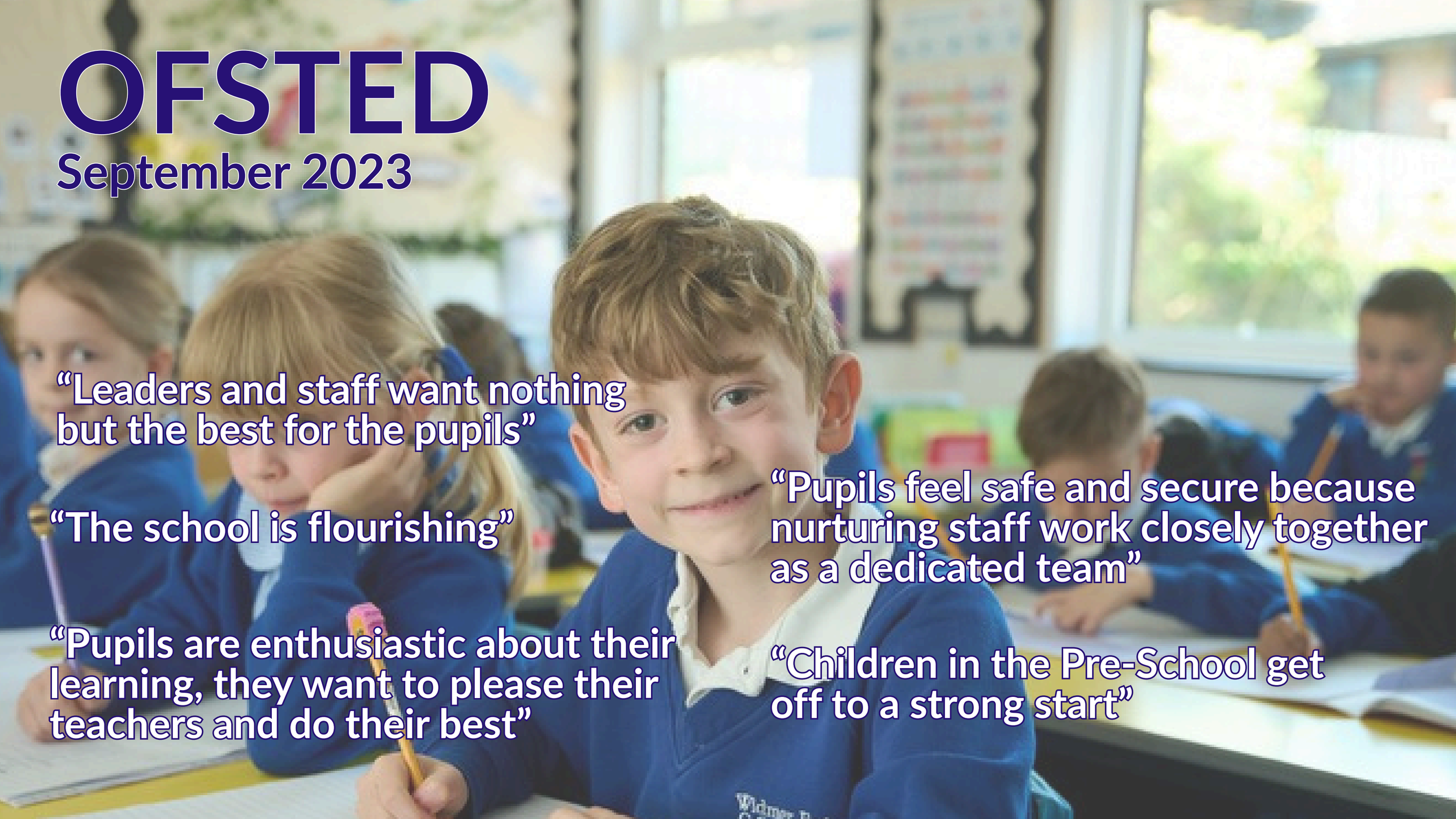
Welcome to Widmer End

Community Combined School & Pre-School



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September 2023



"Leaders and staff want nothing but the best for the pupils"

"The school is flourishing"

"Pupils are enthusiastic about their learning, they want to please their teachers and do their best"

"Pupils feel safe and secure because nurturing staff work closely together as a dedicated team"

"Children in the Pre-School get off to a strong start"

What makes us special?



