



# Cawston Church of England Primary Academy

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# Welcome to Cawston Church of England Primary Academy



## Foreword: Headteacher, Mrs K Swann, says:

I am proud to introduce our wonderful school.

## Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

We joined the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT) in September 2016. We place a strong emphasis on giving all children a good grounding in the basics of English and mathematics, as well as providing a broad, enriched curriculum with an emphasis on creativity and enjoyment. We are committed to the shared values of DNEAT and continue to provide the very best of education for children in our care. We hold a daily Collective Worship based on Christian values and nurture our pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We benefit from a family ethos with 160 children who take part in whole school events throughout the school year.

## Excellent facilities

The school is located in extensive grounds, which offer exceptional sporting and leisure facilities including a:

- School garden area.
- Large playing field with an Activity Play Zone in our Eco Park.
- Large and stimulating playground area.
- Purpose built classroom and play area for our Reception children.

## Classes

Our present buildings date from 1953, though the school has operated in Cawston since the 1870s. We cater for children aged 4-11 years old. We have six classes, four of which are housed in the main building, our new Reception classroom being completed in October 2016. Two classes are in a new modular building. We have a large hall with an on-site kitchen.

## Dedicated staff

I am also very proud of our enthusiastic and dedicated staff, who ensure that all our children are well supported to achieve their true potential, and work hard with families to overcome any barriers to learning. We believe we provide an exceptional learning environment.

## Encouraged and nurtured

We invite children, their parents, carers and families into a friendly, happy and hardworking academy where respect for others and positive attitudes towards work and behaviour are encouraged and nurtured. We are proud to see our pupils take on responsibilities as prefects, buddies, peer mediators, sports leaders, school councillors, eco team, digital leaders and science ambassadors.

## Igniting an interest in the world

Our teaching is stimulating and creative, encouraging our children to continue their education outside of school, and become lifelong learners. We want to ignite an interest in the world around them, and for that interest to lead to fulfilling and imaginative lives. At Cawston learning is fun!

## Personal Development

Whilst academic achievements are an important part of life at our school, we recognise that it is essential to support the whole child. Nurture support and pupil well-being is at the heart of our school ethos. It underpins everything that we do and along with the quality of teaching and learning, it is what our community is all about. We have strong links with the parish church.

## Parent partnership

Another very important part of our school is you, the parent! We champion the link between school and parent, working very hard to involve you in every step of your child's time with us and to increase your child's enjoyment of learning.

## Get in touch

If you wish to hear more about what we can offer your child please contact us for more information or an appointment to meet me. We welcome visits and love to show our school 'in action'. Telephone 01603 871249 or email [office@cawstonprimary.dneat.org](mailto:office@cawstonprimary.dneat.org).

# School day: settling in



## School hours

School starts at 8.55 and we encourage all children to be punctual.

Morning session is 8.55am - 12.00 midday.

Morning break is 10.30am - 10.45am.

Afternoon session is 1.00pm - 3.15pm Children wait at the school playground gate for collection.

Afternoon Infant break is 2.25pm - 2.40pm (for Foundation & Key Stage 1).

## Wraparound Clubs

### SMILES: 'The Breakfast Club'

A popular club that meets every day for activities before school. From 7.30am – 8.45am the children are supervised in a friendly and safe environment.

### SMILES: 'The After-School Club'

A thriving club which meets daily and caters for child care needs from 3.15pm – 6.00pm. 'Smiles' provides a light tea and fun activities in a relaxed supportive atmosphere.

## Uniform

We believe that children should wear their uniform with pride and enjoy a sense of belonging. Our school uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt/shirt/blouse
- School red sweatshirt/cardigan or red jumper/cardigan.
- Grey or black trousers or skirt/pinafore
- Red checked summer dress.
- Grey or black shorts.
- Black school footwear (no trainers please).

## School meals and snacks

### Free school meals

All children in Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch. Older children may also be eligible for free school meals if the family meets certain criteria. Please ask in confidence at the school office

### Healthy lunches

School lunches are freshly prepared and cooked on the premises. We provide a healthy, balanced menu, which meets nutritional standards. Alternatively, children may bring a packed lunch. We encourage healthy eating at Cawston Primary and do not allow fizzy drinks or sweets in lunch boxes. Children eat at family group tables in the lunch break according to their house. They are supervised at lunchtime by an experienced team of mid-day supervisors and a Lead Teacher is always on duty.

### Drinks and snacks

At morning break, children may have a fruit or vegetable snack. All infants receive a free piece of fruit each day. We encourage children to drink water in school and cool, filtered water is available. All children should have their own named water bottle.



# Creative Curriculum: foundations for success



The curriculum is divided into three stages :

1. **Early Years Foundation Stage:** from ages 0-5
2. **Key Stage 1:** from ages 5-7
3. **Key Stage 2:** from ages 7-11

## **Early Years Foundation Stage**

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on seven areas of learning:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
2. Communication and Language.
3. Physical Development.
4. Literacy.
5. Mathematics.
6. Understanding the World.
7. Expressive Arts and Design.

## **Key Stages 1-2**

Areas of the curriculum are:

- Mathematics.
- English.
- Science.
- Design and Technology.
- History.
- Geography.
- Art and Design.
- Computing.
- Music.
- Physical Education.
- Religious Education.
- Modern Languages (Key Stage 2)
- Personal Social, Health and Education (PSHE) and Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS).

## **Developing talents**

Children are encouraged to master skills, knowledge and understanding in a variety of contexts. We also develop an awareness of their environment and cultural heritage. We ensure that pupils are given the opportunity to develop their talents in all areas of the curriculum. Teachers plan creative cross-curricular learning for each half term.

