

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

A very warm welcome



It is with great pleasure and pride that we introduce you to our school. In choosing Stogursey, your child is assured of an exciting, high-quality, well-rounded education in a close-knit community in a beautiful rural setting.

With breath-taking views of the Quantock Hills, small class sizes and a culture of high standards with a focus on well-being, our school is an excellent choice for your family.

Our unique curriculum will enable your child to experience more, developing knowledge of themselves, of others and of the world, all done in an exciting and engaging way.

Our staff team is highly skilled and qualified. They engage with research and collaborate with their colleagues both inside and outside the school to ensure your child receives the finest education and receives the support they need.

Our pupils are confident and embrace challenges; they are active participants in the development of our school through the leadership roles that are available to each year group.

Our community, including our parents, is what makes our school extra special. Community involvement is key to our success in ensuring our school continues to grow and flourish and we work closely with the local church and our partners within the Quantock Education Trust to maximise the experiences available to the children.

This prospectus offers you a taste of our school. However, you are warmly invited to visit and experience first-hand the passion, energy and quality here at Stogursey Primary School.

Join us on our Open Day or please make an appointment to have a tour of the school. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Mr Gary Tucker
Head of School





"I was very apprehensive about transferring my child's school, but Mr Tucker and the team made it so simple and stress free. All of the staff and students have been extremely welcoming to us all and the facilities and learning opportunities offered by the school are incredible. My child has gained so much confidence in such a short amount of time I'm so happy to have joined such a great school."

Yr 3 parent

A hub for the community

We aren't like any other school. We are creative and are always developing new solutions to meet our community's needs. Innovations we are proud of include:



Life skills taught alongside the academic curriculum.

Small classes, many adults.

Every child learns an instrument for FREE!

In-house, qualified Mental Health support Team.

Wraparound care that focuses on wellbeing.





**Broadening
outlooks
and
experiences**



Our school values

Our six Christian values were identified by staff, children and parents as being most important to our community and they are:

- Care
- Faith
- Hope
- Kindness
- Peace
- Love

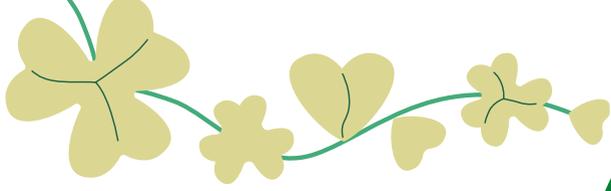
Along with fundamental British values and our Quantock Education Trust values, these are at the heart of everything we do.

Our mission is to enable children to **'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge'**.

This is achieved by working collaboratively to grow children and adults alike in wisdom, confidence and enjoyment of life and learning.

We focus on developing knowledge and skills year on year, alongside continual personal growth to expand horizons and connect positively with all in our community.





**Nurturing
personal
growth for
life**

Knowledge and experience first

Our curriculum recognises that not all children have access to enriching experiences that are essential for succeeding in education. We plan for this through visiting guest speakers, termly trips and in-school experiences. This is all properly mapped-out and sequenced so that everything builds and makes sense.

Countries with knowledge curricula outperform those that do not. We are keen to ensure that the substance of what is known as well as experienced at our school comes first.

Exciting enrichment opportunities come as standard at our school. We are so proud of our Happiness Breakfast After School and Holiday Clubs! Children prepare their own food at these clubs and take part in physical activities including adventurous outdoor learning as well as gardening and yoga.

Each week in our Adventurers' Programme, children learn a range of skills that build towards an exciting annual expedition. Within this programme, they have been learning:

- First Aid
- Cookery
- Shelter building
- Map reading
- Survival skills



Academic rigour is the norm

Our results have been steadily improving year-on-year and we are proud of this achievement. We have high expectations of all our children and through our **small steps curriculum**, we believe that all can achieve, no matter what.

We expect a lot, but achieve this in a fun, caring way. Teachers are highly-skilled and work collaboratively with each other as well as with partner schools in the trust to achieve the academic rigour that is required.