Our Staff & Pupils

Dedicated, full time Pastoral Lead

Anti-Bullying Alliance

Read Write Inc Phonics

Rights Respecting School Silver Award

Forest School for every year group from Reception onwards

Skills Builder programme
learning skills for life

What makes us special?



Dedicated acoustic music room

Choir performances at the Royal Albert Hall and Wembley Arena

Rocksteady band clubs

Peripatetic lessons in drumming, ukulele, vocal, piano, guitar and recorder

Termly lessons delivered by Bucks Music Trust

Weekly singing assemblies

Quality end of term musical productions

What makes us special?



Sports events & fixtures

Football and netball league winners

Balanceability in Reception

Bikeability in Key Stage 2

Year 5 & 6 Swimming lessons

Our Trips & Workshops



Hazard Alley
Viking Workshop
Verulamium
Chiltern Open Air Museum
Great Fire of London Workshop
Discover Bucks Museum
Amersham Museum

The LincoInsfield Centre
Natural History Museum London
The Living Rainforest
Ashmolean Museum
Whipsnade Zoo
Milestones Museum
Newburn Farm

PGL Devon Residential
Woodrow Residential
Cadbury World
Science Museum London
Windsor Castle
Science Oxford Centre
Natural History Museum Tring

Our Clubs

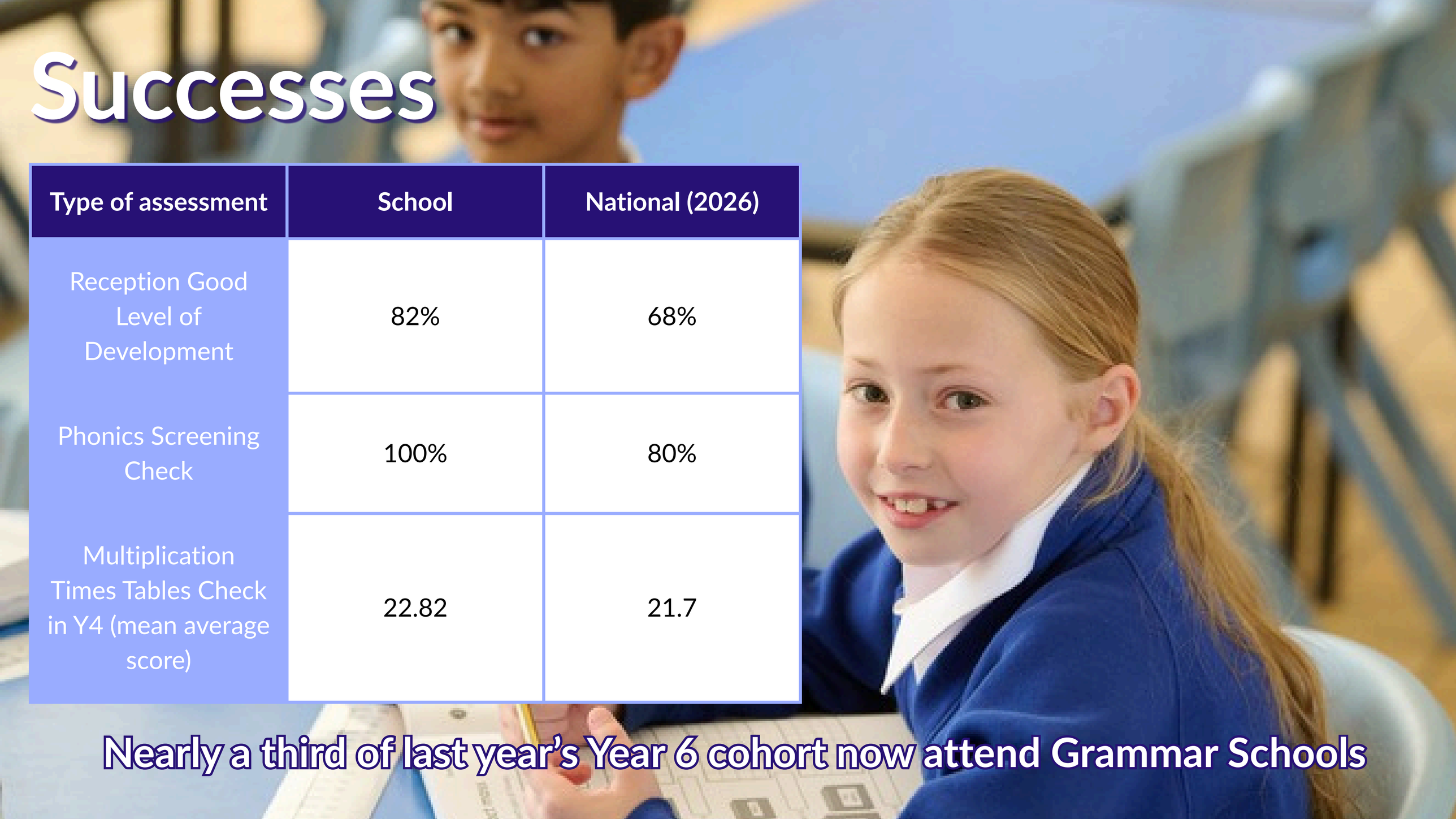


Netball
Football
Cheerleading
Streetdance
Kickboxing
Running
Indian Dance
Gymnastics
Nature

Choir
Knitting
Art
Rocksteady
Sketching
Maths
Chess
Book
Lego

Successes

Type of assessment	School	National (2026)
Reception Good Level of Development	82%	68%
Phonics Screening Check	100%	80%
Multiplication Times Tables Check in Y4 (mean average score)	22.82	21.7



