

Tarporley CE Primary School

Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5)

Learning within a Christian Heritage, since 1849



E-Prospectus 2023/24

Our Christian Values Are:

Love, Friendship, Trust, Hope, Forgiveness, Joy & Celebration

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Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our e-prospectus. We hope this gives you a flavour of what a wonderful place Tarporley CE Primary is to be a part of .

We are a welcoming and friendly school that provides high quality education for children aged 5-11. It is very important to us that your child is happy and experiences the best education possible. We value strong links between home and school and recognise the importance of trust and shared responsibility in education.

'Teachers have high expectations of pupils' learning and behaviour. Checks on pupils' work made by inspectors showed that pupils' learning and progress in literacy,

reading and mathematics are consistently at least good and sometimes outstanding. This confirms that the quality of teaching has improved since the last inspection and continues to improve.'

Ofsted 2014 & 2019





Our school has a wonderful Christian ethos which comes from the Christian Values which run throughout the school. You will also find an atmosphere which is exciting, fun and full of quality learning. We have a fantastic team of teachers and teaching assistants who provide a high standard of education and care, and a community of pupils who care and respect one another and who have positive attitudes towards both work and behaviour.

Warm Regards

Kerry Forrester

Headteacher

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OUR VISION & VALUES

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Learning within a Christian Heritage, since 1849

With Christian values at our core, we nurture a love of learning and inspire everyone to let their light shine. Our school community focuses on the needs of our children who are encouraged to be the best they can be in all aspects of school life and to embrace opportunities as their journey continues.

Christian Values

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming and friendly Church school that holds our Christian Values at the heart of everything we do. These are:

LOVE, FRIENDSHIP, TRUST, HOPE, FORGIVENESS,

JOY & CELEBRATION

At Tarporley Church of England Primary School we:

- Keep the child at the heart of everything we do
- Value and respect everyone and everything
- Demonstrate a positive approach
- Work as a team
- Embrace challenges and opportunities



At Tarporley CE Primary we aim to:

1. Create an enjoyable, safe and nurturing ethos that allows all individuals to develop spiritually, morally and socially.
2. Promote caring, sensitive and inclusive attitudes where individuals feel confident, secure, valued and respected by others.
3. Provide a broad and balanced curriculum which challenges, celebrates and develops the potential of each child.
4. Create a stimulating environment, which encourages enthusiasm for lifelong learning and promotes an expectation of high standards.

"Pupils' behaviour is outstanding because they have highly positive attitudes towards learning. They are cared for very well and feel completely safe in school." (Ofsted 2014 & 2019)

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"School leaders have an accurate view of the school's strengths and its areas for development. Plans to improve the school concentrate on the correct areas, with the current focus rightly being on raising pupils' standards in writing. This is the one aspect of the school's work which prevents leadership from being judged outstanding." Ofsted 2014



"Relationships between adults and pupils are warm and respectful. Teachers have high expectations of what pupils can achieve. The quality of teaching is good and continues to Improve." Ofsted 2014



About Our School

Our school has provided education for the children of Tarporley and surrounding areas since 1849. During subsequent years the school has witnessed many changes reflecting the education of the times and we now have a school that successfully meets the challenges of the current educational climate, providing a quality education for all our children. The school is situated at the centre of the village with views across to Beeston Castle and the Welsh hills beyond.



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School Grounds



We are blessed to be surrounded by stunning grounds here at Tarporley CE Primary School.

We have a large field, our own allotment, pond and woodland area which are used extensively by the children. We also have a large all-weather multi use games area (MUGA), as well as a variety of playgrounds and a range of equipment, chosen by the children, to suit all ages.

We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have such wonderful facilities and space. It really does add to what we can offer our children.



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Extra Curricular Activities

Here at Tarporley CE we believe in offering many varied opportunities to enable all of our children to let their light shine. We run a wide range of lunchtime and after school clubs each term such as creative colouring, chess and netball to name a few.

We offer the opportunity to represent the school in a range of sporting competitions. Every child has the opportunity to learn an instrument.

Along with a range of performance opportunities throughout the year, we enter events such as public speaking competitions, AmaSing and Young Voices concerts. We carry out residential visits with Year 2-6.





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School Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform here at Tarporley CE Primary School and believe children should look smart when they attend school, helping to create a sense of school pride. Our uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan bearing the school pear tree logo.
- White or red polo shirt.
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.
- Red gingham summer dresses (optional)
- Black, red or dark coloured shoes. (no trainers)



PE & Games Kit



PE Kits

All children should have a PE kit which is worn on the days they do PE.

- Red t-shirt
- Black or navy tracksuit bottoms, legging or shorts
- School jumpers
- Trainers

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding we offer assistance with annual purchasing of uniform.

At the main entrance of school you can find our Pre Loved Uniform Shop. All uniform can be collected for free with a voluntary donation of £1 per item for those who are able to.

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Admissions

Cheshire West and Chester County Council ensures all children living within catchment area can be offered a place at a school near to their home.

Parents can express a preference for a school which is not necessarily local to them. If the preferred school is below its admission limit for the relevant age group, a place will be offered. Where schools are over subscribed, the priorities for admission are on the following basis:-

- Pupils living within the school's catchment area.
- Pupils with brothers or sisters in the school.
- Pupils for whom personal/domestic circumstances presented by parents justify, in the Authority's view, admission to a particular school.
- Pupils living nearest to the school.

All in year admissions are dealt with directly by the school. Further information can be found on our website and applications can also be found on www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.



Starting Reception Class



We work closely with a range of pre-schools to get to know the children who will be starting at our school. In particular, our close links with the Done Room pre-school in Tarporley means that your child will have visited our school or met our teachers before the formal transition process begins in the summer term. A parents' information session is held in June by the Head Teacher and Early Years staff. You will have the opportunity to look around school and ask any questions you may have. Your child will be offered a half-day taster session during the summer term. They will have the opportunity to meet their classmates, teacher, teaching assistants and gain an awareness of the routines of school life. All children are allocated a Year 6 'Buddy'. Their buddies look after them during playtimes and lunch breaks during the early days at school. Many of the children become firm friends.

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School Structure

Headteacher	Kerry Forrester	
Special Needs Coordinator (SENDCO)	Emma Nicholas	
Bursar	Jane Taylor	
Office Staff	Jan Lovelock & Emily Cadman	
Reception – Dormice	Kate Selwyn	Catharine Line Clodaugh Tennant
Year 1 - Rabbits	Samantha Harrison	Louise Bougen Kerry Hamlett Shelley Woods Carole Palmer
Year `1 & 2—Squirrels	Sophie Jones	Sam Woolford Erica Taylor Carole Palmer
Year 2 - Otters	Nick Brown (KS1 Lead)	Jennifer Mossford
Year 3 - Snowdrops	Emma Church	Sam Harding Julie Goodwin Claire Dillon Lisa Smith Emma Hart Helen Jones
Year 3 & 4 - Bluebells	Helen Maddocks (Deputy Head) & Jo Gaskell	
Year 4 - Foxgloves	Kerry Griffiths & Emma Nicholas	
Year 5 - Kestrels	Scott Lawrence	Rachel Sims Jen O'Dwyer
Year 5 & 6 - Goshawks	Jason Bonner	Charlotte Casson Lynn Lester
Year 6 - Ospreys	Emma Neill (KS2 Lead)	

Governing Body & PTA

The Governing Body is made up of parents, members of the community, church, local authority and school staff. It has a strategic role providing a framework within which the Headteacher and staff run the school. It is a critical friend, supporting and challenging the work of the school and staff, monitoring the progress and evaluating the impact of agreed policies. It holds the Headteacher and staff to account for the performance of the school and explains decisions made and actions taken to parents and other stakeholders.

The PTA is a committee of parents and teachers and an army of willing volunteers. They organise a range of social and fund raising events throughout the year, such as Christmas Fair, Beer Festival, Summer Barbeque, Film nights, and Cake Stalls. The PTA make a considerable contribution to everyday life at our school; buying books for the library, kitchen equipment, water coolers, audio visual equipment, laptop trolley, plus assisting financially towards the cost of school trips. The PTA meets once

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St Helen's Church

Links with the Church

Our school is an outstanding church school. We enjoy close links with St Helen's Parish Church and Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church.

Our close links with the local churches enable us to have a weekly Collective Worship in school led by one of our Church leaders. Our school takes an active role in leading services at St Helen's Church over the school year.

We also attend special services at Chester Cathedral at different stages in the school life of our children.





Treehouse – Before & After School Care

We offer an on site before and after school club. This club is managed by the school and open to all children from Reception to Year 6. **The Treehouse is open for breakfast club at 7.45am until school starts at 8.45am and then the after school club runs from the end of the school day until 6pm.**

Breakfast is offered to all children as well as an afternoon snack. Our staff hold qualifications in playwork, first aid and food hygiene and are all DBS checked. The staff concentrate on making sure the children have a variety of activities and toys to keep them occupied whilst keeping them safe and happy. The club is run to help parents who work and need extra childcare. Some children come to us once a month whilst others more frequently. Fees for the club are £4 for breakfast club and £11 for after school club. If you would like more information please e-mail the school or visit our website.



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Attendance & Holidays in Term Time

Attendance

As a school we encourage good attendance. However, children who are too ill to come to school or may pass infection to others should not attend. When children are absent from school we ask parents to inform the school office by 9.00am on the first day of absence. We contact parents if we feel their child is too ill to stay at school.

Leave of absence will be given for attendance at medical or dental appointments or for examinations in music, dance etc. Where possible such appointments should be made outside of school hours.

If you have arranged for someone other than yourself to collect your child, please communicate this information to an adult in your child's class through the office and send a photograph if they are not known to the school.

The school attendance figures for 2022-23 were:

Total No of Pupils on Role	Overall Absences	
	% of Pupils	National Average
277	4.6%	7.5%
Persistent Absentees - Absent for 10% or more sessions		
	% of Pupils	National Average
277	9.8%	17.2%



Leave of Absence from School Request

Parents should not plan for their child to be absent from school without gaining prior agreement for exceptional circumstances. Such requests should be made by completing an absence request form.

Parents can be fined by the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school. This is currently £60 per parent per child.

Additional Educational Needs

Inclusion of all pupils in all areas of school life is at the very heart of our Christian school ethos. As a school, we believe that every child matters and we aim to nurture and develop the potential of every child. In order to do this, we sometimes need to identify particular challenges that a child experiences in order that we may provide additional assistance for that child.

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Assessment Results

Key Stage 1 Results – 2019

End of Key Stage 1 Results for 2019 (Teacher Assessments)

This table shows the percentage of Year 2 children achieving and exceeding the expected level at Tarporley CE Primary School.

(Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding)

KS1	National Average Expected Level (2019)	% of pupils achieving expected level	National Average Greater Depth (2019)	% of pupils achieving Greater Depth
Reading	75%	85%	25%	38%
Maths	76%	82%	22%	21%
Writing	69%	71%	15%	18%
Combined	65%	65%	11%	6%
Science	83%	91%		



Key Stage 2 Results – 2019

These tables show the percentage of Year 6 children achieving the expected level at Tarporley CE Primary School.

KS2	National Average 2019 Expected Standard	SATS Results 2019 Expected Standard	National Average 2019 Higher Standard	SATS Results 2019 Higher Standard
Reading	73%	84%	27%	54%
Writing (TA only)	78%	78%	20%	30%
Maths	79%	81%	27%	57%
SPAG	78%	81%	36%	62%
Combined R/W/ M	65%	76%	10%	27%

KS2 Progress Scores 2019

Reading Progress was - Above Average at +2.4

Writing Progress was - Average at -1.2

Maths Progress was - Average at +1.1

Link to DFE Performance Tables

<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/school.pl?urn=111260>



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