Reading is fundamental to all learning and we place great emphasis on this. Our aim is to turn every child into an avid, passionate reader and ensure no child is left behind.

We don't do fads at Stogursey but instead base educational decisions on evidence and research and whether it would meet the vision for our school- will this help our children to grow? If the answer is no, then we simply don't do it.



**Successful
children
know more
and are
passionate
readers**



Finding the
joy in
learning

Our character-building curriculum

Our curriculum is delivered in **small steps**, with children achieving mastery in all areas. Cognitive science shows us that this is the best way to learn, so as not to overwhelm children and help them to remember and build on what came before. We are a Maths Mastery school, having had a huge investment in training and resources by being in the West Somerset Opportunity Area. This approach is now being employed across our curriculum.



Discipline balanced with wellbeing

Our easy-to-understand behaviour policy helps children to succeed. Any incidents of bullying are few and far between but are always investigated.

100% of our families have been happy with the school's actions. Children regularly report that they feel 'happy' and 'safe' in our school and we always listen to children through pupil voice activities in and out of class.

What makes our school such a lovely place to be is that everyone knows what is expected of them and we coach children when they fall short of the expected standards of behaviour.

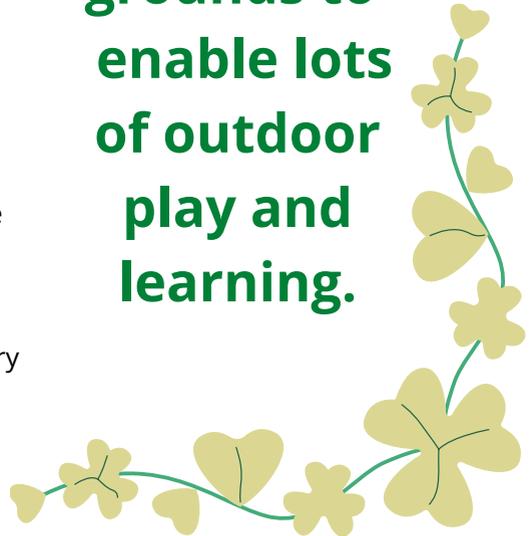
Research shows this is more effective.

Since using this approach, incidents of inappropriate behaviour have significantly decreased.

Our **Trauma-Informed approach** means all staff are able to co-regulate with children to help them make sense of situations and work with them to develop this critical life skill. Our Relationships Social and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum is visionary and is the main tool we use to help children successfully develop strong mental health and build an excellent, happy future for themselves.

Being outdoors promotes wellbeing.

Luckily, we have extensive grounds to enable lots of outdoor play and learning.





Little Acorns Pre-School



Our Pre-School is set up with quality classroom resources and well-equipped and extensive outdoor play areas, which are carefully matched to a young child's needs and developmental stages.

We focus on seven key areas of learning and development:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Understanding the World

Children enjoy a range of activities and experiences which take into account their interests and individual needs and develop their physical, intellectual, emotional and social abilities. We celebrate and value their achievements.

Outside we share with the primary school a safe, secure grassed area and a dedicated pre-school playground. We regard outdoor play as an integral part of our curriculum and provide a welcoming and caring atmosphere in a beautiful stimulating environment with practitioners who are dedicated to your child's development.



A close-knit community

Stogursey Village is well-known as a close-knit community. The village loves its school and we love the village! In recent years, members of the community have stepped up to join in with day to day school life and our children and staff are always happy to take part in local community events.

Parents volunteer through FOSS (Friends of Stogursey School) fundraising for trips or helping us directly make improvements to our school. Some parents have even volunteered their skills and talents to spruce up and improve areas around the school site such as the playground and gardens. With their help our school looks fantastic!

Members of our community, including parents and governors, have been generous with their time in imparting their knowledge on a variety of topics including cookery lessons, the Eco Team (who are saving the planet as well as growing food) and assisting with listening to pupils read in class.

Events the school has participated in:

- **Stogursey Arts Festival**
- **Church Services at St Andrew's Church**
- **Forget-me-not cafe**
- **Somerset Opera at the Victory Hall**





**Everyone
gets
involved**





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