



Beechwood Primary School



'Always doing something good'



Welcome to Beechwood Primary School.

We are passionate about providing an all round education where the children are given opportunities to learn, take part, represent, show pride, compete, create and be a good friend.

The caring and supportive environment provided allows all the pupils to thrive and to fulfill their potential.

I invite you to come and discover for yourself this happy, dynamic and vibrant school, either by attending one of our open days or by visiting us during a normal school day.

I look forward to meeting you.

Sarah Curtis

Headteacher

Our School...

Beechwood is a growing community school which challenges children in their thinking, learning and performance in drama and sports.

The school aims to bring learning alive.

- A vibrant and thought provoking learning environment
- Well resourced and attractive libraries
- ICT resources that open minds and support learning
- Residential trips to support personal development.

The children are encouraged to take part and to take pride in representing the school. As our motto says, we are *'Always doing something good'*.

- A thriving house competition
- A vast array of sporting opportunities
- An abundance of clubs: academic, creative and sporting
- Regular opportunities to perform to an audience.



"The amount of pride the children have for their school shone through and immediately it was a school I wanted my children to be part of."

Parent

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Fuelling Children's Enthusiasm For Learning...

“In Foundation Stage we are privileged to work with children and their families at the start of their learning journeys.

We aim to enable a smooth transition from Nursery to Year One by:

- Liaising with nursery staff to discuss levels of development and diverse needs
- Arranging home visits to learn more about your child as an individual.

We aim to fuel children's enthusiasm for learning by planning a wide range of engaging activities in a stimulating environment.

We support language development and social skills so that children can express their thoughts and ideas clearly. We plan carefully structured teaching sessions of early reading, writing and maths and are pleased that in recent years, children leaving Foundation Stage have achieved a good level of attainment, particularly in reading and writing.

Our flexible timetable supports children's integration into school life by gradually increasing adult directed teaching sessions.”

Foundation Manager



“I keep remembering how young the Foundation Stage children are and realise how much they achieve. The settling in period at the start of the year works really well.”

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Beechwood is a great place to be...

“Beechwood is one of the best things that has happened in our lives. Our two boys absolutely love the school.

What sets Beechwood apart from other schools is the atmosphere it provides to the students to not only do well in studies but to become complete people by bringing the best out of them through discipline and a good mix of activities such as sports, music and drama.

The school offers a friendly atmosphere with handpicked teachers who, along with having expertise in core academic subjects, are also experienced in providing additional mentoring and coaching in the arts, computing, languages, literature, music and sports.

The school has certainly transformed both of our sons and has made them confident boys who can take up any challenges thrown at them. We are so proud of our eldest son being chosen as *Head Boy* and equally our younger son who despite being one of the youngest in his class, has been chosen as the *School Council Member*.”



“We wanted an atmosphere that could challenge his potential and bring out the best in his studies and equally fulfil his sporting needs.”

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Connecting with the community...

“With three children happily settled into life at Beechwood I had no hesitation in becoming involved with the PTA. It is very rewarding to be so heavily involved with the school and it is especially nice to have a role in the development of the school for not only my children but the whole school community.

I have been involved with the PTA for a few years and have held the positions of treasurer and chair. It is hard work, stressful at times but extremely rewarding. We wouldn't be able to achieve all that we do without the help of the parents who in turn have become very good friends. It can be frustrating but the end results and the lovely comments received from parents, helpers, teachers & the head teacher make it all worth while.”

The school supports national charities such as Children in Need, Comic Relief, Sport Relief and Save the Children through a variety of fund raising days at many local events.

- Remembrance Day
- Links with local churches
- Woodley Extravaganza
- Woodley Carnival
- Christmas Fayre
- Summer Fayre
- Charity Days
- Art weeks



“Beechwood is a fantastic school with amazing opportunities, great teachers and a head who really cares about all the children.”

Parent/PTA Member

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I heard that Beechwood was an active school...

“I heard that Beechwood was an active school and had a wide variety of clubs, and competitions. My parents were looking for a school that could improve my levels, but at which I could have fun. I really wanted to do well in SATS, make good friends, and be the best that I could be. Beechwood helped me a lot with that, and encouraged every pupil to do well and participate.

When I first started Beechwood, the things that impressed me the most was the way the other pupils welcomed me to their class. They were really helpful and included me in everything. I appreciated the phenomenal amount of clubs for everyone which included artistic, musical, sport and even academic choices.

The sports facilities were amazing and because I love sports, it made a huge impact on me. After going to Beechwood, I feel so much more confident in everything I do, and I have learnt lots of new sports and how to get along well with people. I settled in really well, and my class supported me around the school and were extremely helpful.”

