



Cockwood
Primary
School



Where 'pupils flourish'


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Welcome to you all



Our children, staff, governors and parents have put together our prospectus to show you our school.

It is a place where children learn, work and play together. We want to show you how our school is organised, and to see the exciting opportunities we offer to help our children become confident and successful young people.

We believe Cockwood School is a special place; we have a wonderful caring and positive ethos, shared by all who attend here each day, and as a family we support each other to do our best. I am extremely proud to lead a team that is committed to achieving high standards and providing the very best opportunities for our children. Staff, supported by governors, work hard to deliver a rich and challenging curriculum, preparing children for their future education and life beyond. We help them acquire the skills and enthusiasm needed to be successful both now and in the future.

Ofsted last inspected the school in 2023, where the school was judged to have continued the good quality education from the previous inspection. Our Ofsted reports is available on our school's website.

We genuinely believe that a positive partnership between parents, staff, governors and pupils is essential in maintaining a happy community where every child loves school and achieves their best. As you read through this prospectus I hope you will see the philosophy of our school and that our concern for children means providing them with a stable and secure environment, where academic, personal and social potential may be achieved in preparation for the journey into the adult world. The team here want to provide our pupils with a vast array of experiences and opportunities, so that they can make the most of their time in primary school, and come every day relishing the exciting things on offer.

I hope too that you will want to visit Cockwood School. I would very much like to meet you, but more importantly, I would like you to see the school, talk to the children and staff and experience first-hand what makes our school very special.

Lorraine Curry
Executive Headteacher

“ Pupils at Cockwood Primary School are confident and considerate. They are enthusiastic about their education and knowledgeable about the wider world around them. The school encourages this through the vast array of opportunities and experiences they provide. Pupils flourish at Cockwood. Parents and carers agree that the school develops self-belief and a love of learning in their children. This supports pupils well for the next stage in their education. ”

-Ofsted, October 2023

“ We are given so many opportunities to do extra activities like football, drumming and dance. ”

- Rebecca

Our core values and principles

By acknowledging our successes and considering our aspirations for the future, staff, parents and governors have formulated a school vision for our school.

Cockwood is a family, where we encourage both staff and pupils to be ambitious learners, and empower them to unlock their full potential.

Happiness is core to our beliefs, where a dynamic curriculum and a caring ethos provide a wonderful springboard for the future.

Through teamwork and perseverance, we encourage each other to be the best that we can be. Our ambition is to provide creative opportunities to develop skills in leadership and entrepreneurship, for pupils to reflect on how far they have come and how to be risk takers. They will aspire to be confident communicators, respectful of each other and considerate members of our school family and beyond.

As a school we embrace opportunities to ensure our community will continue to grow and thrive so that we can empower children to have the wings to fly and become tomorrow's successful citizens.



Perseverance



Respect



Reflection



Creativity



Ambition



Happiness



About our school



Cockwood is a primary school taking children from ages 4 – 11. The school opened in 1872 with 32 children on roll and one teacher. Today there are 85 children in the school, divided into three main classes. The building has recently been modernised and, though compact, it is very well resourced, enabling us to meet the demands of all aspects of the primary school curriculum. We use amenities within the village itself to extend the space for play and learning. For example the Parish Hall contains a range of P.E. mats and equipment and we have sole access to Cofton Village Green behind the harbour wall, between the hours of 9am – 3.30pm. This area also allows the children access to an environmental area.

“ Cockwood is a welcoming and friendly school, the teachers are caring. ”

- Faye

The new school playground installed during the summer months of 2016 has greatly improved the outside space with the addition of the basketball nets and climbing wall being greatly enjoyed by the children. They love it!

“ Our new library is quiet and peaceful and we have a wide range of interesting books. ”

- Jasmine

School Council

Our children's views are extremely important to us. To that end we have evolved a very strong School Council of which we are very proud. This meets fortnightly, to discuss school improvement issues and any concerns the children wish to raise.

It is led by a member of the school's support team, and is made up of the Head Girl and Boy, together with representatives from each class across the school. The Council are also given a range of responsibilities throughout the school. These include: organising important fund raising events, interviewing new members of staff, supporting other pupils within the school and attending events, so that they can bring good ideas back to school.

Pupil Surveys

Governors visit the school regularly to talk to the children about school, behaviour, lessons and safety. A set of questions has been designed to evaluate how we are meeting our aims and those of the children in our everyday practices.

Results are collated and analysed and then presented back to the children through the School Council.

We feed these findings back to you through the monthly newsletter and on our website.



Artsmark



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

We are very proud of our commitment to promote the arts at Cockwood School and this was reflected in the Arts Council Award of Artsmark Gold. Only 13% of schools in England hold Artsmark status (with just over half achieving Gold status).

The Artsmark award celebrates schools that champion the arts and strive for excellence in their provision. Achieving Artsmark status demonstrates that Cockwood Primary School has a number of very special qualities.

It demonstrates that we:

- have an excellent arts and cultural offer;
- are forward thinking and open to development;
- are committed to investing in our staff and young people;
- are committed to listening to our pupils and providing opportunities for our community;
- have an effective approach to building sustainable relationships with arts and cultural organisations;
- value the arts and culture through a broad and balanced curriculum.

To achieve Artsmark, we had to undergo a rigorous application process, followed by a validation visit from a professional arts consultant. We were assessed on many areas of our provision including arts in the curriculum, extra-curricular arts activities, how we work with artists and arts organisations and how well our arts provision impacts on staff development and the wider community.

We hope you share our pride in being nationally recognised for our arts and cultural provision.





Primary Science Quality Mark



We have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark at Silver level. The PSQM is the only award available to recognise whole school achievement in primary science. It is an effective support tool for developing science with a framework that ensures realistic self-evaluation and measured progress towards achievable targets. It necessitates whole school impact, development and success, and as such improves scientific experiences and outcomes for all children and teachers.

Voice 21



What does it mean to be a Voice 21 School?

Becoming a Voice 21 Oracy School is a commitment: to transform oracy teaching and learning across our school, enabling all students to access and benefit from a high-quality oracy education.

Oracy is a set of teachable skills that are essential for life and when used skillfully, talk allows pupils to take ownership of their own learning, unlock and deepen their understanding, think critically and build confidence.

We are part of a thriving national network of over 1,000 schools, who are at the forefront of innovative and impactful oracy practice in the UK.

“ Lessons are fun and we are always learning new things. ”

- Kleo

Our Parents and Friends Association

PFA

The *Parents and Friends Association* is a charitable group of hard working parents who organise excellent fund raising events to enable the school to purchase additional resources to help enhance the quality of education which we provide. The PFA are mainly made up of parents and staff of the school and meet throughout the academic year. The PFA has helped finance many of the school's facilities including: providing ICT hardware, playground equipment and books for the library. The PFA also helps subsidise most of the visits that the children attend, in addition to supporting swimming, the Year 6 Leaver's book and curriculum workshops led by outside professionals.

The PFA invites new parents to a coffee morning in the village hall at the beginning of the new academic year as they need the support of parents to ensure it is able to continue to enrich the lives of children. As a new member of our school community we hope you will be able to add your support to the work of the Association. This is a super way to meet other parents, ask questions and really become part of our school community. Each new parent becomes a member of our PFA and is welcome to attend meetings and support our PFA activities.





Wonderful Work
of the Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday



