

SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

Prospectus 2022/23

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Preparing children for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow is something we only get the chance to do once, whether as teachers or as parents.

By the time children leave us, many of the things that make them who they are – their beliefs, values, and sense of self – will already be forming. It's an enormous shared responsibility, and one that has particular significance within the special context of a primary school. The question then is how best to prepare children for the changing world they will come to shape. At Slimbridge Primary School, we believe the answer lies in knowing, valuing, and challenging every individual, stretching and supporting them in equal measure.

Slimbridge is unashamedly ambitious when it comes to delivering every child a first rate education, but we know academic results alone are not everything. To truly succeed, students need more than just knowledge...They will need the confidence and resilience to embrace new challenges, they will need an open mind that is global in its outlook, and they will need the emotional maturity and moral grounding to be a force for good in the communities they will go on to serve.

We are incredibly proud of our children and what they achieve. Indeed, alongside our academic philosophy, comprehensive learning support, and fantastic curriculum, it is the wonderful children and their families that make Slimbridge such a truly special place to learn.

James Taylor | Headteacher

Our school vision
is simple

**A GREAT
EDUCATION FOR
ALL**



Our core values

Generosity

Resilience

Empathy

Achievement

Teamwork



Our Children's Attainment 2022

Our children are successful learners. Results from the 2022 national statutory assessments demonstrate how well our children achieve in comparison to national averages.

Year 1 Phonics

Slimbridge

National Average

80%

75%

Key Stage 2 SATs

Reading

100%

73%

Writing

86%

78%

Maths

86%

79%

Combined

80%

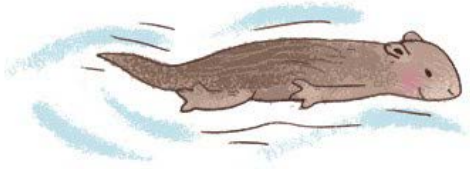
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'My daughter loves coming to school, she is happy and challenged, and her teachers really care.'

Our Teaching Team

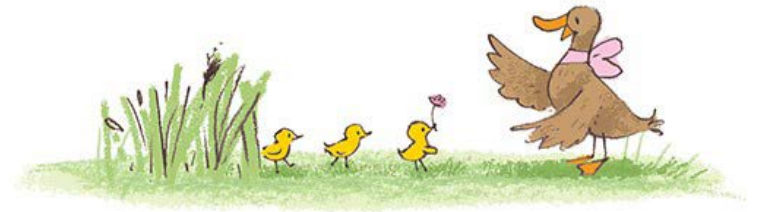


Little Otters (Pre-School)

Mrs Jo Jenkins Mrs Caroline Charnley – Heaton & Mrs Heather Smith

Duckling Class (Reception)

Mrs Baird, Mrs Pearce and Miss Toher



Gosling Class (Year 1)

Miss Harker, Mrs Arkwell Smyth & Miss Norman

Cygnets Class (Year 2)

Mrs Toms, Mrs Priday, Mrs Howard & Miss Norman



Avocet Class (Year 3)

Mr Ford, Mrs Davies & Miss Messenger



Heron Class (Year 4/5)

Miss Glover, Mrs Smith & Mrs Holme

Flamingo Class (Year 5/6)

Miss Randall, Mr Macklin, Jane Wilkins & Mrs Dunn



Mrs Carter, Mrs Clune & Mrs Malkin - PPA Teachers

Mrs McNamara SENCo & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Taylor - Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

*‘Slimbridge Primary is so
much more than a school,
it’s a family.’*







Our School Day

8:45am School Day Starts - Registration

9:00am Session One

10:35am Break time

10:55am Session Two

12:00pm Lunch time

12:50pm Session Three

3:00pm School Day Ends

Early Birds Breakfast Club opens at 7:30am

Owl After School Club runs 3:15pm - 5:30pm

(4:30pm on Fridays)

Snack and Lunches

Toast Time:

Every child can have a delicious piece of toast at breaktime each day. We know that a carbohydrate based snack helps keep child full, concentrate and learn.

School lunches:

Our school lunches are cooked fresh by local caterers Hillary's Kitchen. Lunches are free for Reception to Year 2 through Universal Free School Meals and cost £2.20 (Y3-Y6) and can be ordered online using ParentPay.

Packed Lunches:

Children can bring a packed lunch to school each day. We teach children about healthy lifestyles and offer sessions to families so that packed lunches are delicious and nutritious.

Clubs

We offer a wide variety of clubs that take place during lunch times and after school. These are run by members of staff, parents and outside agencies.

Some of the clubs currently on offer are:

Drawing

Multi-skills

Kwik Cricket

Construction Club

Cross country

Football.





Community

We are fortunate to have such strong links within our local community and the wider parish. For example, Friends of Slimbridge School (FOSS) is a dynamic and active group of parents who run incredible events to raise money for school projects. Recent highlights have included a farm day, Happy's Circus, Discos, and a pop-up school sweet shop! We are lucky to have close links with WWT Slimbridge, St John's Church, the Parish Council, and other local schools. We are proud of our community and taking an active part in village life.

Sustainability

We know how important it is to teach children to live sustainably in our world. We are very lucky to have a special relationship with WWT Slimbridge. Each class visits the centre at least once a year, and their team of world-class ecologists support us with learning projects in school.

