

Welcome to Preston Candover CE Primary School



Inspire learning for life
Encourage each other and build each other up -
1 Thessalonians 5:11

About Preston Candover



Preston Candover CE Primary School is a village school with excellent facilities and outstanding outcomes. We pride ourselves in developing caring, confident and happy individuals with a love of learning. Our vision is based on the belief that all children can succeed and that it is our duty to inspire learning for life. We believe that by teaching children to 'encourage each other and build each other up', we can ensure all in our school community flourish and live the best lives they can for themselves and for others.

We endeavour to enable our pupils to achieve their potential through outstanding learning experiences and through high standards of behaviour.

Our School

Our school has four classes, named after birds - Sparrows, Doves, Robins and Kingfishers. We are fortunate to make use of a dedicated outdoor learning space within the Preston Candover countryside known as *The Meadow*, generously gifted for the school's sole use by the Sainsbury family. This unique setting enables children to experience high-quality outdoor learning.



Every other year, pupils in Years 5 and 6 enjoy an enriching week-long residential experience at Stubbington Study Centre, helping them build resilience, independence and strong peer relationships. They also take part in Bikeability and swimming lessons, supporting their fitness, coordination and confidence.



We offer wraparound care through our early morning club, *Early Birds*, and our after-school club, *The Nest*, providing opportunities for pupils to engage in reading, board games, arts and crafts, and outdoor sports during the summer months. Our school library is very popular, with pupils borrowing books weekly and progressing through reading levels to earn their *Storywings Badge*.

Our school field provides excellent space for sports, outdoor play and whole-school events, including the popular summer fetes run by our parent school association.

Our Team

As a strong school we have a dedicated and empowered team. The school uses coaching and a high-quality professional development programme to grow and support our staff. Our team benefits from regular professional learning and access to research-informed practice, ensuring that teaching remains ambitious, innovative and of the highest standard. We are proud to hold an excellent reputation within the local community and in Hampshire. Rated the Best Performing Primary School in Hampshire, with 100% of pupils achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths in 2024, our school continues to demonstrate exceptional outcomes as part of our broader culture of aspiration and excellence.

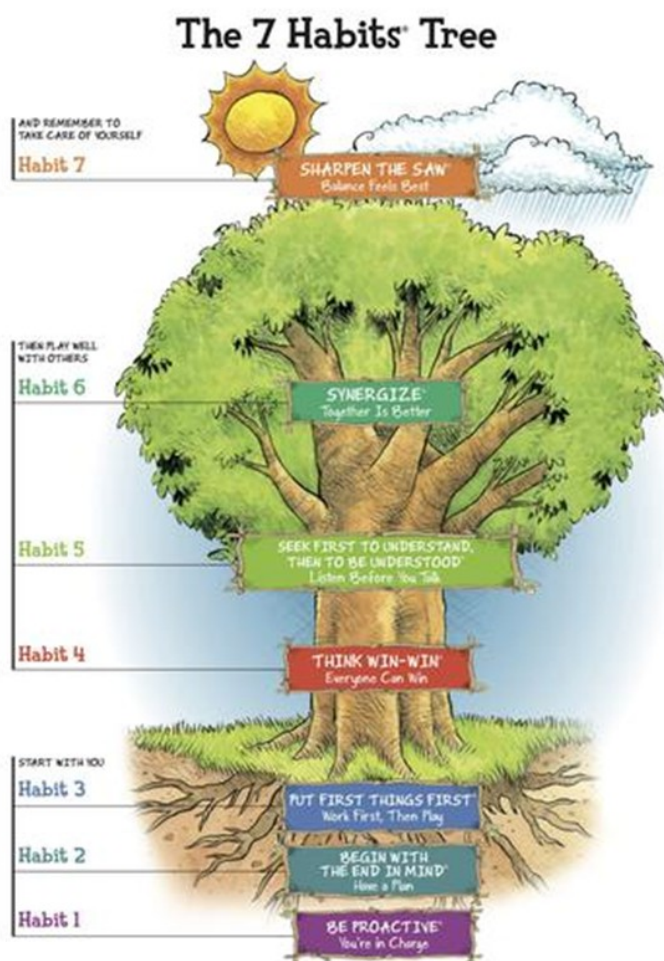
Our Curriculum

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At Preston Candover, we are dedicated to offering our children a creative and challenging curriculum that provides rich and relevant learning experiences to inspire and prepare them for life. Our approach encourages pupils to question, reflect, research, collaborate and debate through our carefully crafted big enquiry questions, helping them make meaningful connections in their learning.

Pupil Leadership

We are proud to be a Leader in Me accredited school. Leadership habits are actively taught each week. The 7 Habits is a key framework in the Leader in Me programme and helps pupils to learn and apply leadership skills. Leadership builds academic improvement by strengthening pupils' executive function.



In 2023, our school was judged as a strong Good with Outstanding for Personal Development by Ofsted, a mark that we remain incredibly proud of. Inspectors recognised the strength of our ethos and culture, noting:

“Pupils behave well in this calm school and they play happily together. They are kind and respectful.”

“Pupils demonstrate highly positive attitudes to their education. One Reception child enthusiastically commented, ‘The best thing about school is all the learning!’”

“From the start of Reception, children study an interesting and well-sequenced curriculum. They are supported to build knowledge gradually over time.”

