



PROSPECTUS

2025-26

‘Let your light shine’

Matthew 5:16

Welcome to Beckley CE Primary School



Simon Thurston
HEADTEACHER

Beckley is a voluntary controlled Church of England Primary School. Our success stems from our ethos of creating a powerful learning culture, based on our vision statement of 'Let your light shine'. This prospectus will give you an insight into how that learning culture translates into practice at every stage of your child's school career with us.

At Beckley, we pride ourselves on having an ethos that promotes learning in a caring environment. The happiness of your child is a priority, and being a small school means we know all our children very well – there is a true family culture. We are a friendly, happy school where all children are encouraged to achieve their full potential and enjoy all aspects of school life. We recognise the importance of working closely with you and creating positive links for the children between home and school and this shapes how we work.

We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant school. Do come and see us in action, meet the staff and children and see for yourself what we have to offer.

Visitors are always welcome – please [contact us to make an appointment](#).



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About Our School

'Smiles abound at Beckley Church of England Primary School. Pupils enjoy coming to school here. Pupils arrive cheerfully, brimming with enthusiasm for the day ahead. Pupils want to do well. They apply themselves, follow instructions and work diligently.'

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Beckley Church of England Primary School welcomes children from rising 5 to 11 years old. Nestled in the picturesque 1066 countryside just five miles from Rye, our school has been at the heart of the community since it was founded as a Church school in 1818.

We are a friendly, welcoming school committed to each child achieving high standards of progress, helping them grow in confidence and develop strong values for life.

Our staff are enthusiastic, experienced and dedicated, creating a secure and purposeful atmosphere in which every individual is valued. We are committed to providing a wide and varied range of educational activities, ensuring that all children are both supported and challenged to thrive.

We are strongly supported by our parents, local community and governing body and currently have approximately 100 pupils on roll.

Our Facilities

Our modernised Victorian buildings provide bright, spacious classrooms with interactive technology and dedicated areas for safe learning away from the classroom.

Set in a beautiful rural location, the school also offers a large field, orchard and a zoned playground with space for quiet play, exercise equipment, social spaces and lunchtime activities organised by older pupils trained as Sports Leaders.

Genesis Federation

Beckley is part of The Genesis Federation, alongside Peasmarsh CE Primary School and St Michael's CE Primary School, Playden. Together we share one governing body and work closely in many ways to strengthen learning across all three schools. Staff regularly plan lessons together, undertake joint training, and organise shared trips and events. We also share resources where appropriate, ensuring that collaboration remains a real strength for all our federation schools.



Our Vision, Values and Aims

'Let your light shine...' Matthew 5:16

Our Vision

At Beckley **we embrace the adventure of learning**, encouraging everyone to step out further, think more deeply and become more understanding. Inspired by our Christian values, we will develop our skills, our courage and our wisdom to achieve beyond expectations and become successful learners, caring citizens and confident individuals. Through God's love, we are nurtured, we are inspired and we shine.

Our Mission

We believe everyone can be:

A successful learner who...

- is motivated by their natural curiosity and is excited by the adventure of learning
- enjoys thinking creatively and solving problems
- is inspired by challenge and makes the most of all opportunities
- demonstrates perseverance, resilience and commitment to create a better world
- learns from passionate and committed staff

'Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are.' Genesis 13:14

A confident individual who...

- has a sense of self-worth and personal identity
- is responsible, independent, confident and respectful
- has secure values and a spiritual awareness based on Christian and moral principles
- reflects on their place in the world and celebrates the wonders and mysteries of life

'Encourage one another and build each other up.' 1 Thessalonians 5:11

A caring citizen who...

- is polite, considerate, accepting and tolerant
- works well with others and includes everyone
- helps the heart of their local community to beat strongly
- celebrates diversity and values the unique gifts and potential of every individual
- recognizes they can play a part in affecting national and global causes

'Set a good example for everyone. Go out of your way to do what is right.' Titus 2:7



Learning at Beckley

Our Curriculum

At Beckley, our curriculum is designed to be rich, vibrant and inspiring, giving every child the right balance of support and challenge while meeting all the requirements of the National Curriculum. As a small rural school, we make the most of our outdoor environment, with each class enjoying at least one learning session beyond the classroom every week. These experiences encourage creativity, risk-taking and new ways of thinking.

