

St. Katharine's Knockholt

Church of England Primary School

Our School Prospectus



Our Vision

At St. Katharine's we aim:

- to provide an excellent education for children of all abilities and backgrounds.
- to provide a safe and positive environment where children can develop the attitudes that will help them to be flexible, open-minded and understanding of others and where they can continue to learn to be responsible for their own actions.
- to be an integrated part of the village community and to confirm our Church of England status by our strong Christian ethos and active involvement with St Katharine's Church.
- through good communication between Governors, parents and staff to work together in a committed and enthusiastic way where all feel a valued part of the school community.

We believe that...

- Children learn through their natural enthusiasm and if they are given time. They learn if they can use their senses and they can work with 'real things'.
- Children learn at different rates and if they are closely matched with what they have been set to do. They learn if they are taught in a well-managed, secure and happy classroom where the atmosphere is calm and purposeful.
- Children learn where they feel a sense of value in what they do. They also learn if home and school have the same aspirations and where education is seen as a working partnership.



Headteacher's welcome



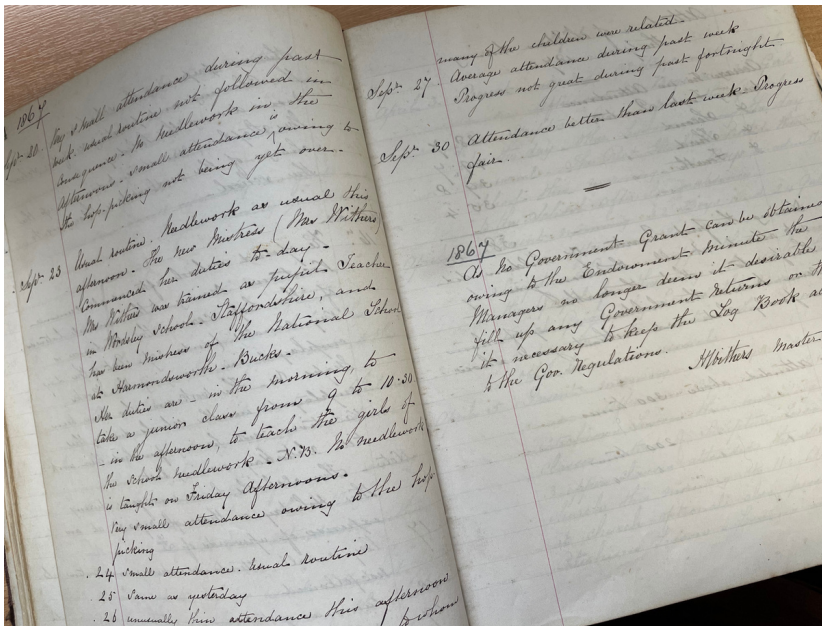
Thank you for considering St Katharine's for your child's primary education. We are a welcoming, caring school with a reputation for high standards of behaviour and high levels of academic success, which are underpinned by a nurturing, inclusive ethos.

We would be delighted to share our very special school with you. Please make an appointment for a personal tour led by either our Headteacher or Deputy Head. Visiting during a normal school day will give you the chance to ask questions, get a feel for our fantastic learning environments and meet the best ambassadors for St Katharine's – our children - so that you can make a really informed choice.

Pupils offer a warm welcome to their school. They are proud and happy to be at the heart of this close-knit learning community. Relationships between staff and families are warm, respectful and supportive. Leaders have high expectations for behaviour. Pupils listen well and are keen to engage with the views of others. Pupils treat each other with kindness.

Ofsted report November 2022

History of the School



There has been a school in Knockholt for over 250 years.

We are proud of our links with St Katharine's Church (we are a Church of England School) and with the village and surrounding area.



Joining the St. Katharine's Family



We are a single-form entry Church of England primary school that has high aspirations for our children and welcomes applications from all members of the community and children of all backgrounds, faiths and abilities.

We are large enough to offer an exciting range of learning opportunities but small enough for every child to feel nurtured and supported. All our senior leadership team have teaching roles and are involved in lunch and break duties, meaning that they are accessible to all children, who feel part of the St Katharine's family throughout their day.

We admit up to 30 children each year into our Reception Class (Hedgehogs). It is also possible to join us in other classes and we welcome 'in year' admissions.

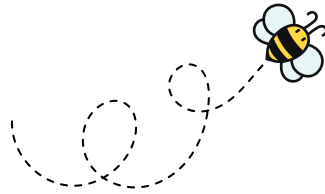
If you are considering applying for a place in our Reception Class, please review our [Admissions Policy](#). You will need to complete a [KCC application form](#) and, if you are a regular Church attendee, a Supplementary Information Form which can be found in the Admissions Policy.

If you are interested in applying for an 'in year' place for an older child, please contact Miss Tormey headteacher@knockholt.kent.sch.uk or the school Office admin@knockholt.kent.sch.uk to arrange an introductory conversation and a visit.

We are a busy, outward-looking school and invite you to look at our latest newsletter to see what we get up to! [link](#)



Creative Curriculum



We develop each child according to their ability, age, talents and interests.

We are concerned not only with the intellectual development of the child, but also their emotional, social, moral and physical well-being. At St Katharine's, we create opportunities for your child to develop their strengths and also for them to strengthen their weaknesses, helping develop a lively, enquiring mind, resilience and empathy.

We ensure that all requirements of the National Curriculum are met – or exceeded – and provide our children with a broad, balanced and creative curriculum. In addition to ensuring our children develop skills in literacy and numeracy, we want to inspire a joy and commitment to learning that will last a lifetime. We aim to give our children as many first-hand experiences and active learning opportunities as possible. While it is not possible to list them all, here is a snapshot of some of the exciting experiences offered to children at St Katharine's:

- We are fortunate to have access to our own woodland space and Forest School and all year groups spend time each year with our trained Forest School leader, learning hands-on in the natural environment. There is a focus on creativity, problem-solving and learning to manage risks. Our youngest children visit Forest School every week to develop their social skills, communication, motivation and concentration; it's also great fun, too!
- Our specialist drama, dance and music teachers provide a wide range of opportunities for all children to grow in confidence and learn and flourish in the performing arts.
- Our Year 6 children take part in the Green Goblins go-kart competition and in July 2022 they were crowned smartest team and class 3 champions!
- We also offer residential trips in Year 5 and Year 6 where children pupils told our Ofsted inspectors that they enjoy pushing themselves out of their comfort zone while flourishing on residential trips.



We'd be delighted to show you our school.
You can make an appointment for a tour by
contacting us on the details below.

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