Nearly a third of last year's Year 6 cohort now attend Grammar Schools

Values-Based Education



Unity

Courage

Respect

Trust

Curiosity

Kindness

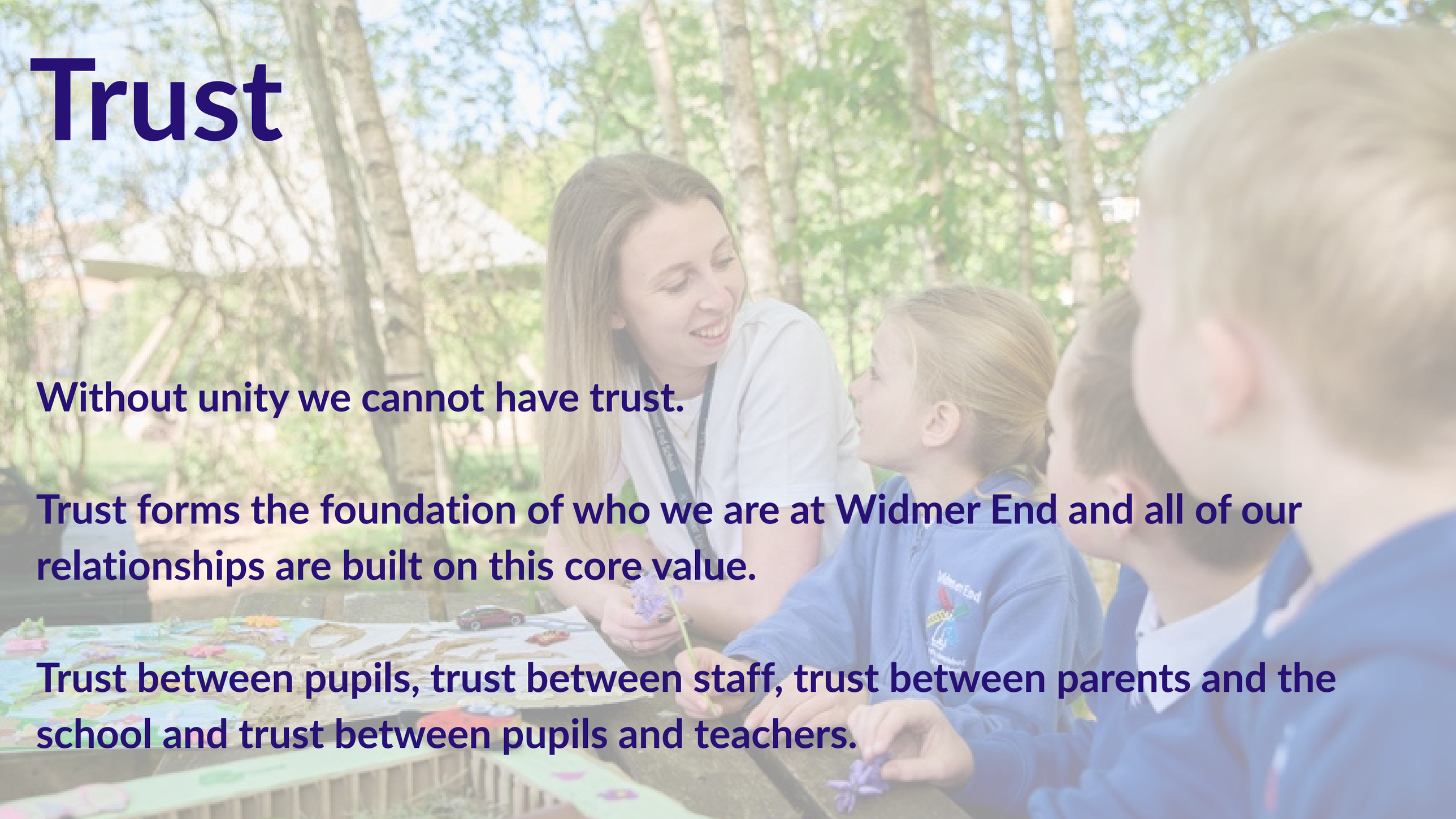
Unity

At the beginning of the year we focus on unity and ensuring that the whole school community understands the importance of being a team and united in everything we do.

Our assemblies focus on inspirational people from across the world, each typifying a value to help teach the children what each value means. A linked value each week allows the children to explore the concept further, building understanding.

We also have a citizenship target so children can show how they have demonstrated this core value themselves.

Trust



Without unity we cannot have trust.

Trust forms the foundation of who we are at Widmer End and all of our relationships are built on this core value.

Trust between pupils, trust between staff, trust between parents and the school and trust between pupils and teachers.

Courage



We teach that being brave, facing fears and feeling out of our comfort zone is important.

Pupils are taught to trust themselves and to know that mistakes are part of life.

Being able to show courage and face new situations are so important to developing children into well-rounded individuals.

