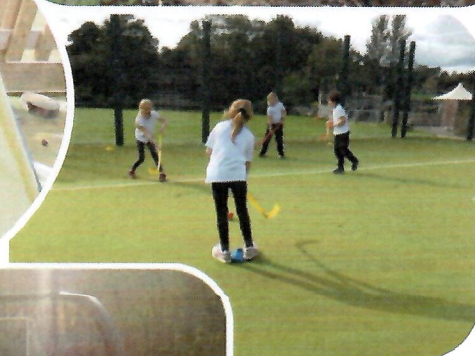


Broadwindsor

C.E. V.C. Primary School

Head teacher Application Pack

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School. This is an exciting opportunity for a leader with ambition and vision to build on our strengths and successes. Our new Headteacher will have the opportunity to lead our school on the next stage of its journey with an empowered and dedicated staffing team and happy children. Together with an experienced and supportive Governing Body, an active PTA and strong links within our local community, you can expect to be fully supported in your new role with us.

Broadwindsor School pupils enjoy a creative, exciting and well-planned curriculum with a variety of extra-curricular activities on offer, providing an inspiring place to learn and grow. We are set in a small rural village in West Dorset with the school forming part of a thriving village community. The school has a long history, with the original school built in 1872 and transferred to the current single storey building in 1968.

Our Christian values are embedded throughout, underpinning school improvement and creating a nurturing environment for our children who develop confidence, resilience and self-belief in all areas - academic, spiritual, social and emotional.

Within the school there is a welcoming, friendly atmosphere. We warmly invite you to come along and see the school for yourself. During your visit please talk with the staff, view the school's facilities and especially meet the children.

Please telephone the school office on 01308 868376 to arrange this.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

With warmest regards

Jackie Clark-Basten

Chair of Governors





An Introduction to our School

Set in beautiful grounds, Broadwindsor Primary School is a small, rural Voluntary Controlled Church of England Primary school with currently 95 children on roll. We are situated 3 miles to the west of Beaminster in West Dorset and we are proud to be part of an active, rural community. The County Town of Dorchester is about half an hour's drive away and the nearest train station is five miles away at Crewkerne.

Our catchment area draws most of our pupils from the villages of Broadwindsor, Drimpton, Burstock and Seaborough although some children are welcomed from across the border to Somerset and from surrounding areas such as nearby Beaminster. A child's early years are such an important time in their development and we strive to make their introduction to school a happy and constructive one. We have a 15 pupil intake into the Reception class, which as well as an indoor classroom, has access to a partially covered outside secure area to enable a more free-flow approach throughout the day. Pre-school experience is varied as currently families have to seek provision out of the village and child-minders are often in short supply.



We are part of the West Dorset Schools Collaboration consisting of 9 schools, who work actively together, providing greater opportunities for a range of shared activities including residential trips, sporting activities and tournaments, CPD for staff and additional curriculum activities for pupils. The school has a variety of lunchtime and after-school clubs across the year including Football, Chess, Lego ICT, Cricket, Running, Gardening, Movie club, Netball and Church Club to name a few, further enhancing pupil development. There is also access to music tuition.

Our School currently has Six teachers and a Head teacher who has some teaching commitment, together with seven classroom support staff. There are 4 classrooms named after famous Dorset people. The classes are divided into four as follows: Mary Anning: Reception; Thomas Hardy: Years 1 and 2; William Barnes: Years 3 and 4; Jane Austen: Years 5 and 6.

We are fortunate to have a very active PTA whose fundraising activities enable us to offer excellent extracurricular opportunities for the school. We have school grounds that include grass areas and hard play surfaces including a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which is accessed by the local community out of school hours. There is also a fenced off natural stream, a partially covered outdoor classroom and an environmental area where the children experience Forest School activities. Environmental awareness has seen the planting of a new woodland area within the school grounds.

The school also benefits from a strong Governing Body with representatives both co-opted and elected by parents and staff or appointed by the parochial church councils and the local authority.

Our pupils are enthusiastic and engaged, our families are supportive and welcoming and we believe our school is a very special place where the children enjoy taking an active part in all that is on offer. Our dedicated and experienced staff work hard to ensure we provide a caring, supportive and safe place for children to learn and grow together.

Our new Head teacher may be an experienced senior leader or someone seeking their first steps in school leadership. We are looking for someone with ambition for every child to be successful, the ability to lead a dedicated and cohesive group of staff with the willingness to embrace everything that Headship and our school has to offer.

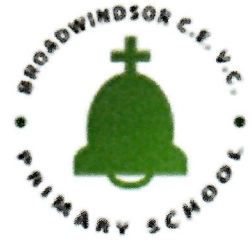
The school has a clear and ambitious School Development Plan in place, with staff and Governors who are committed to ensuring all children have the opportunity to achieve their full potential whilst benefitting from our caring ethos, our focus on emotional well-being and our passion for sporting, music, cultural, environmental and creative opportunities.

As a church school we endeavor to ensure that our Christian values permeate through every aspect of school life. Every child is of equal importance and we strive to ensure they all feel loved, nurtured and valued.



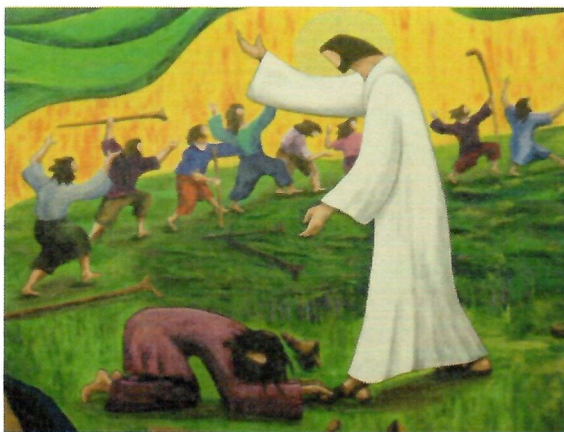
Broadwindsor School: Our Vision

“Taking the extra step in learning, kindness and ambition for ourselves, others and our world”



Our ambition is to be a highly effective school where everyone can flourish; securely rooted in our Christian values and enabled to grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially together.

Our vision is inspired by the Story of the Tenth man - can we be like the tenth man and take the 'extra step' for others and our World.



Luke 17: 18-19 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) - The Story of the Tenth Man

Jesus said, 'There were ten men who were healed, where are the other nine? Why is this foreigner the only who came back to give thanks to God?' And Jesus said to him, 'Get up and go; your faith has made you well.'

We would love our new headteacher to:

- Be confident talking about faith and leading others in worship – be a spiritual leader
- Build on existing good relationships with the local churches, clergy, and communities
- Continue to keep Christian values at the heart of the ethos and vision of Broadwindsor School
- Promote collective worship, prayer and spirituality throughout the school
- Help everyone in the school community to flourish.