



**Widmer End
School**

**Prospectus
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"All great things have small beginnings."

Peter Senge



“This is a happy school where pupils are confident
and motivated to learn.”

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happy

welcoming

rich education

inclusive

caring





**“Widmer End is the best because all the lessons are really fun and
also the staff are the kindest ever.”**

Mia - pupil



from our

Headteacher

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important and often most emotional decisions you will make as a parent. As a parent myself, I understand that more than anything, you want your child to feel happy, safe and truly valued, while being given every opportunity to grow and succeed.



At Widmer End, there is something special that many families notice from the moment they arrive. It is a warmth, a sense of belonging, and a feeling that this is a place where children are genuinely known and cared for. This comes not only from our close-knit community, but from the values that sit at the heart of everything we do: unity, trust, respect, kindness, curiosity and courage. These values shape our daily life and help create an environment where every child feels supported and inspired.

We believe deeply that education is about nurturing the whole child - supporting their wellbeing, celebrating who they are, and helping them to flourish both academically and personally. Every child who joins us is encouraged to grow in confidence, to discover their strengths and interests, and to take pride in their achievements - whatever they may be.

At Widmer End, we celebrate individuality and gently guide our children to become resilient, kind and independent young people. Through our shared values, we help them to develop the confidence and character they need to embrace opportunities, face challenges with courage, and show curiosity about the world around them.

Mrs Gemma Hillier
Headteacher



While this prospectus will give you an insight into our aspirations and what we offer, it cannot fully capture the spirit of Widmer End. It is something that is felt in the smiles of our children, the dedication of our staff, and the atmosphere of our school each day. I warmly invite you to visit us, to see our school in action, and to experience for yourself what makes Widmer End such a unique place to learn and grow.

It would be a privilege to welcome you and your family, and to share with you all that makes our school so very special.



curiosity

kindness

unity

courage

respect

trust

“Pupils feel safe and secure because nurturing staff work closely together as a dedicated team.”

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Why Widmer End?

Widmer End Community Combined School is a one-form entry primary school, set in the heart of the village of Widmer End. Built in 1974, we recently held our Golden Jubilee in celebration of 50 years of educating the children of Widmer End and the surrounding area.

Catering for children as young as aged 2 in our Pre-School, children leave us in Year 6 as happy and successful citizens of our community. We pride ourselves in not only supporting children to achieve academic excellence, but also to become valued members of society, living all our school values - Unity, Trust, Courage, Curiosity, Respect and Kindness - for their entire lives.

As a Rights Respecting School, children learn about their own rights and the rights of children around the world, developing respect, empathy and a strong sense of justice. Through our use of the Skills Builder programme, we also equip pupils with essential life skills such as teamwork, communication and problem-solving, preparing them to thrive both in school and beyond.

Being a small village school, we know all our children as individuals. Our staff team are unrivalled in their dedication and commitment to their jobs and we all work together every week to provide teaching and learning opportunities to match all needs and abilities. Our full-time pastoral lead also supports all of our families and children with their emotional wellbeing.

The children at Widmer End are amazing. They are confident and motivated learners whose enthusiasm is palpable as you walk into the building. Children are given a range of responsibilities in school which are integral to how our school is run. Pupil voice is very important to us, therefore, roles such as School Councillor, Ambassadors and Junior Road Safety Officers are chosen by other pupils during Democracy Week, ready for the year ahead.

Set in generous grounds with a large playground and field, we are able to provide a range of outdoor activities, such as Forest School, in addition to our broad and rich curriculum inside the classroom.

At Widmer End, we believe education goes beyond the classroom. We care deeply about the whole child, creating opportunities for every child to explore, try new things and discover new passions. Through a wide range of enrichment activities such as sport and the arts, children build confidence, resilience and a life-long love of learning.



“There is a strong focus on making sure that pupils learn about healthy lifestyles.”

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“Widmer End is the best place ever to learn, we have very lovely teachers and lessons!”

Elsie - pupil





“Leaders promote pupils’ personal development well.”

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Achieving Academic Success

Success at Widmer End begins in our Early Years, where children are nurtured from the very start of their learning journey.

Our passionate Early Years Lead carefully plans and coordinates an inspiring, child-centred curriculum that responds to the interests, needs and stages of development of every child across Pre-School and Reception.

Through purposeful play, rich language experiences and high-quality interactions, children build secure foundations in confidence, communication and early learning skills. This strong start ensures pupils are well-prepared to build on their learning throughout the school.

inspiring

creative

Our engaging and inspiring curriculum is designed to spark curiosity and a love of learning, with meaningful links made across subjects and topics to deepen understanding. We are a well-resourced school, utilising technology such as Chromebooks and iPads to support learning.

We place a strong emphasis on rigorous assessment, including regular gaps analysis, to ensure every child makes excellent progress, while also carefully analysing trends, such as gender, to continually refine our approach.

