

Swanmore



Church of England (Aided)
Primary School



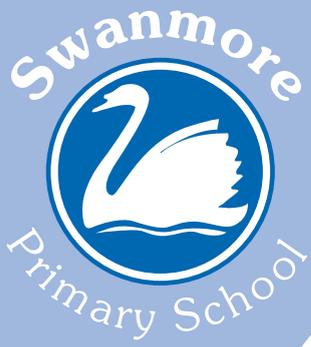
Learning for Life



"This school provides an outstanding education for its pupils. The outstanding personal development, and care, support and guidance of pupils helps explain the outstanding progress they make."

OFSTED 2007





Dear Parents

On behalf of the children, staff and Governors I am delighted to welcome you to Swanmore Church of England Aided Primary School.

This prospectus is intended to give you information about the education provided by the school as well as an insight into daily life at Swanmore. I hope you find it both informative and helpful.

As a church school we aim to provide a happy, secure and stimulating environment where children develop social, spiritual and moral awareness together with a heightened sense of self-esteem and respect and understanding for others.

Set in beautiful grounds, with close links to local pre-schools and Swanmore College of Technology, we have access to amazing facilities, including our own ICT suite, music/drama room and a well equipped library as well as use of beautiful woodlands. All of this promotes your child's learning in a safe, attractive and modern environment.

In a review in 2010, following an inspection in 2007, the school was again graded as Outstanding by Ofsted. This is something we continually strive to achieve in all we do.

We expect high standards of work and behaviour from our pupils and encourage them to make the most of the opportunities offered to them. In return we undertake to provide them with a curriculum which is broad and balanced, relevant to individual needs and which inspires in the children a sense of awe and wonder.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing the school at work.

Your sincerely
Headteacher





Every Child Really Does Matter

It is important to us that every child is valued and that their own unique qualities are recognised. Our curriculum is differentiated to meet their individual needs to ensure that all children make progress. Appropriate special needs and able child provision enables all children to fulfil their potential and have high aspirations.

Foundation Stage

The children in Reception year (Year R) follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum and work towards the Early Learning Goals in six areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication, Language and Literacy
- Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development

An excellent induction programme ensures that pupils settle quickly and happily into school life. Much is learnt through play in an indoor and outdoor environment where children feel included, secure and valued. Children are assessed at the end of Year R using the Foundation Stage Profile.





National Curriculum

The children in Year 1 to Year 6 follow the subjects in the National Curriculum.

The core subjects

English
Mathematics
Science
ICT
RE

The foundation subjects

History
Geography
Design and Technology
Art
Music
PE
PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)
French

There is a focus on the core skills of English and Mathematics to provide the children with a secure foundation in these key areas. However we believe that the curriculum should be broad,

balanced and purposeful. Curriculum areas therefore are linked into topics; creating opportunities to inspire and motivate the children. We recognise the importance of finding a balance between social, creative, physical and academic development in primary age children and work hard to achieve this.

Our philosophy underpins our curriculum: *to create learners for life.*

creative curriculum





Outdoor Classroom

Children learn most effectively, and are inspired, by first-hand experience. Educational visits and use of our extensive school grounds are integral parts of our curriculum. Day trips are regularly organised throughout all year groups and the school grounds are frequently used for a variety of different and stimulating learning experiences.

Junior age children visit Captain Phillimore's woods, a private wood, regularly throughout each year. The children's final visit in Year 6 is to create their own bivouac shelters and sleep out in the woods, a highly memorable and unique experience.

There is an excellent programme of residential visits:

- Year 4 stay in Minstead in the New Forest for three days.
- Year 5 visit Swanage in Dorset for four days.
- Year 6 spend five days in the Brecon Beacons in Wales.

This programme encourages the children's social and emotional development whilst also providing them with exciting experiences and wonderful memories. These visits are always eagerly anticipated and well appreciated by pupils and parents.