Ex Pupil, now at Kendrick Girls School



“Our children settled in very quickly and we were impressed by the discipline, fun lessons and vast choices of out of school activities.”

Parent

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Working in Partnership...

“Every parent wants the best for their children whether they are developing normally or they have a condition that makes them different from the norm.

My son was diagnosed with Asperger’s Syndrome at the age of 4 and as a result was awarded a statement. Some people do not like labels but I prefer to think of it as a signpost showing the way to the child’s full potential.

His journey at Beechwood progressed steadily. The ethos of performing in front of his peers has increased his confidence. From not wanting to be a potato in his first Harvest Festival he recently gained an A* for his speaking and listening exam at GCSE level. This is a remarkable achievement for anyone but more so for a young man with a social communication disorder.

He participated in every aspect of school life Beechwood had to offer, whether it be drama, sport, social or academic. He left Beechwood as Deputy Head Boy having attained level 5 in English and Science and a level 4 in Maths. He has continued to build on those achievements at Forest School and achieved high grades in his GCSE exams and is currently studying for his A levels.

None of this would have been possible if we had not worked in partnership with the school to ensure that he reached his full potential.”



“Beechwood was and still is a school that tailors to the needs of its children and ensures that every child has a chance to achieve.”

Ex Pupil, now at Forest School

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Extended Care for all Children...

The school day can start at Breakfast Club from 7.45am. It provides a safe and stimulating environment where the children receive a healthy and nutritious breakfast, have fun activities to do and are looked after by qualified staff.

We offer many extra curricular clubs which are designed to keep the children fit, improve their skills and support learning. These include art, athletics, computing, cricket, drama, games, gymnastics, music, netball and rugby.

We run a range of school teams that compete in many tournaments, experiencing success, collecting many trophies, when winning and being gracious in defeat.

All children are welcome to attend the 'The Handy' After School Club from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Healthy snacks are provided on arrival and a light supper is served from 5.00pm. There are a range of planned activities for the children to do in addition to having an opportunity to do their homework.

Children have the option to join the 'The Handy' After School Club after extra curricular clubs at a reduced rate.

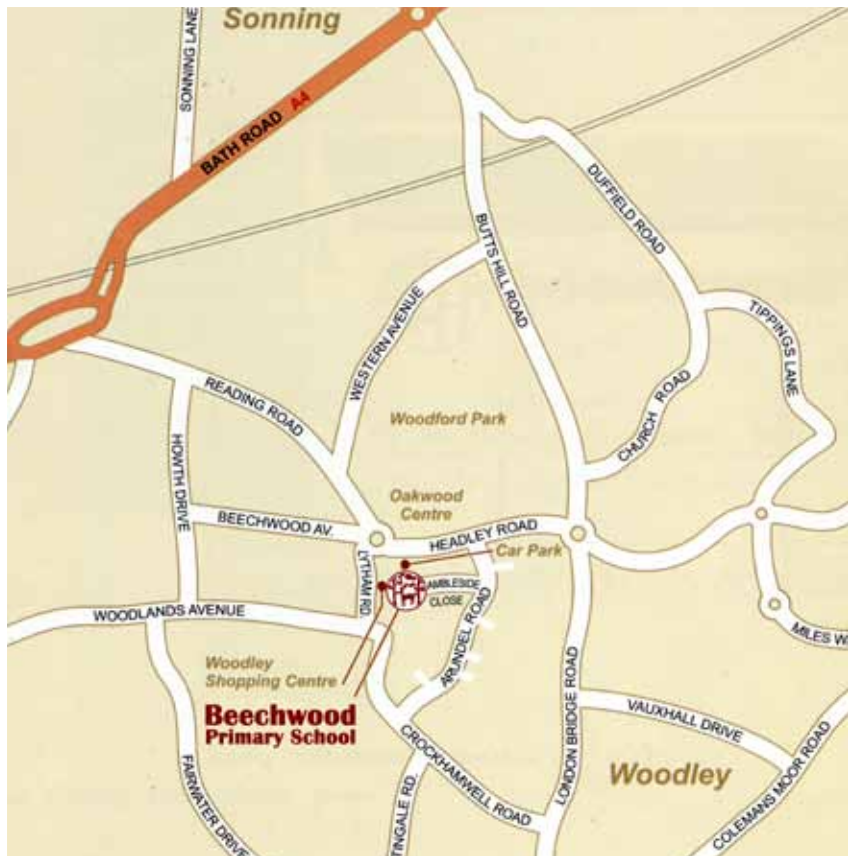


"The people at breakfast club are very nice and I like all of the breakfasts! Playing there is great because all the toys are amazing."

Pupil

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Beechwood Primary School is situated in the centre of Woodley and shares its site with the Ambleside Centre, which is convenient for parents with younger children.



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