Curiosity

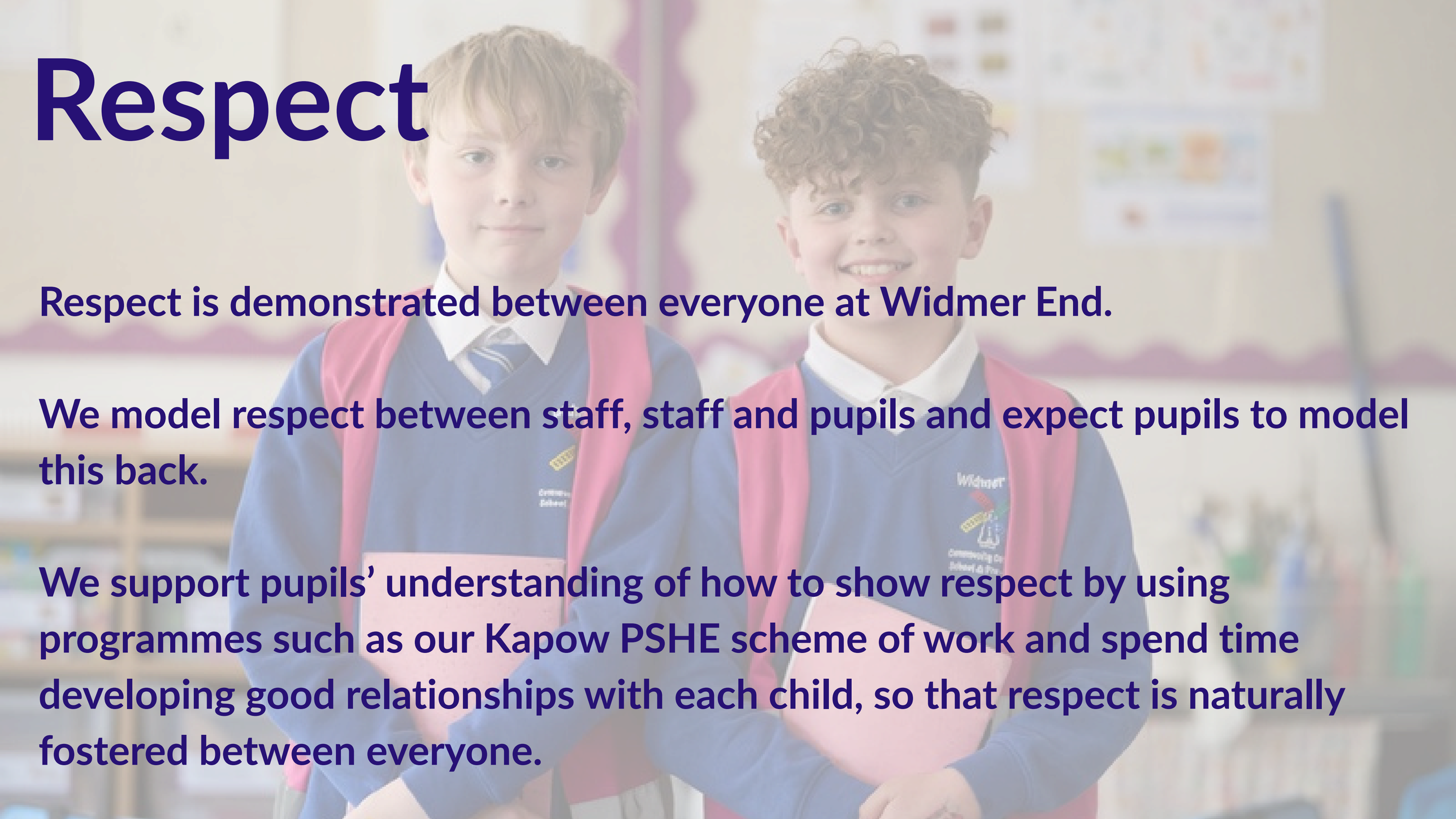


We teach that being curious, asking questions and exploring new ideas help us learn about the world around us.

Pupils are encouraged to wonder, investigate and enjoy discovering new things.

Developing curiosity helps children become independent thinkers who are eager to learn and open to new possibilities.

Respect



Respect is demonstrated between everyone at Widmer End.

We model respect between staff, staff and pupils and expect pupils to model this back.

We support pupils' understanding of how to show respect by using programmes such as our Kapow PSHE scheme of work and spend time developing good relationships with each child, so that respect is naturally fostered between everyone.

Kindness



The value that underpins all that we do at Widmer End is kindness.

We believe that kindness should be at the heart of everything and that you can’t go far wrong in life if you are kind to others.

Pastoral Care



Many children benefit from some form of pastoral support during their educational journey.

We support children through a range of targeted wellbeing provisions:

- Pets as Therapy - Clara
- Peer Mentors
- ELSA
- Mulberry Curriculum
- Young Carers
- Well-being check-ins
- MHST
- Toast & Talk

Special Educational Needs

My role as SENDCo

- Work closely with staff and families to identify emerging or identified SEND needs.
- Coordinate & agree the best provision and adjustments to support each child.
- Monitor progress and review whether the support in place is making a difference.
- Work with external professionals where more targeted support is required:
  - Speech & Language Therapists (SALT)
  - Occupational Therapists (OT)
  - Specialist Teachers
  - Educational Psychologists

Our aim is to make sure every child is understood, included and supported to achieve their best.

EYFS at Widmer End

3 Prime Areas

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Physical development
- Communication and language

4 Specific Areas

- Mathematic
- Literacy
- Expressive arts and design
- Understanding the world

How do children learn in the EYFS?

Play is how children practise, apply and deepen their learning.

- Play and exploration
- Adult led teaching
- Learning through everyday experiences
- Continuous provision
- Learning with others
- Repetition and revisiting

The whole child



Our priorities in Reception are to help children to become:

