







The Southwater Infant Academy

Prospectus 2024 / 2025



Welcome

At The Southwater Infant Academy we believe children learn in response to the environment in which they find themselves and to the adults whom they encounter. We provide learning opportunities in attractive surroundings, led by a highly professional and dedicated team of teachers, support staff and trustees. We care deeply for the development of each individual child and put your child at the centre of all we do.

Within our academy, every child and adult is valued, and we actively encourage social and moral awareness, self-discipline and a striving for doing one's best in all areas - academic and social.

Our academy is a warm, welcoming, friendly place which prides itself on the positive relationships that it has with the children and their families. We have high expectations of behaviour and academic standards, supported by our broad and balanced curriculum that maximises every opportunity to develop the whole child. Our highly committed and professional teaching and support staff enable each child to achieve their best, support each other and above all enjoy their

learning and develop into lifelong learners.

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Unforgettable Experiences

'The curriculum extends beyond the classroom.
Pupils widen their knowledge through
participation in forest school, visits to the local
church and school trips, for example to the local
country park. They also benefit from a
comprehensive personal, social, health and
economic (PSHE) education. Pupils learn about
diversity, other faiths and cultures, safe
relationships and different communities. They
are very respectful.' Ofsted 2022



Our curriculum is enhanced through school trips, visiting experts and cultural capital building

opportunities, all of which widen and deepen understanding and link learning to the world around our children.

We also expose our children to experiences that go beyond the National curriculum – for example Creativity Week, Fair Trade Fortnight, Science Day, European Day of Languages, World Book Day, Forest School experiences and much more.



Child-Centred

Pupils are happy at this nurturing and friendly school. The school vision, 'Growing, Learning and Succeeding Together', permeates all aspects of school life. There is a palpable ethos of high aspiration and mutual respect. Pupils explain that they 'never give up'. Adults and pupils work in good-humoured harmony, striving for the very best. As a result, the school is a hive of happy activity. — Ofsted 2022

Our staff know and understand every pupil in their teams and through this personal approach, are able to nurture children to ensure that they fulfill their potential against multiple areas of development, not limited to the core subjects.

Our aim is to nurture pupils in order for them to begin their journey and achieve their aspirations. Our broad and balanced curriculum promotes an enjoyment of all areas

of the National Curriculum, as well as having a rigorous core curriculum in all year groups.

We value the importance of memorable learning and encourage an outdoor learning approach of 40% outside of the classroom learning. Combined with multiple academic visits and bringing experts from the community in, we ensure children begin their journey into education enthused and hungry to find out more.



Global Citizens

The TES Awards – Winner 2023 - Sinéad McBrearty "They're doing a really good job of making the link between pupil wellbeing and staff wellbeing and evidencing how this impacts pupil outcomes."

At The Southwater Infant Academy, we aim to develop Global citizenship that nurtures personal respect and respect for others, wherever they live. It encourages individuals to think deeply and critically about what is equitable and just, and what will minimise harm to our planet. Exploring global citizenship themes help learners grow more confident in standing up for their beliefs, and more skilled in evaluating the ethics and impact of their decisions.



At The Southwater Infant Academy, we aim to nurture and develop children from their own starting points to grow creative learners that aspire and achieve.

Our curriculum is broad and progressive, built around the children and community, and enriched by memorable experiences and opportunities. We believe strongly in supporting children to develop key learning skills that prepare them for lifelong learning, as well as competence in the core skills of maths, reading, writing and computing.

Southwater Infants has an inclusive ethos, with stimulating learning environments that challenge, support and celebrate learning. Underpinning our curriculum are our key drivers:

Autumn 1 – Developing kindness and supportive relationships

Autumn 2 – Respecting our environment

Spring 1 – Being part of the global community

Spring 2 – Being resourceful and creative

Summer 1 – Respecting diversity and equality

Summer 2 – Driving to aspire and achieve

These work alongside our academy values to ensure the children leaving the academy have high aspirations and are encouraged to succeed through a purposeful and meaningful curriculum.

