



Christleton

PRIMARY SCHOOL

— *Be the best you can be* —

Dear Parents,

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. At Christleton Primary School, we understand how important it is to find a place where your child will feel safe, happy and inspired to learn.

At our school, children are at the heart of everything we do. From their very first day in Reception, we nurture curiosity, build confidence and create a love of learning that stays with them for life. We are incredibly proud of our warm, welcoming community where children feel valued, supported and encouraged to achieve their very best.

Our dedicated staff work closely with families to ensure every child thrives, academically, socially and emotionally. We aim not only for excellent outcomes, but for children who are kind, resilient, independent and ready for the future.

We warmly invite you to visit us and see our school in action. There is no better way to experience the positive, caring environment that makes Christleton Primary School such a special place.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell

(Headteacher)



Why Choose Christleton Primary School?

At Christleton Primary School, we offer:



A nurturing and supportive environment where every child is known and valued



High-quality teaching that inspires a love of learning and achieves high outcomes



Exceptional outdoor learning opportunities, including forest school, kitchen garden, outdoor gymnasium, orienteering course and adventure spaces



Strong partnerships with parents and the community



A broad and exciting curriculum with rich experiences beyond the classroom



A focus on wellbeing, confidence and personal development



Our motto, "Be the Best You Can Be", underpins everything we do.



Starting School – Our Outstanding Reception Provision (OFSTED 2024)

We know that starting school is a huge milestone, for both children and parents. Our Outstanding Reception class provides a safe, nurturing and exciting start to school life.

What makes our Reception special?

- A play-based, engaging curriculum tailored to young learners
- A strong focus on early reading, phonics and communication skills
- A balance of indoor and outdoor learning experiences
- Opportunities to explore, investigate and develop independence
- Caring, experienced staff who build strong relationships with every child

A Typical Day in Reception

Children enjoy a mix of:

- Structured learning (phonics, maths, early writing)
- Child-initiated play and exploration
- Outdoor learning in our fantastic grounds
- Story time and shared activities

Transition into School

We ensure a smooth and positive start through:

- Stay-and-play sessions
- Visits to the classroom
- Meeting staff in advance
- A gradual, supportive start in September

Our aim is simple:



Happy children who feel confident, secure and excited to learn.



Our Environment – A Place to Explore and Grow

Our school is set in the heart of the village of Christleton, just outside Chester, and benefits from exceptional outdoor facilities.

Children enjoy:

- A dedicated forest school area
- An orchard
- A kitchen garden
- Two playgrounds and a large playing field
- Outdoor libraries
- A climbing wall and adventure trail
- A well-equipped outdoor gym
- An on-site orienteering course
- A daily-use running track promoting healthy lifestyles



We believe learning doesn't just happen in the classroom, our outdoor spaces play a vital role in developing confidence, resilience and wellbeing.



Our Curriculum – Inspiring a Love of Learning

Our curriculum is designed to be:

- Engaging and exciting
- Broad and balanced
- Challenging and inclusive

We aim to ensure every child:

- Achieves their full potential
- Develops independence and curiosity
- Builds strong knowledge and skills across all subjects



What makes our curriculum special?

- Learning is often based on real-life experiences
- Children are encouraged to ask questions and think deeply
- We value pupil voice, involving children in shaping their learning
- We provide opportunities for academic, creative, sporting and social development

Subjects include:

- English, Maths and Science
- History, Geography and Computing
- Art, Music and Design Technology
- Physical Education
- French (in Key Stage 2)
- Personal, Social and Health Education
- Religious Education



Enrichment & Opportunities

We believe education goes beyond the classroom.

Children benefit from:

- A wide range of extra-curricular clubs
- Opportunities to compete in local sporting events
- Educational visits to enrich learning
- Residential trips in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)

These experiences help children:

- Build confidence
- Develop independence
- Create lasting memories



😊 Our **Outstanding Pastoral Care & Wellbeing (OFSTED 2024)**

At Christleton, we prioritise the wellbeing of every child.

We provide:

- A safe, caring and inclusive environment
- High expectations combined with kindness and support
- A clear and consistent behaviour approach



Our pupils behaviour is outstanding (OFSTED 2024)

Our simple expectations are that children are:

👉 Ready, Responsible, Respectful and Kind

We celebrate success, encourage effort and support children to develop positive relationships.



Working in Partnership with Parents

We believe that strong relationships with parents are key to children's success.

We keep you informed through:

- Regular newsletters
- Our school website
- Social media updates
- Seesaw (for class communication and sharing work)

We also welcome parents into school for:

- Events and performances
- Celebrations of learning
- Meetings and discussions

Together, we support your child's journey every step of the way.



Preparing for the Future

Our aim is that every child leaves Christleton:

- Confident and independent
- Ready for the next stage of education
- Equipped with strong academic foundations
- With a lifelong love of learning



We have strong links with local high schools and ensure a smooth transition at the end of Year 6.