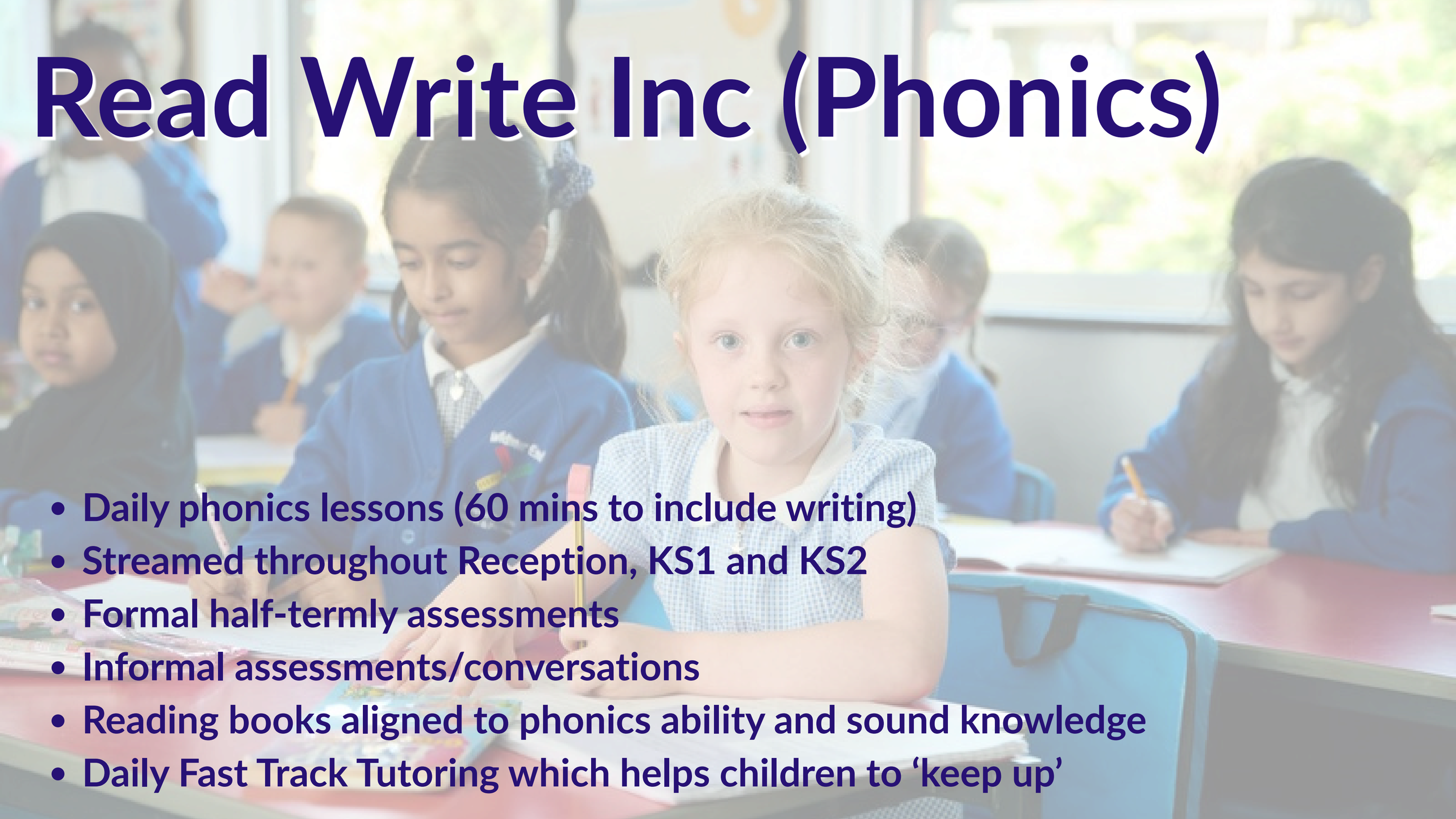
- Happy and confident
- Great communicators
- Curious and independent learners
- Part of a community
- Ready for Year 1

Transitions



- Communications with parents/carers
- Visits to previous settings
- 3 settling in sessions
- 2 half days in small groups at the start of term

Read Write Inc (Phonics)



- Daily phonics lessons (60 mins to include writing)
- Streamed throughout Reception, KS1 and KS2
- Formal half-termly assessments
- Informal assessments/conversations
- Reading books aligned to phonics ability and sound knowledge
- Daily Fast Track Tutoring which helps children to ‘keep up’

General Information



Gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:43am

End of day is 3:15pm

School lunches available every day provided by the Kids Lunchbox Company

Wraparound care provided by ‘Friends At Play’

Mon-Fri: breakfast club 7.30am – 8.45am and after school club 3.15pm – 5:15pm or 6pm

Financial Support



School meals are free for ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Low income families may qualify for ‘Pupil Premium’ and/or ‘Free School Meals’ status (FSM). This gives extra funding to school which helps your child have equal opportunities to their peers, such as funding for school trips, educational expenses, additional curricular activities and clubs. Universal free school meals does not mean that you can’t qualify for ‘free school meal’ (FSM) status.

Please get in touch it you would like more information.