"We think that the residentials are wonderful opportunities for our children. For them to achieve so much, both in terms of activities and personal development, is priceless to both them and us."
Parent



Captain Phillimore's Woods



outdoor education



A school with a Christian ethos

As a Church of England school we aim to provide a reflective environment where children develop social, spiritual and moral awareness together with a sense of self-esteem, respect and understanding for others. We have close links with St Barnabas church and are well supported by the Church Team. Junior age children attend the church each week and each class leads two services during the course of the year.

“Swanmore Primary School is an outstanding church school. Strong emphasis is placed on spiritual development in the curriculum and in extra-curricular activities.”

Church School
Inspection 2007





Extra-Curricular Activities

A great variety of lunch time and after school clubs are provided for the children to participate in and they greatly enrich school life. Most of the clubs are run voluntarily by staff and parents in their own time, for which there is no fee. However some are run by external providers who charge for their services. The activities vary according to the time of year and interests of staff and parents.

These are some of the many clubs that have been offered:

- Football
- Netball
- Rugby
- Cross Country Running
- Cricket
- Dance
- Athletics
- Rounders
- Tennis
- Morris Dancing
- Drama
- Recorders
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Gardening
- Newspaper design
- Thinking skills
- Computer
- Art
- French
- Puzzles



extra-curricular activities



Peripatetic music lessons from Hampshire Music Service are also offered to the children during school time including brass, violin, cello, guitar and recorders.

Many opportunities are provided for the children to participate and compete in musical and sporting competitions with school teams and performers experiencing great success in a variety of events. Productions are performed regularly throughout the school year.





Home-School Partnership

Research has proven that parents are the most significant influence on their child's education. We are proud of our commitment to working with parents in order to maximise opportunities and to enable each child to achieve the best that they can.

We know that children are not always forthcoming about school so we provide other opportunities for parents to learn about the work their child is doing. These include written summaries of work to be covered during each term, letters home, a class assembly each term and parent's meetings. Communication is further enhanced through regular newsletters and by e-mailing all letters directly to parents, a very useful and well used system.

Parent Evenings and Reports

Parents are invited, twice a year, to meet their child's teacher. They can look at displays of work around the school as well as their own child's books and folders. Teachers are willing to arrange further meetings out of these times to deal with specific issues.

Towards the end of the Spring Term a written report is sent home for children in Years 1 - 6. Parents of Year R children receive a report towards the end of the Summer Term. At the end of the school year, parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 will receive the results of their Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs) completed at the end of Key Stages 1 and 2 of the National Curriculum.



Helping in School

Many parents assist in school and we welcome all offers of help. Parents may work in classrooms, hear readers, help on school visits, transport children to sporting competitions and much more. If you wish to do this, please speak to your child's teacher and complete a CRB form from the school office. It is an excellent way to get to know the school better.

Homework

We find that homework, supported with positive involvement by parents, complements and extends classroom learning and helps establish good working habits in the children.

Children are encouraged to complete homework from Year 1 to Year 6. The amount of homework increases as the children progress through the school and includes activities such as reading, learning spellings, maths and topic work. Exact details can be found in the back of this prospectus.

Friends of Swanmore Primary School (FOSPS)

FOSPS provide wonderful support by organising fund raising events for the school and provide many of the "extra" things that the school would not otherwise be able to afford. These include the playtrail, lunch time play equipment and much, much more. Many parents choose to get involved and find it a good way to get to know other parents and to be able to contribute to their child's education and the local community. Please contact the school office for details of who to contact if you would like to be involved.





A modern computer suite equipped with 32 PCs.



Two playing fields overlooking beautiful countryside, a play trail and a large tarmac play ground.



An attractive and well organised Library.



Captain Phillimore's woods, a private wood that the school uses for outdoor education.



The children's kitchen is well used by all classes in the school.

Excellent Facilities

We have a range of other facilities such as a music and drama room, an amphitheatre, a music practice room, a large school hall, well presented and organised classrooms, Year R playground and much more. We are proud of our school so please arrange a visit to see the facilities but most importantly to experience what the atmosphere is like with the children working and learning.

facilities