## **Everyone enjoys the arts**

The school promotes art, music, singing, dance and drama as part of our Arts Programme. Pupils have the opportunity to perform on a variety of occasions.



# Enriched curriculum: P.E. clubs, outside learning, visitors and trips



## PE and Sport

PE is a particular strength and all staff work hard to ensure that the children have every opportunity to develop skills and techniques throughout their time at Cawston. We are keen to promote the enjoyment of physical activity games, healthy lifestyles and positive attitudes.

All pupils develop their skills in movement and coordination and learn lifelong skills of working with others.

The school promotes high quality PE teaching and offers a wide range of opportunities to all children. We organise competitions and inter-school events. Team games are especially important to us and we join with local schools in competitive football, netball, athletics and cricket tournaments. We also hold an annual Sports Day and Clockwork Sports event while our Maypole dancers perform for the community at various functions.

## Clubs

We run several after-school or lunchtime clubs at Cawston Primary during the year, which include a variety of sports, gardening, construction, computing, music and drama.

We ask for a small voluntary contribution per term to help cover the cost of replacing equipment. All clubs finish by 4.15pm.

## Learning Outside the Classroom

We believe that children learn best when they are fully engaged in their environment so we regularly use the extensive school grounds and the local area to enrich learning experiences and develop knowledge and skills. As a Green Flag Eco School we work hard to promote an awareness of local, national and global sustainability issues.

## Trips and visitors

Every year group has the chance to visit museums, activity centres, local cultural/heritage sites, and attend cathedral impact days and the coastal environment. Residential for Years 4, 5 and 6 include Holt Hall camping, London Experience, Brancaster Activity Centre and the Hilltop Activity Centre.

Recent visitors into school include health visitors, specialist scientists, sporting taster sessions, drama groups, animal rescue, visitors for career aspirations and for collective worship.



# Inclusion: a curriculum for all



## Special Educational Needs

Staff use their teaching skills to identify as early as possible children's educational needs. This may be where a child is having difficulties, short-term or long-term, with basic subjects.

### Access

Having identified pupils with special educational needs, staff will ensure that these pupils have access to a broad and balanced education including the National Curriculum. This will be achieved by close liaison between teachers, learning support assistants, parents, pupils and, where necessary, outside agencies. Teachers ensure that lessons and work are suited to the child's needs and the child's progress will be regularly monitored. Further details can be found on the Home page of our website under Special Educational Needs/Disability.

### More Able Pupils

We provide a rich and challenging curriculum for all our learners, including those with an ability or potential to develop significantly above their year group. We recognise children who are academically 'gifted' and those with exceptional 'talent' in art, music or sport, as well as those with leadership skills. Children are given a challenge to reach their potential. Teachers provide extra challenges in lessons and extension activities as appropriate. We work with other DNEAT schools and the Reepham Cluster to provide additional impact days.



# Admissions and getting involved



## Admissions

In line with the DNEAT policy, all children are admitted to Cawston Primary at the start of the Autumn term. We follow the County Admissions Policy for children wishing to join our school. Introductory visits for all children are planned during the term before admission. Our Reception Class teacher spends time in the local playgroups and nursery schools in order to 'get to know' her new intake and for her to become a familiar face, easing the transition to primary school

### Admissions into Reception

The Local Authority co-ordinates admissions to Primary Schools in Norfolk. Although there is no right to choose a child's school, you do have the right to state a preference for the schools that you would like your child to attend. The LA recommends that you list some alternative choices of schools in case your first preference cannot be offered. You can apply online or contact the LA if you prefer to complete a paper application form. The admission round for entry to reception classes in September 2019, is open from **Friday 28 September 2018** until Tuesday 15 January 2019.

### Transfer during the academic year

Moving to a different school at any time other than the usual admission to Reception class, transfer to junior school or transfer to secondary school, is known as an 'in-year transfer'. This could be a move between Norfolk schools, or a move to a Norfolk school from a school in a different area. You will need to make an online application to apply for the new school place.

### Application process

The closing date for September applications is in mid-January of that year. You will be notified of your child's placement by the following April.

## Contact details for the Norfolk County Council School Admissions Team

Norfolk County Council  
County Hall  
Martineau Lane  
Norwich  
Norfolk  
NR1 2DH

Main number - 0344 800 8020 (Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm)

Website: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>

## Getting involved

### Voluntary helpers

We encourage parent volunteers for hearing children read and for helping with crafts, school visits, library or outdoor learning projects. If you would like to become a volunteer please enquire at the school office.

### Friends of Cawston Primary

This organisation supports the school through its fund-raising and organisation of activities. It also aims to encourage everyone who cares about the school to get involved in its work. In recent years, the Friends have raised funds for outdoor play equipment, ICT hardware, books, sports equipment, the Outdoor Classroom, the 'Sky Learning Bus', and many other extras such as travel costs for school visits, Christmas crackers and competition prizes. If you would like to know more about the work of the Friends or become a member, please contact the school office.

### Governors and Trustees

As part of the Diocese of Norwich and Education Academies Trust (DNEAT) we have an effective local governing body capable of holding the school to account and knowing how to bring about improvement. A key function of the Trust is the identification, recruitment and training of new governors with the ability to challenge the school to the highest possible achievement.



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## Our Vision

Our vision is for all our pupils to achieve their best and to become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens, upholding British Values. Academic success is vitally important as is the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Our academy serves the community by providing high quality education within the context of Christian belief and practice. We live by our core community values of respect, responsibility resilience and compassion.



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## Our 'Learning Outside the Classroom' mission

**Our mission is to encourage children:**

- To explore outside.
- To ask and answer questions of both the built and natural world
- To love and respect all things.
- To be inspired, marvelling at the awe and wonder of God's creation.