

Polehampton Church of England
Infant & Junior Schools

Inspiration & Education



**The Polehampton Heritage
– Tradition and Innovation**

Polehampton Church of England Infant and Junior Schools have a strong heritage placing us at the heart of the village of Twyford.

The story of the schools begins in 1666 when, according to legend, a sick, orphaned child was taken in and cared for by the landlord of the Rose and Crown in Twyford High Street. The child was Edward Polehampton who later made his fortune through portraiture and coach painting, and became a prominent member of one of the City Guilds.

On his death, he bequeathed money to a Trust to establish a school in the High Street to clothe and educate ten poor boys of Twyford.

The legacy survives today in the form of the Polehampton Trust, which administers money left in the will of Edward Polehampton to be used for educational and charitable purposes in the villages of Twyford and Ruscombe.

We are proud of our long historical traditions. These are reflected in many elements of contemporary school life and encourage our children to connect with the past and their local community as part of their education.

Christian Values

As a Church School, the core Christian values of love, faith and service to the community are at the heart of everything we do.

Our Christian ethos enables us to help children develop their spirituality and sense of moral purpose. As an inclusive school, we welcome all children, including those from other faiths and with no faith.

Our work is supported by our special relationship with our local churches. We both attend a service at our local church, St Mary's, once a term to worship together. These services are joyful occasions where pupils celebrate with readings and songs.



'Children love coming to school'
Ofsted report, Infant School
'Children hate missing a day'
Ofsted report, Junior School

We believe every child is born with a natural curiosity about the world. We encourage that desire to explore and discover through our creative curriculum and foster a life-long love of learning.

We would like to welcome you to our schools. Our vision is to provide an excellent education within a philosophy of traditional Christian values in a happy, caring and supportive environment.

We work together to inspire our pupils to achieve their highest potential as learners and individuals. Our pupils become rounded, caring people who have the confidence and skills to face their futures with enquiring and open minds.

We nurture the Christian values that underpin our schools, help our children to understand the meaning of faith and promote good and caring citizenship.

Standing a quarter of a mile apart, the schools share the

same high aspirations for the children in their care. Whilst maintaining their own identity, the schools work very closely together, ensuring a natural and well-supported progression through the Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1 and 2.

Both schools enjoy excellent support from parents, the wider community and the children themselves. Both have highly committed staff and leadership teams who are constantly seeking to innovate and challenge. We have both received glowing inspection reports from Ofsted which confirm our high educational standards and our commitment to a curriculum based on excellence and enjoyment.

This prospectus aims to answer some of the questions you may have when making the important decision about which school is right for your child. We would also like to invite you to visit us to see the schools in action. We hold termly open days where you can enjoy the atmosphere of the busy classrooms and meet the people who make it all happen.

We are very proud of our schools and feel privileged to play a part in the education of your children. We want them to be happy with us so that they will have the best possible start to their school education in preparation for their future.

We encourage children to learn through a broad, balanced curriculum, giving them every opportunity to explore the fascinating world in which we live.



'Pupils thoroughly enjoy school and find learning fun.'
Ofsted report, Infant School

Polehampton Church of England Infant School

The Beginning: Confidence and Creativity

Polehampton Church of England Infant School is a safe, nurturing environment in which children make friends and become valued members of the school. Each child's individual talents are celebrated and encouraged. Everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential thanks to our dedicated teaching staff

who know the children well and understand their individual needs. We teach a full and rich curriculum which challenges each child to do their best. Literacy and numeracy are fundamental, and we ensure that these skills are taught in a way which inspires a love of learning. We also place great importance upon science, technology and the arts in

a creative programme designed to stimulate children's natural curiosity. The enthusiasm and energy of the young people we teach is channelled into their personal development. It's a joy to see the children begin to express themselves through music, experiment with new materials and enhance their physical strength and co-ordination.



'Good, challenging and stimulating teaching which promotes good progress in lessons.'
Ofsted report, Junior School

At the Junior School, our role is to build on the knowledge and skills the children have attained and introduce a whole new world of possibilities. Gradually, they are encouraged to take on wider responsibilities and develop greater independence.



Polehampton Church of England Junior School

The Next Step: Excellence and Independence

Polehampton Juniors is a happy school with a busy yet calm atmosphere in which each child can achieve success. We are very proud of the quality of teaching we provide and our expectations are high. The teachers understand the importance of motivating every child to develop a real interest in their work.

There are exciting learning opportunities for the more able and gifted and young minds will be fully engaged and challenged. We are also effective in supporting children who need additional support to achieve their goals. The Polehampton philosophy is to promote the moral and spiritual welfare of all, which results in excellent behaviour both in the classroom and

around the school. Along with academic achievement there is a strong emphasis on acquiring greater social maturity. We aim to build on young people's ability to manage relationships thoughtfully at school and elsewhere. Our children are confident in their abilities and considerate towards others. At Polehampton Junior School, we encourage children to take on responsibility for their

school, and have introduced Playground Buddies, a School Council and a popular House System which rewards teamwork and effort across abilities and builds rapport across age groups. 'A happy, friendly school where daily life is both relaxed and orderly.' Ofsted

'My daughter enjoyed the move to year three as she already felt at home at the junior school, and she loved having a buddy.'
Julia Anthony, Parent – whose child has moved from infants to juniors.

'The schools coming to church for special services is an important part of our life together. It helps to make visible that indefinable extra 'something' that education in a church school can provide.'
Rev. Simon Howard, Our local vicar



There is a strong, caring, spiritually supportive ethos in both schools, through which children flourish and grow into sensitive and responsible citizens.

Being at the centre of Twyford, children from both schools can maximise educational opportunities in the community through visits to local landmarks and businesses. We invite visitors and performers into school to introduce children to a wide variety of topics including both local interest and the wider community.

We also go further afield to provide exciting, challenging and motivating learning experiences. There are many day trips to places of interest including museums, historical sites, art galleries, the theatre, places of worship and field study centres. Children in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to go on residential visits.

Links between home and school are excellent as we believe that building strong relationships and sharing information enables us to do our best for your children.

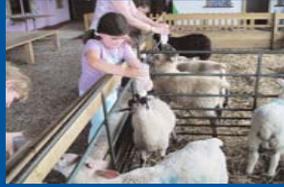
We invite parents to play an active role in the schools, either as parent helpers or members of the PTA or fundraising volunteers.

We welcome families and friends to come and share the triumphs and celebrations of school life. There are many opportunities for you to enjoy your children's contributions to our sporting events, assemblies and productions.



For working parents, there is also a popular and well run after school club which is held at Polehampton Junior School.

After school clubs for both schools...extra curricular activities



Our Polehampton Vision is to inspire our children, to innovate in our teaching, and to challenge ourselves as educators.

We hope that children leaving us will have the confidence, joy of learning and determination to succeed as individuals when they progress to their next level of education.



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The Polehampton Church of England Schools are located 5 minutes walk from each other in the centre of Twyford village.