



WOODCOCKS' WELL C of E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

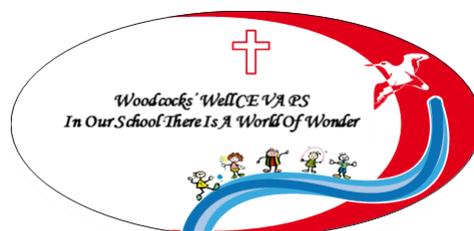
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“In our school there is a world of wonder”

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Mission Statement



“In Our School There Is A World Of Wonder”

In our church school we are committed to ensuring that children feel safe, secure and happy in a climate of trust so that they learn to love themselves and understand and respect the views and needs of others.

We promise to provide a creative and nurturing environment in which children are encouraged to aspire to always do their best.



A message from our Headteacher

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Woodcocks' Well CE (VA) Primary School. We are proud to be a small school with big ideas. Our school is situated right on the border of Staffordshire and Cheshire East and this setting, along with our distinctly Christian ethos, gives Woodcocks' Well its warm, Christian, friendly, family appeal.

We are clear that aspiration is at the centre of everything we do and are guided by our school vision statement "In our school is a World of Wonder." As Julian saw God's love, creativity and wonder in the hazelnut, we recognise the 'fruit of the spirit' as God in ourselves and others. In our church school we are committed to ensuring that the children feel safe, secure and happy in a climate of trust so that they learn to love themselves and understand and respect the views and needs of others.

We promise to provide a creative and nurturing environment in which children are engaged to aspire to always do their best. Our school is a hub for the local community and we are proud of our village involvement.

If you would like to find out more about us, please phone the school office and arrange an appointment to come and look around. We prefer you to do this during the school day so that you can understand the learning culture that we have here at Woodcocks' Well. Alternatively, please explore our school website further.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Stephanie Beckett

Headteacher

Where is our school?



The view across the Cheshire Plain from the School.

Woodcocks' Well C.E. (VA) Primary School is situated, on the western side of the ridge which marks the boundary between Cheshire and Staffordshire, in the village of Mow Cop. The school has commanding views overlooking the Cheshire plain towards North Wales in the west, North Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent in the south and the Mersey Valley to the north. The school's idyllic location is a talking point for visitors. There are few schools situated in such a lovely position, which also provides opportunities for pupils to study, at first hand, the changing pattern of both rural and urban landscapes.

How did our school come to be built?



The school at the beginning of the 20th century

The school was originally built to provide an education for the children of the agricultural workers, quarry men and miners who lived in and around the village of Mow Cop. Today, because of its caring family atmosphere, Christian ethos and provision for children who have special educational needs, the school draws pupils from a wider area.

In 2008 the school celebrated its 150th anniversary. The oldest part of the building bears the date 1858, but many years before this a group of local people acquired land from Squire Wilbraham of Rode Hall for the purpose of endowing a school near Woodcocks' Well. The school was originally built to provide an education for boys, but this changed in 1868 when girls were admitted.



Pupils at the beginning of the 20th century.

The school has continued to grow and change, as has the community it serves. Although externally the building retains its original charm and character, it has over the years been extended and modernised, to meet changing educational needs.

What is our school like today?

A Church of England School, Woodcocks' Well is proud of its links with St. Luke's Church. Promoting strong Christian values, Woodcock's Well is very much part of the community it serves. It is loved and valued for the stability and continuity it provides. For many local people, the school is a focal point of their lives and they show a keen interest in all that happens. Their involvement with the school is welcomed. Many of our children are the descendants of past pupils. Pupils, staff, parents, governors and friends, both past and present, are proud of what the school has to offer.

As we are a Church School, we hope that parents will support us in our celebrations of Harvest, Christmas and Easter at St. Luke's Church. Built on firm Christian foundations, we aim to fully develop the potential of all our children within a supportive and caring environment. At Woodcocks' Well, we are one big family working together. Every pupil is well known to each member of staff which enables us to meet the needs of individual children. Woodcocks' Well is a very special place.