We teach through a "Learning Journey" approach, linking subjects together so children can apply their skills in real and meaningful contexts. Each term ends with a "fabulous finish" to celebrate learning – whether through an exhibition, performance or hands-on activity for parents to join in. Children also have the chance to pursue their own interests within the Learning Journey through enquiry-based projects, which they tell us makes learning exciting and enjoyable.

English and maths are taught daily and reinforced across other subjects, ensuring strong foundations in core skills. We also provide creative contexts for learning across the full range of curriculum areas. Religious Education follows the East Sussex Agreed Syllabus, which is non-denominational, and parents have the right to withdraw their child from RE or collective worship if they wish to discuss alternative provision. Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) are taught in line with statutory guidance, supporting children's wider personal development.

"The curriculum enables different groups of learners to flourish. The breadth of curriculum excites pupils, and they enjoy their lessons. The school provides regular opportunities for pupils to extend their learning beyond the classroom, deepening their learning experiences".

- SIAMS 2024



Developing Confident Individuals

Educational Visits

All children take part in educational visits that enrich their Learning Journeys and bring classroom topics to life. Our "super start" and "fabulous finish" each term often involves trips - from exploring our own woodland to visiting places further afield. We also welcome visitors from the local community and beyond to share their knowledge and expertise, adding depth and excitement to the children's learning experiences.

Note: Parents are notified in advance of any chargeable activities, with costs waived in cases of hardship or for families receiving Income Support.

Extra-Curricular Activities

At Beckley, we believe in giving children opportunities to explore their interests and talents beyond the classroom. Each term we offer a varied programme of clubs, which in recent years have included football, dance, Spanish, tag rugby, drama, multi-skills, STEM, cross-country, team building, archery, fencing and orienteering. The choice of activities changes regularly, ensuring there is always something new and exciting to try. Many of our clubs are run by staff, parents and specialist sports coaches, helping us to provide a rich and engaging after-school programme.

Residential Trips

For pupils in Years 3 to 6, our residential trips are special opportunities to build confidence, independence and resilience. Spending several days away from home, children take part in a range of experiences that challenge and inspire them. Our residential trips are an integral part of the Key Stage 2 curriculum, with preparation beforehand and follow-up work to deepen their learning. We encourage every child to take part, as the benefits extend far beyond the classroom.



Sport

Sport is an important part of life at Beckley. Pupils have weekly PE lessons taught by our specialist sports coach. There are opportunities for children to take part in a wide range of additional activities throughout the year and pupils enjoy training and competing in football, netball, cricket, cross country and athletics, as well as taking part in our annual Sports Day for all year groups. There are free, weekly after school sports clubs open to children in Years 1 to 6, which focus on a different sport each term. We are proud to have been awarded the national *School Games Gold Award* for the past ten years, recognising both the quality of our sports provision and the high level of pupil participation

Music and Drama

Every child at Beckley has a weekly music lesson, and we believe in creating opportunities wherever possible for public performance in both music and drama. A highlight of the year is our participation in the Peasmarsh Music Festival, alongside other workshops and performances that help to build confidence and creativity. Instrumental tuition is available through the East Sussex Music Service at a reasonable additional cost.

Our Classes

We aim to keep our classes as small as possible, so every child receives individual attention. Class organisation varies each year to meet children's needs.

Our current class structure is as follows:

Acorns – Reception

Class Teacher: Mrs Bolton

Red Maple – Year 1&2

Class Teacher: Mr Little

Blue Spruce – Year 3&4

Class Teacher: Miss Diplock

Evergreen – Year 5&6

Class Teachers: Mrs Grice & Mrs Morley





Starting School

“ Welcome to Acorns Class – we're delighted to be part of your child's first steps on their learning journey at Beckley.

For our children in Early Years education there is an emphasis on learning through play and independent activities that run alongside. This approach is designed to develop the foundation skills that help children develop as successful learners, creating a balance between development of social and emotional skills as well as phonics, writing and number development.