Christleton Primary School at a Glance

- One-form entry primary school
- Approximately 210 pupils
- Seven classes (Reception to Year 6)
- Class size: up to 30 pupils

The School Day

- Gates open: 8:40am
- School starts: 8:50am



We also offer wraparound care:

- Breakfast club: from 7:45am
- After-school care: until 5:45pm
- Provided by S4YC and based predominantly in the school hall

Lunchtime

- Healthy school meals cooked on site
- Option to bring a packed lunch should you wish
- Special themed lunch days throughout the year

School Uniform

We encourage children to take pride in their appearance.

Uniform includes:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Light blue polo shirt
- Grey/black trousers, skirts or pinafores
- Summer dresses (optional)



Full details are available on our website.

<https://www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk/>



Safeguarding & Care

Your child's safety is our highest priority.

- All staff are fully trained in safeguarding
- Clear procedures are in place to protect children
- We work closely with families and external agencies where needed

You can be confident your child is in a safe and caring environment.

Admissions

Reception admissions are managed by the local authority.

We admit up to 30 children per year group.

We strongly encourage you to visit the school before applying.



Come and Visit Us

The best way to understand what makes Christleton Primary School special is to see it for yourself.

We warmly invite you to:

- Tour the school
- Meet our staff and children
- Experience our welcoming atmosphere

To arrange a visit, please contact the school office.



We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Christleton Primary School—where every child is supported to “Be the Best You Can Be.”





Each year we ask our new parents how the transition has been from nursery into school and how they feel their child has settled into life at Christleton Primary School. We use this feedback to help us to evaluate our transition arrangements and ensure they are the best they can be. The quotes below are from our current EYFS parents (September 2024) and were gathered from a recent survey.

Our child has been welcomed so warmly into the school. He looks forward to going every morning. The communication via the Seesaw app has been excellent.

We couldn't have asked for a nicer school for our daughter. The staff are so lovely and the communication has far exceeded our expectations. We are particularly grateful for Mrs Kings photo updates on seesaw. You can't put into words how much this means to apprehensive parents of a first time schooler. My daughter really enjoys the setting and runs into school without a backwards glance. Also any queries we have had Mrs King has been more than happy to help, nothing is too much trouble. We are so happy with the support we and our daughter has received.

**I am pleased
with the
communication**
100%

**My child
feels happy
in school**
100%

Mrs King has been really proactive in getting to know the children. Our daughter ##### really enjoyed doing the show and tell with the "me bag". We really appreciate the seesaw updates to let us know what the children are learning in school so that we can support them at home. Mr Mitchell has been a visible presence around school and engaged with the children. The school also went above and beyond to show us and our daughter around after our late offer for a place at the school. Overall, we are really impressed with Christleton primary school and look forward to our daughter continuing her journey in the school.

We are so grateful for how well he has settled into school, this is down to the settling in sessions and how welcoming the school has been. We have felt looked after at every stage and really appreciate all of the communication. He loves looking at the photos of him at school with us when he gets home.



The communication is great. All of the children are happy and confident going in to school. The school is very good at keeping parents up to date with everything they need to know.

Mrs King has been so warm and welcoming to the children and the parents. Each day striking up new conversation with my daughter to make the start of the day as relaxed and friendly as possible. Great communication using the app, enjoying the photos. Thank you.

We have been really pleased with the school so far. The stay and play before the start of term was extremely important and helpful for us to give our child an idea of what to expect and, in fact, she enjoyed it so much, she started to look forward to starting school from then on. It has been great to see updates throughout the day on Seesaw and Mrs King is very approachable and has done a great job in helping our child to feel at ease.

My child
feels safe in
school
100%

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs King for helping ##### settle in so quickly. We are extremely proud of how well she's done and are grateful for the TLC given.

The staggered start has really helped with the transition into school life. Having half of the class in has helped as it hasn't been too overwhelming and has given them a chance to get to know Mrs King and the other staff. The communication on the seesaw app and at drop off and pick up has been brilliant and really put us as parents at ease knowing they are having a lovely time at school. I am so proud of what he has achieved already within the first 2 week and can't wait to see what is to come. Also the approach to dinner time has been great as he has been apprehensive about it, he came home and told us how nice Diane's pasta was. Thankyou

My child has
settled well
100%

The parents' evening and information pack were very helpful for informing us how to prepare and what to expect. The tour and summer settling in session really helped put our daughter's mind at ease and she was excited and ready to start school. The visit by Mrs King to her nursery was a really thoughtful and personal touch, which helped with the transition.

Communication has been great throughout. Headteacher has been visible and hands on. The staff have worked hard to welcome our child into the school.

We were really impressed by the way the school have supported ##### to find his feet as he was a late admission so missed a number of the settling in sessions. The communication has been excellent and the Reading workshop was really helpful to have so early on in the term.