Our PTA

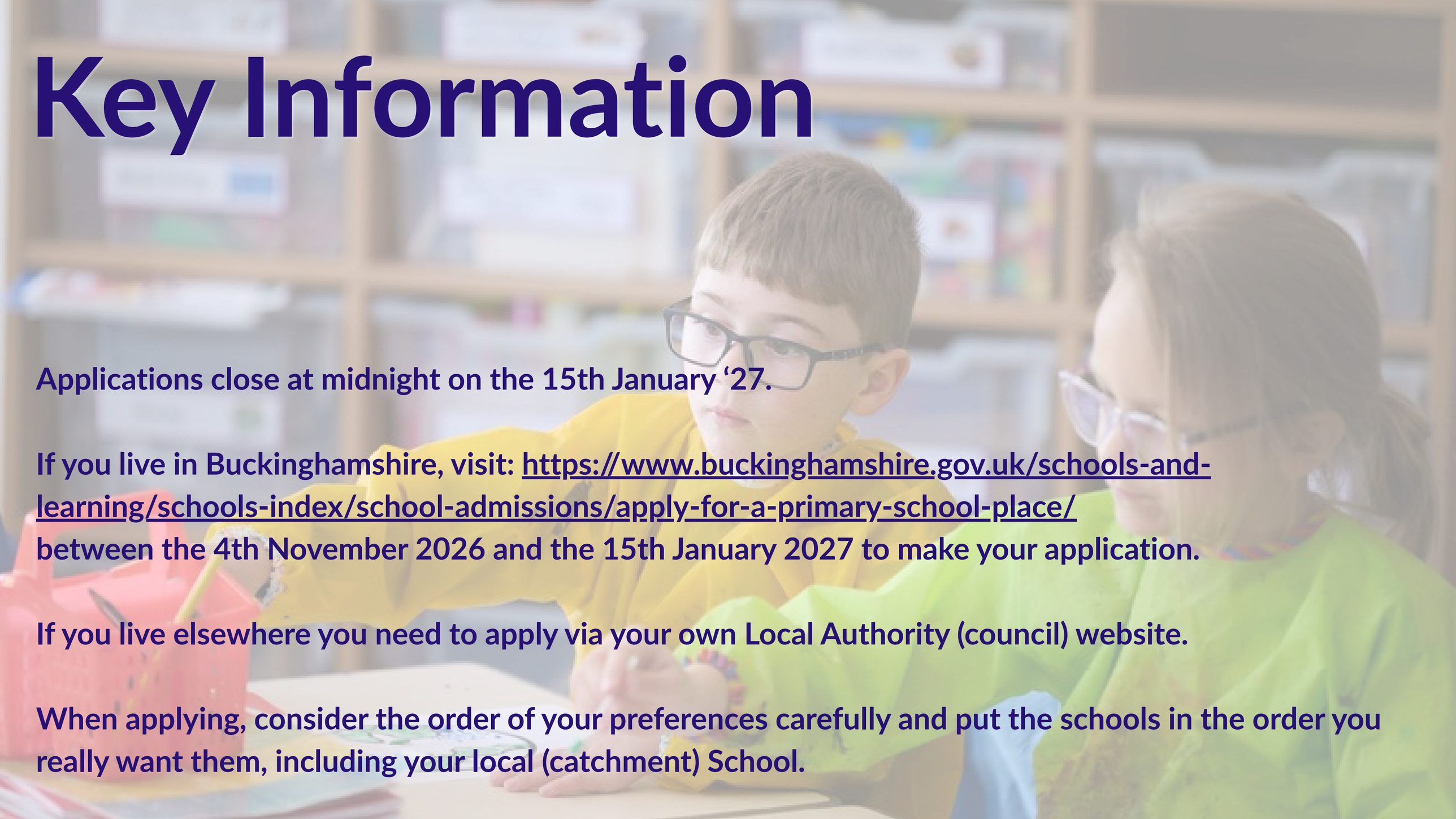
Our PTA (Widmer End School Association) is a Registered Charity (1073651) and is run by a committee of parents and staff who organise events and activities for all of the family to enjoy, whilst raising valuable funds for our school.

We have had events such as:

- Children's Disco
- Hot Dog Days
- Christmas Fayre
- Summer Fair

All money raised by the PTA goes towards extra resources and activities for your children.

Key Information



Applications close at midnight on the 15th January ‘27.

If you live in Buckinghamshire, visit: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/ between the 4th November 2026 and the 15th January 2027 to make your application.

If you live elsewhere you need to apply via your own Local Authority (council) website.

When applying, consider the order of your preferences carefully and put the schools in the order you really want them, including your local (catchment) School.

Next Steps?

All queries about admissions / process should be directed to Buckinghamshire Council - www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions.

You can find this presentation and Bucks Council information on our website under our admissions page.

Any Questions?