The children are organized into five teaching groups; Reception, Year 1, Years 2 and 3, Years 4 and 5 and Years 5 and 6. The school is well resourced and each classroom has access to ICT facilities for use by both staff and pupils. There are five full time teachers, along with the head teacher. Specialist teachers join us to deliver quality drama, music, Dance and Modern Foreign Languages lessons

The school is well endowed with teaching assistants who provide additional teaching support in each class. The generous staffing levels in the school, including the Pre-School, ensure that the children's education, welfare and safety are of the highest priority.

The school enjoys a bespoke Early Years building which houses the youngest children in our care and a Pre-School, belonging to Adventure Clubs Ltd. Provision and professional expertise between the 2 settings is shared and the transition between them is seamless. Facilities in the main school building include four classrooms. Outside there is a large playing field, netball court and play ground.

Woodcock's Well is one of the few schools in Cheshire to have such a diverse and rich natural environment. The school's grounds are a valuable resource, which provide a variety of learning experiences for our pupils. The hillside to the rear of the school is of particular interest.



Pupils enjoying break time in the school's exciting grounds

Staff

Headteacher:	Mrs S Beckett	
Teacher	Miss Adams	R
Teacher	Miss Pimblott	Y1
Teacher	Miss Harley	Y2/3
Teacher	Mrs Phillips	Y4/5
Teacher	Miss Booth	Y5/6
Classroom Assistants	Mrs Horton	
	Mrs Rowley	
	Mrs Stanaway	
	Miss Turner	
	Mrs Stoker	
	Miss Sumner	
	Miss Goodwin	
	Mrs Paterson	
SEN T.A	Mrs Mckie	
Administrator	Mrs Timmis	
Administrator	Mrs McKie	
Caretaker	Mr Kirkham	
Catering Supervisor	Mrs Gurling	
Catering Staff	Mrs S McEvoy	
	Mr Kirkham	

Governing Body

Mrs M Lawless	Chair Person
Mrs Winterton	Vice Chair Person
Rector Philip Atkinson	Foundation
Mrs J McKie	Foundation
Mr Doughty	Foundation
Dr K Walchester	Foundation
Mrs Scott	Parent
Mrs Stanley	Parent
Miss Booth	Associate Governor

What do the Governors do?

The Governors have a general responsibility for the proper conduct of the school and have specific powers and duties which are set out in detail in a document called the 'Articles of Government', which is available for inspection in school.

Governors work closely with the Headteacher and staff to carry out school self evaluation and monitor school practice. Each Governor has responsibility for supporting and monitoring an area of the curriculum or other, such as Health and Safety.

The full Governing Body meets termly to review important areas such as finance, staffing and curriculum development.

Governors are also members of sub committees which focus on different areas of school strategic planning;

- + Learning, Well Being and Community
- + Finance and Staffing
- + Premises
- + School Evaluation and Policy Requirements

Organisation

Woodcocks' Well C.E. Primary School offers education for children aged 4 to 11 years. The school year runs from September 1st until August 31st. A child starting school is in Reception and becomes a Year 1 child the following September.

National Curriculum Stages:

Reception children are Foundation Stage (Infants)	Ages 4-5
Year 1 and Year 2 children are Key Stage 1 (infants)	Ages 5-7
Years 3 to 6 children are Key Stage 2 (juniors)	Ages 7-11

The school adopts a personalised approach to teaching its pupils. Our aim is to cater for each child's individual needs by providing support and challenge at all levels and for all ages. Skilled teaching assistants and the Headteacher, provided children with small group activities. Children with Special Educational Needs receive additional support.

The number of teaching hours (excluding Collective Worship) per week is:

Key Stage 1	21.0
Key Stage 2	23.5

The Curriculum

We are a distinctly Christian school drawing upon inspiration from the Christian faith. The school's ethos, values and curriculum are guided by these principles.

The school aims to promote a caring Christian attitude and create a friendly and supportive environment in which children can enjoy a complete education. Children are taught and encouraged to fulfill their potential academically and physically and to develop socially and morally in a positive way.