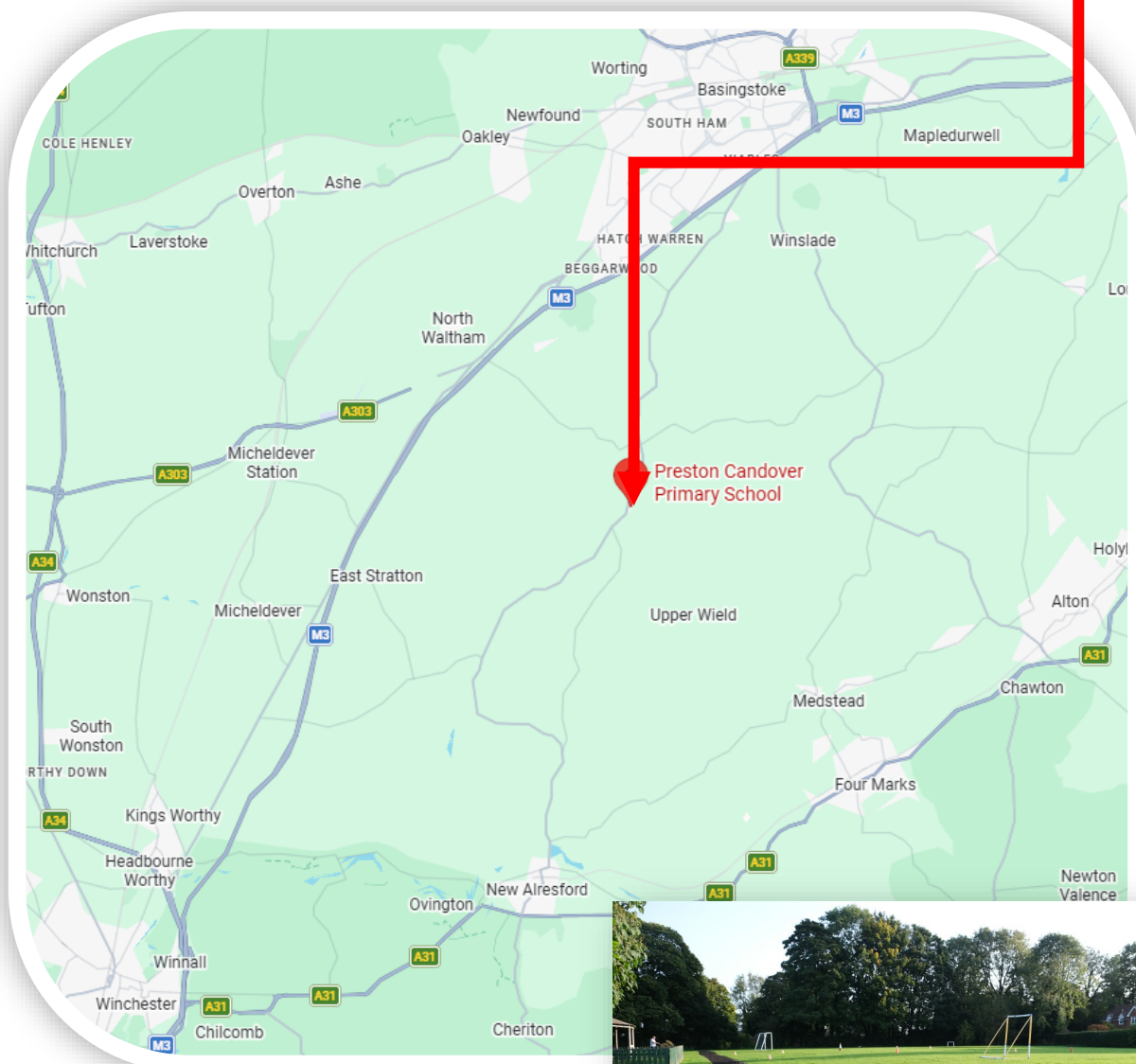
In our 2018 SIAMS inspection, our school moved from Good to Outstanding in all areas, reflecting the depth of our Christian distinctiveness and our commitment to ensuring every child flourishes academically, socially and spiritually.



Location

Located between Basingstoke and Winchester with excellent road links to the M3 and A30, Preston Candover CE Primary School is a village primary school nestled in between Axford and Alresford.

Although well connected to nearby towns and transport routes, we are fortunate to sit at the heart of the Hampshire countryside in a peaceful village setting. Our children enjoy the best of both worlds: easy access to local amenities and the opportunity to learn and play surrounded by nature. It's not uncommon for them to spot Red Kites circling in the skies above the school.



Inclusion

At Preston Candover Primary School we ensure that all children are valued equally, regardless of their abilities and/or social, emotional or behavioural needs. Our Inclusion Leader/SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) works across the school, enabling smooth and careful transition for the children joining the school or moving on, all the way from pre-school to Year 7.

We are a fully inclusive school, and aim to ensure that all pupils achieve their potential. We focus on developing the whole child to include personal, social and emotional skills as well as academic achievement in all areas of the curriculum.

At Preston Candover School we have an experienced member of staff who is a trained Therapeutic Active Listening Assistant (TALA).



Accreditations and Awards

Our accreditations reflect our commitment to high standards in teaching, safeguarding, leadership and pupil wellbeing. Each recognition demonstrates that our work is externally validated and aligned with best practice. They guide our continuous improvement and ensure that staff join a school focused on excellence and a strong culture of personal growth.



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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.