A typical day in our class is full of variety – from phonics, reading and writing, to stories, poetry, art and craft, P.E., music and early maths and science. Our inquiry-based curriculum begins with a “big question” that sparks curiosity, and the children's own questions help shape where our learning takes us. To help you support your child at home, we share knowledge organisers that explain the key vocabulary, progression of skills and topics we'll be exploring. Above all, we want Acorns to be a secure, happy and inspiring place where children feel valued, cared for and excited to learn.

”

Miss Bolton
Class Teacher



Mrs Cooke
Teaching Assistant

2026 Admissions

Typically, children are admitted to school at the beginning of the school year following their 4th birthday.

The closing date for applications for September 2026 starters is 15th January 2026.

A copy of the ESCC admissions policy can be obtained from the School Office at office@beckley.e-sussex.sch.uk or via [the ESCC Website](#).

Pre-School Links & Transition to School

We have links with local pre-school settings including Beckley Pre-School, Roadend Farm Nursery and Country Kids. We aim for smooth transitions through visits to pre-school settings during the summer term and meetings with parents to help prepare their children for school and to ensure that they are fully informed prior to the new school year. Our Beckley School Association also aims to hold a social event each summer term so that new parents can get to know other new and existing parents quickly and feel part of our Beckley family.

YR pupils will begin their transition mornings week beginning Monday 7th September 2026.

Caring for Our Children

At Beckley Church of England Primary School, everything begins with people. We believe children's needs are best met through secure, caring relationships between staff and pupils. The happiness and wellbeing of our children is central to all we do, and we are committed to creating an inclusive environment where every child feels safe, valued and able to achieve their very best.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

The safety, happiness and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and while there may be rare occasions when we must take actions that are difficult for families, our guiding principle is always that the child's needs come first. We aim to work with parents in partnership, explaining our responsibilities clearly and supporting children with sensitivity and care.

Behaviour and Positive Relationships

Our school has a purposeful, happy and friendly culture built on our positive family ethos and as a result the calm, supportive atmosphere enables effective learning. Through our Therapeutic Thinking approach children learn skills to recognise and understand their emotions and to self-regulate and manage their behaviour. We use praise and rewards to celebrate success, as well as clear and fair outcomes if needed. Where difficulties arise, we work closely with parents so that, together, we can provide the best support for each child.

Special Educational Needs

Every child is unique, and we are committed to meeting their individual needs. Some children may require extra help with their learning, and our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) works closely with teachers, parents and external agencies to provide tailored support.

Further information about SEND support and our latest report is available on [our website](#).

Gifted and Talented Students

Through a wide range of enrichment opportunities, additional challenges and extension activities to stretch our gifted and talented students further while staying fully engaged with the wider curriculum. Our aim is to ensure every child is able to reach their full potential, and feels motivated, inspired and proud of their achievements.

Pupil Leadership and Voice

We believe our children should have a voice and opportunity to help shape the future of the school. At Beckley, pupils take on a range of roles, including Sports Leaders, Buddies, Library Leaders, Worship Leaders and *Shining Light Leaders* (our School Council). Shining Light Leaders meet regularly with the Headteacher and this allows their perspectives to be incorporated into school decision making.



Our School Community

Parish Links

As a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School, we celebrate special events in the church's year and make regular visits to the parish church. Parents are able to request that their child withdraw from collective worship, so please let the Headteacher know and this can be organised.

We believe that our links with the village are very important, and we are pleased that the links we have made with the Beckley Parish Council are so strong. The Headteacher speaks at Parish Council meetings several times each year and the school has been very involved with Parish Council activities such as local 'speedwatch' campaigns and having a stall at the monthly Farmers Market.

Beckley School Association (BSA)

The Beckley School Association is a hard-working and much valued team of parents and carers who work closely with the school and, through their work, create a real sense of community. The BSA provides fun experiences for the children and fundraising opportunities for the school. It helps create an ethos of understanding and openness in home/school relationships.

Every year the BSA organises a range of events, from the annual Christmas, Easter and Summer Fairs, to termly film nights and an art exhibition. All new parents automatically become members and are welcome at both the AGM and meetings, typically termly.