The school is an important part of the local community, not only as an educational institution for children from the age of 4 - 11 but also as a center for church and community relationships. Collective Worship is taken daily by either the Headteacher, staff, clergy or visitors. We enjoy close links with St Luke's church which is used for worship at key times of the year. These important Services, led by the children to celebrate Harvest, Christmas and Easter, welcome families and parishioners.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education and British Values are embedded in our curriculum and Christian school ethos. We have high expectations of effective relationships between all members of our school community. We also promote fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

All our children are treated as individuals and teaching within the school focuses on this, allowing for the wide variation of ability and aptitude within each class, from those with special educational needs right through to the more able child.

Topics, of interest to the children, successfully engage and enthuse them. Each term newsletters are sent home to parents to keep them informed of the curriculum coverage and to enable them to become involved in their child's learning journey

Class teachers arrange a topic-related educational visit at least once per year. The school offers all children in Key Stage 2 the opportunity to participate in an annual residential educational visit.

Communication With The School

We inform our parents of events and occasions through our newsletter, website and text messaging service. Parents may also contact the school via email on admin@woodcockswell.cheshire.sch.uk or telephone the school.

We have an open door policy. If parents have a question or concern, they can contact the class teacher to arrange a time to discuss any issues. Staff are available at the start and end of each day if parents have an urgent need to discuss any concerns. Staff will stay in close communication with parents, if there are any matters to discuss, either by telephone or face to face contact if the opportunity arises.

We report to children's progress and targets for development termly. This can be face to face or via a school report.

Welcome meetings are held for all parents at the start of each academic year.

Complaints: We will endeavor to sort out any complaints that come into school. If a parent is still not happy then the Headteacher or Chair of Governors will advise regarding procedures to follow. A copy of our -Complaints Procedures Policy is available from the school office and on the website.

School Uniform

OUR UNIFORM CONSISTS OF

White or red polo shirt
Red sweatshirt or jumper
Black shoes (not trainers or heels)
Grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers
Shorts may be worn during the Summer Term
Red and white checked summer dress
Optional red fleece or reversible fleece with school emblem
Year 6 - optional royal blue hoody with emblem

School jumpers, coats etc can be ordered via
<https://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/woodcocks/>

All items should be clearly labelled to avoid loss including footwear.

PE Kit

White t-shirt
Black shorts
Black pumps
Black jogging bottoms and a sweater during the winter months

Swimming

Trunks or swim shorts / full costume

please see our uniform policy for full information

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium money is targeted by the Government to be spent on those children who are eligible for Free School Meals and Looked After or Adopted children. Funding received is used to provide:

- Small group intervention programmes
- Play Therapy
- After School Clubs

The impact on pupils has been

- to provide the additional support to accelerate their progress
- to provide a service which addresses key issues impacting on children's low self-esteem and helps to restore well being
- Enables children's to fully engage in out of school hours clubs and residential opportunities

School Policies

The following policies are available from the school office or the school website:

- Admissions
 - Attendance
 - Behavior
 - Child Protection
 - Collective worship
 - Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy
- And more..

School day times

Morning Registration:

School starts at 8:55am. Children are welcome to enter school from 8:45am and Register will be taken at 9am. Children are dismissed at 3:15pm.

Absent from School:

If your child is absent due to ill health or a medical appointment, please notify the office by 9:30am on each day. Where possible, please arrange for medical appointments to be made outside of school hours.

School Meals

All pupils say prayers before lunch.

School meals are prepared on-site by our own catering staff. We offer a healthy 2 weekly menu. All infants are entitled to a free school meal. For all other children and adults, a school dinner can be purchased for £2.30. Parents are asked to place the school dinner order at the start of the week, sending a labeled envelope into school each Monday morning.

Snacks:

We are a healthy eating school. We encourage parents and carers to supply a healthy snack in a pot or a piece of fruit or veg and fresh water every day. Pupils under five receive free milk.

A hot snack or Fruit pots can be purchased from the school kitchen each morning