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Welcome to Thakeham Primary School



Dear families,

We are delighted to welcome you to Thakeham Primary School. Thakeham is a unique school; offering a small school approach but with a big school setting. We are proud to offer an inclusive, nurturing and ambitious education in which every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish.

Mrs K Houston
Executive Headteacher





Why choose Thakeham?

Thakeham Primary School is steeped in history and was established in 1875. Approximately 10 years ago, Thakeham Primary School moved site and is now situated in Rock Road. This provided our school community with the most amazing resources and onsite facilities.

Our size and setting combined with our team of passionate and experienced staff make Thakeham more than just a school, we are a community.



Our School Values

Courage-we try new things, face challenges positively, learn from mistakes and speak up for what is right.

Ambition-we set high expectations for ourselves, work hard and strive to achieve our best.

Respect-we value ourselves, others and our environment, showing kindness, empathy and consideration.

Enjoyment-we celebrate learning, make the most of every opportunity and take pride in belonging to our school community.

What makes us exceptional?



Relationships



Mixed-age classes





Broad Curriculum



Pupil Leadership





Wellbeing





What do people say about us?

Happy children learn and my children are thriving at Thakeham School. They are taught by professional, energetic and intuitive teachers who really know them as individuals. My children love going to school and feel safe and cared for whilst they are there. Pastoral care is excellent from all staff and my children's early years in education are instilling in them a natural enthusiasm for learning.

With the warm, friendly welcome staff give the children at the start of each day, the transition has been seamless. After only 1 week, every child was happily going into the classroom each morning and coming out with the biggest smile on their face.
Thank you

My son has settled in well; he absolutely loves going to school and loves coming home telling me and my husband what he has done and what he has had for school dinners. We highly recommend Thakeham Primary it's such a lovely small school and the staff are so nice and caring.

Our curriculum...

We make every effort to enrich the educational experiences of our children.

Our curriculum is planned to be not only educational, but also enjoyable for all learners.

Experienced teaching, memorable experiences and real life, practical opportunities lead to our pupils achieving academic success.









Inclusion

At our small, caring, and relationship-focused primary school, inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. We pride ourselves on knowing every child as an individual and tailoring our approach to meet their unique needs through adaptive teaching and providing a nurturing environment. Our aim is to ensure that every learner feels valued, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential.

We are committed to continuous improvement, investing in high-quality CPD for all staff to enhance both teaching practice and pupil outcomes.

Our recent achievement of the **DaDIPA** award recognises our excellent provision for pupils with Dyslexia and Dyscalculia, and reflects our dedication to **inclusive education**.

Our proactive SENCo plays a vital role in leading inclusive strategies across the school, coordinating a wide range of **targeted interventions,** including the use of **assistive technologies**. We ensure that classrooms are places where all children, regardless of need, can thrive.





Wellbeing

Pupil wellbeing is a core priority in our school, and we are proud to foster a culture where mental health is central to all that we do. We create a culture of open and honest communication, where pupils are encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings in a safe and respectful space. This approach ensures that everyone's wellbeing is acknowledged, valued, and supported.

Our **therapeutic** behaviour strategies are rooted in strong, trusting relationships and a deep understanding that *behaviour* is a form of *communication*, often linked to unmet needs.

We believe that every child deserves a safe space to feel heard, and we have dedicated, trained staff who are always ready to listen and respond with empathy and care. In addition to this, we offer a range of targeted interventions, including WOWSI, that support pupil wellbeing, led by our Senior Mental Health Lead.

Our pastoral team include members of the Senior Leadership Team, our ELSA, Wowsi Practitioner and our Pupil sports and wellbeing leaders ensuring that wellbeing remains a whole-school, community-driven priority.



Investing in your child in their Early Years

Valuing the individual child is key to creating a successful foundation, with which learning can develop and grow.

At heart of this is relationships; and we work hard at Thakeham to get know you and your child before they start school with us in the year that they turn five.

As part of our transition package we offer pre-school/nursey visits, home visits and stay and play sessions so that your child builds connections with adults in the classroom.

Beatles classroom is the ideal setting for our Early Years children as it is large, bright and airy, with its own bathroom facilities and outdoor space.

Learning is planned to be engaging and active, so that your child will learn through play and exploration-alongside expert adults.

Continuous provision is the core offer; something that we invest in throughout your child's journey in Key Stage 1.

Wrap-around Care

We benefit from wraparound care at Thakeham, every day before school and after school.





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Thank you for exploring Thakeham Primary School. We look forward to welcoming you to our caring community where children thrive.

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