Beckley Horticultural Society

We work closely with the Beckley Horticultural Society, who have helped us with seed and equipment for our school orchard, and members regularly visit the school to speak to the children, introduce competitions and hand out competition prizes. Our children always love taking part in the competitions run throughout the year by the BHS, such as making 'Vegetable Creatures'.

Links with Secondary Schools

At the end of their Primary Schooling Children transfer to a variety of schools including Rye College, Robertsbridge Community College, Homewood School, Highworth Grammar and Norton Knatchbull. We have close links with our main secondary partners and there is liaison throughout the year between teachers to facilitate visits and a smooth transition.



Daily Life at Beckley

"Parents are positive about the school. They like the community nature of the school, which they describe as being 'like a big family'. Parents feel included and welcomed. They are rightly confident that their children are happy and well cared for".

- Ofsted 2024

Our School Day

School starts at 8.55am (children can be dropped off from 8:30am) and finishes at 3.30pm. There are mid-morning / afternoon breaks and a lunch break. School Worship takes place each day and parents are welcome to join us for our Friday 'Whole School Celebration' Worship.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

In order to support families with their childcare needs, we run a Breakfast Club every morning. Children arrive between 7:45 and 8:15am and enjoy cereal and toast, as well as organised activities and games. (Cost £3 per day, discounted for siblings)

Our After School Club runs until 5:30pm from Monday to Wednesday each week. Here, children engage with a range of craft activities, board games and structured play. (Cost £7.50 per day, discounted for siblings)

Home Learning

We believe strongly in the value of home learning to help children develop their independence and to consolidate the learning of the school day. Children are asked to read at home and record this in their Reading Record each week. In addition, there are weekly spellings and times-tables tasks set. Occasionally, we also ask pupils to complete a specific task, such as creating a piece of art for a display about Remembrance Day in November, each year.

Home & School Partnership

We believe that children receive their best education when there is a genuine partnership of shared aims, values and outcomes between the school and parents.

Parental input is always welcomed, and we encourage families to stay in regular contact with us so that together we can build a strong team around each child.

Parents are invited to join us for events such as Church Services and our weekly Friday *Whole School Celebration* Worship, and are kept informed and involved through newsletters, forums and workshops linked to our Learning Journeys. We welcome parents into school as part of our "fabulous finish" to each term, to celebrate children's achievements together and share in their learning. In these ways, we ensure that parents play an active role in school life and in supporting their child's progress.





Uniform

Winter

- Dark Grey or black long trousers / skirt / pinafore dress
- White polo shirt (school logo optional)
- Green v-neck jumper or cardigan (school logo)
- Black or grey socks / Green or grey tights
- Black Shoes

Summer

- Dark Grey or black long trousers/shorts / green check dress
- White polo shirt (school logo optional)
- Green v-neck jumper or cardigan (school logo)
- Black / grey / white socks
- Black Shoes

PE

- Plain black shorts
- Plain white round neck T-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers (black or dark grey)
- Black jogging bottoms/tracksuit

Note: We reserve the right, in the interests of health & safety, to ban inappropriate footwear and other items of clothing deemed unsuitable for school. Jewellery, except for small studs, should not be worn to school. Nail varnish should be removed before school. We ask that shoulder length hair be tied back for health & safety reasons.

School Meals

All pupils from Reception to the end of Year 2 are entitled to a free hot meal every day. These are cooked on-site by our catering company, following a three-week rolling menu. Older children have the option of the hot meals too.

Pupils can also bring in a packed lunch from home if they prefer.

WEEK 3				
RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45
46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55
56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65
66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75
76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85
86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95
96	97	98	99	100



A final word from our Children...

We like our healthy
school lunches. They
are very nice.

Teachers are
funny and kind.
Everybody
cares here.

School sports clubs
are cool. They are so
good. I love trying all
sorts of different
sport over the year!

I love our school
orchard and I want
to see how well the
vegetables we
planted will grow

Lessons are fun and
entertaining. Learning is
good and you are challenged
to do better.

We go on
exciting school
trips like our
Year 5 and 6
residential.

I loved our Learning Journey
topic about the Ancient
Egyptians, and I'm really
looking forward to finding
out about our next one.

Our playground
equipment is fun
and exciting.
There is so much to
do. I love being a
Sports Leader and
running activities
at lunchtime

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