

About Meltham CE (C) Primary School

Our large, friendly and popular school currently has over four hundred children on role from Reception to Year 6 and our numbers have grown steadily year on year over the past five years. Our classes are arranged in 14 single-age classes staffed by fourteen full-time class teachers, and three part-time teachers who provide cover for PPA, which is always taken in year groups.

Supporting our teaching team is a wider team of Cover Supervisors, a highly experienced Year 6 based HLTA, experienced ETAs and an Admin team who all work together to provide an excellent school experience for all of our children. The Senior Leadership team comprises of the Head teacher, the Deputy Head teacher who provides teacher release time and an Assistant Head who is also the school's SENDCo. The school is supported and challenged by a hard-working and well-established governing body.

Our pupils come mainly from the small town of Meltham; they are very motivated and well behaved. Parents have high expectations of the school and are supportive in many different ways. The school works hard to support the local community, getting involved in various events and as a Church School, we also link regularly with the local Church.

The school occupies a large semi-rural site with very good facilities. The children benefit from a cooking room, an art studio and a purpose built after school/breakfast club space. This is in addition to good-sized classrooms, a recently refurbished library and a large school hall. Our grounds offer children a fantastic opportunity for outdoor learning: there is a woodland glade where children can read and work together; an area of broad leaved and coniferous woodland with pathways to explore and a clearing in which children can work; a butterfly and bird garden for growing plants and taking a quiet moment; and extensive fielded areas. This is in addition to plentiful playground surfaces, all of which the children are encouraged to enjoy both at work and at play.

The school has a strong ethos based on its six core Christian values which run through everything we do. However, we also work hard to shape everything we do around our curriculum drivers of STANDOUT, BREAKOUT and SHOUTOUT. In essence this means that we value and nurture growing independence; we promote outdoor learning and a window to life outside Meltham; and that children's performance, in all its forms, is encouraged and developed. We try to promote these things wherever and whenever we can.

Our recent Ofsted (2022) has graded the school as Good, and everyone in our school community is valued. There is a happy working environment for all children and staff and I wish you good luck with your application.

Phil Gibbins

Headteacher