



PLUMPTON

PRIMARY SCHOOL



*We're kind and outward looking:
learners today, leaders tomorrow.*







“It is a lovely small school with a good sense of community and first-class, excellent staff.”

Parent



Welcome

Plumpton is a warm and welcoming rural primary school at the heart of our village, where every child is known, valued and encouraged to thrive. We create a calm, nurturing environment where children feel safe, build confidence and develop a love of learning.

Our vision, “we are kind and outward-looking: learners today, leaders tomorrow,” inspires curiosity, respect and responsibility in all that we do. We offer a rich, engaging curriculum alongside strong personal development, helping children grow into resilient, thoughtful and active members of their community.

Working closely with families, our dedicated staff ensure every child flourishes both academically and personally.

We are proud of our school and all it offers, and we would be delighted to welcome you— we are excited to receive visitors and share what makes Plumpton such a special place to learn and grow.

Luke Sibson BA(hons)
Head of School



Curriculum

Creative, Engaging and Rooted in Our Community

At Plumpton, we follow the Skylark Federation Curriculum, designed to provide a coherent, engaging and ambitious education for every child. Our curriculum combines high expectations with meaningful learning experiences, helping pupils develop secure knowledge, strong skills and a lifelong love of learning.

Learning is carefully sequenced to build understanding over time, with children exploring knowledge through a broad range of subjects including English, mathematics, science, humanities, the arts, computing, physical education, religious education and personal development. Through our project-based approach, pupils make meaningful connections in their learning while developing critical thinking, creativity and curiosity about the world around them.

We place children at the heart of everything we do, nurturing resilience, independence, kindness and collaboration. Our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education promotes wellbeing, positive relationships, emotional literacy and responsible citizenship, helping pupils to understand themselves and their role within the wider community.

Our curriculum is enriched by the unique character of our local community and aims to prepare pupils both for the next stage of their education and for life beyond the classroom.

The curriculum is organised into three stages:

- **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):** ages 4-5
- **Key Stage 1:** ages 5-7
- **Key Stage 2:** ages 7-11





“It has been very beneficial for my child, having the one ‘theme’ to go through different subjects.”

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Our *Learning* Journey

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

In Reception, children learn through play and exploration. Our curriculum covers Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design. We use Tapestry software to share your child's learning journey with you.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2)

Children build on their early learning with a focus on English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, Music, Computing, PE, PSHE, RE and French.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)

Our older pupils enjoy a broad curriculum including English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art, DT, Music, Computing, PE, PSHE, RE, French, Oracy and Forest School. We prepare children for their transition to secondary school with increasing independence and challenge.

“I love our projects – it’s all linked so you’ve got a starting point in every subject.”

Year 5 Pupil



Enriched Curriculum

Trips, Events and Celebrations

Educational Visits

We make the most of our wonderful local area. Children visit places like Battle Abbey, Lewes Castle, the Brighton Pavilion and local farms. These trips bring our curriculum themes to life and create lasting memories.

Residential Trips

In Year 6, children enjoy a residential trip to Bowles Activity Centre, building confidence, teamwork and independence.

Events and Celebrations

Throughout the year, we celebrate together with science days, book weeks, school productions, sports days and national events. Our reading dog visits are a particular favourite!

Workshops and Visitors

We regularly invite specialists into school to run workshops, from authors and artists to scientists and historians.



“My child really enjoyed WW2 and was always talking about it at home. He even went metal detecting in the hope of finding WW2 artefacts and was thrilled when he did!”

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Forest School and Sport

Forest School

Every class enjoys a six-week block of Forest School sessions each year. Children develop confidence, resilience and teamwork through outdoor learning in our beautiful school grounds. They learn practical skills like fire-lighting, shelter-building and tool use, all while developing a deep connection with nature.

Sport

All children receive high-quality PE teaching, including specialist sports coaching. We take part in inter-federation sports events and competitions throughout the year. Children develop skills in athletics, gymnastics, dance, football, cricket, netball and more.

We believe that physical activity is essential for wellbeing, and we encourage all children to be active and enjoy sport, whatever their ability.



“I love forest school – we get to make fires and even cook popcorn!”

Year 3 Pupil



Clubs and Pupil Voice

Clubs

We offer a Breakfast Club from 7.45am and an After-School Club until 5.30pm, providing flexible wraparound care for families. Throughout the year, we also run a range of specialist clubs including:

- Yoga
- Football
- Dance
- Art and Craft
- Science Club
- Gardening



Pupil Voice

We believe children should have a say in their school. Our Student Council meets regularly to discuss ideas and improvements. Our Eco Council leads on environmental projects, and children also take on roles as librarians, play leaders and digital champions.

Pupils have led real changes in our school, from redesigning outdoor play spaces to organising charity events.



"We feel safe at school and the School Council listens when we're worried about anything."

Year 4 pupil







“It is a very caring school. My child has thrived since moving here.”

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Inclusion

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We are committed to including every child fully in school life. Our experienced SENCO works closely with teachers, parents and outside agencies to ensure that children with additional needs receive the right support. We use a graduated approach, with personalised plans and regular reviews.

Gifted and Talented

We recognise and celebrate children who show exceptional ability. We provide enrichment opportunities, extension challenges and links with other schools to ensure these children are stretched and inspired.

School Uniform

All pupils wear school uniform. We believe this promotes a sense of belonging and community, and helps children feel proud of their school. Full details of our uniform requirements are available on our website.





Welcome from the Executive Headteacher

I hope you have enjoyed learning more about our school and the opportunities we provide for our children. My name is Matt Dean, and I am proud to be serving as Interim Executive Headteacher of the Skylark Federation, which brings together Barcombe CE, Hamsey CP, Iford and Kingston CE, and Plumpton Primary School.

As a federation, we are committed to ensuring that every child thrives within a nurturing, inclusive and ambitious learning community. Each of our schools has its own unique character and sits at the heart of its village community, and we work hard to celebrate and preserve these distinctive identities.

At the same time, being part of the Skylark Federation enables us to share expertise, resources and opportunities across our schools. This allows children and staff to benefit from the strengths of a larger organisation whilst retaining the warmth, personal relationships and close-knit community spirit that make small schools so special.

I am incredibly proud of our children, staff, governors and wider communities, and of the rich educational experiences we provide. Together, we are committed to helping every child flourish, develop a lifelong love of learning and achieve their full potential.

Having been part of the federation for a number of years, I have developed strong relationships across our schools and a real appreciation for what makes each community unique. I have seen first-hand the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children and the support of our families. I am honoured to lead the federation and look forward to building on the many strengths that already exist across all four schools, ensuring that every child continues to thrive and succeed.

“We adore Plumpton School. It’s a beautiful, nurturing primary school environment, and one we are grateful to have found.”

Parent

Admissions

Admissions to Plumpton Primary School are managed by East Sussex County Council. Our Published Admission Number (PAN) is 20.

We warmly welcome visits from prospective families. Please contact the school office to arrange a tour — we would love to show you around and answer any questions.

For full admissions information, including application forms and deadlines, please visit the East Sussex County Council website or contact us directly.

Governors

Our Governing Body plays a vital role in the strategic direction of the school. Governors are drawn from parents, staff and the local community, and they work closely with the leadership team to ensure the best outcomes for every child.





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