By taking on board children's interests, we enrich the curriculum and make learning both relevant and enjoyable. We prioritise active participation and inclusive teaching strategies so that all learners are fully supported, challenged and able to thrive.

confident learners

engaging

ambitious

“Pupils are enthusiastic about their learning. They want to please their teachers and do their best.”

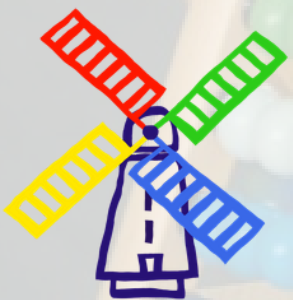
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“Pupils show a keen interest in conserving the environment, such as in forest school or topics about sustainable power.”

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“Our experience in the Early Years has been fantastic - it’s a warm, welcoming environment where children feel safe, supported and excited to learn.”

Widmer End School Parent



Supporting Every Child To Thrive

We are proud to have a full-time pastoral lead who works closely with children and families to support emotional wellbeing and social development.

As a trained ELSA practitioner, the pastoral lead provides targeted support for pupils and coordinates external agencies, including the Mental Health Support Team and the School Nursing Team, while working in close partnership with the SENDCo to ensure a joined-up, personalised approach.

Our Mulberry curriculum further develops key skills in wellbeing and personal growth, helping children to understand themselves and others. This is complemented by our peer mentor programme, where pupils support one another to build resilience.

Our dedicated provision for Young Carers also ensures that every child feels supported, valued and is able to thrive.



“The school strives to ensure every child feels safe, confident, and motivated to reach their full potential.”

Widmer End School Parent





Inspiring Creativity

We unleash creativity and expression by giving children opportunities to experience a wide range of artistic and cultural activities, including Indian dance lessons, street dance and peripatetic music tuition.

Pupils can take part in Rocksteady band sessions and benefit from whole-class music lessons delivered by specialist teachers from the Bucks Music Trust.

Our incredibly talented school choir has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Arena, numerous community events and the local residential home.

Termly class assemblies and annual Year 6 productions provide valuable drama opportunities, while dedicated Art days, working with local artists, allow children to explore and use their imagination in creative ways.



**“The highlight of the term is watching the children perform
- a fantastic showcase of their creativity and hard work.”**

Widmer End School Parent





Building Healthy, Active Lives

We encourage a healthy and active lifestyle for all our pupils, supporting them to develop positive habits that last a lifetime.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of competitive and non-competitive sports, including each year group from Reception onwards attending inter-school sports events, both here and at other local primary schools.

We offer a huge variety of clubs, including a popular running club led by the Headteacher. Our trained play leaders organise inclusive and active lunchtime sessions, supported by quality resources, so all children can take part.

active

energised

Specialist coaches from First Touch provide engaging lunchtime activities, team sports coaching and an after-school football club, while our netball and football teams train weekly and are proud league winners.

Swimming lessons are delivered at a local school within walking distance, ensuring all children gain confidence in the water.

We also offer Balanceability in school and work with Bikeability instructors for Years 3–5, helping children to develop essential cycling skills safely and confidently.

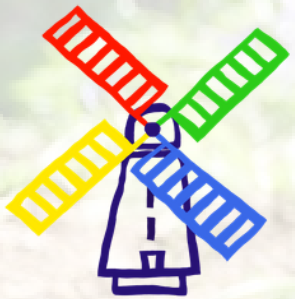
We promote healthy eating, with The Kids Lunchbox Company providing well-balanced hot and cold meals each day, and encourage active travel through our school travel plan, including walking to school wherever possible.

balanced

wellbeing

outdoor play





"I love school because there are lots of fun clubs and there is forest school where the children get to learn and have fun at the same time."

Malakai - pupil



“The culture of the school has enabled them to grow in confidence, build wonderful friendships and achieve their curriculum goals, whilst being varied and full of engaging learning opportunities.”

Widmer End School Parent



Exploring

Beyond The Classroom

We place great importance on children developing an understanding of their place in our world and life beyond Widmer End and their classrooms.

Alongside participation in a wide range of extra-curricular clubs, we enrich learning through carefully planned school trips and visits to a variety of destinations, including museums, farms, places of worship and castles, with at least one trip per year group each term. We also host interactive and engaging history workshops on site, bringing learning to life in meaningful ways.

exploration

discovery

Forest School is provided for one term each year for every year group, with sessions taking place on site as well as in local parklands and fields, for example when planting hedgerows.

Our wider enrichment includes a link with Mariwa School in Kenya and ongoing support for the Streetkidz Direct charity in Guatemala, helping children to understand global responsibility and compassion. We celebrate a range of global events such as Black History Month and learn about inspirational figures from around the world through our weekly Values assemblies.

Visitors regularly come into school to share insights into their professions or religious practices, and the police and fire service support our work around safety and awareness, helping to prepare children for life beyond school.

opportunity

imagination

active learning





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