

Our School Day

- 8:40am** Gates open
- 8:50am** School starts
- 10:30am** Morning break
- 12:15pm** Lunchtime (KS1 eat at 12:15, KS2 eat at 12:45)
- 3:15pm** Pick up

Our school timetable provides a week of 32 hours.

Children attend school full-time from the first day of the academic year in September. Although we feel no need for a staggered start, this can be arranged by mutual consent.

****Please note— we are a nut free school ****



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WESTONZOYLAND

Community Primary School & Pre-school

Prospectus 2025-2026

Welcome to Westonzoyland Primary School

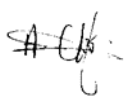
It is a true pleasure to address you as the Headteacher of Westonzoyland Community Primary School. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our whole school community to welcome you to our school.

As a primary school, we are very aware that we are helping to create the citizens of the future, and at Westonzoyland, we are really proud of our children: we seek to do the best for them in everything we do. Through our engaging curriculum and learning environment we build children's enthusiasm and wonder for learning. We strive to provide opportunities and experiences outside of the classroom that develop collaborative and team-building skills, enabling our children to be well-rounded individuals. Health and wellbeing is fundamental to our values and to our aims of providing an excellent, all-round education, and our PE curriculum and after-school provision provide opportunities aplenty for children to learn about the importance of staying physical fit and enjoying exercise. We are very proud to have been awarded the Gold Sports Mark Award for our PE and sports provision!

Our recent graded OFSTED inspection report (July 2025) judged us to be **GOOD in all areas**. It was especially pleasing to read acknowledgement that "our school is a friendly and welcoming environment, where every child feels included, and that our commitment to inclusivity ensures that all pupils have the support they need to achieve their best, thanks to our skilled staff."

At Westonzoyland, we are a friendly, caring school with high expectations for all our pupils. Our wonderful staff are dedicated to the children they teach and to making Westonzoyland the best school it can be. We are so lucky to have great support from our community and our governors, which enables us to be constantly changing and improving.

We hope that this booklet helps you to learn a bit about our school. If you have any further questions then please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.



Andy Clark, Headteacher



Outdoor Education

At Westonzoyland, we have a commitment to Outdoor Education. We run regular Outdoor Education sessions for all children which take place in the school grounds. We are very lucky to have the grounds that we do, which boast a den building area that can be used at break times, an allotment, poly-tunnel, pond, field and two forest school areas.

We know that there is a huge benefit to children's emotional, physical and mental wellbeing by taking their learning outdoors. Therefore we ensure that outdoor learning is evident throughout our curriculum as well as being encouraged on whole school outdoor days and activities.



Wider Curriculum

All of the National Curriculum objectives are covered cohesively within a thematic approach that accounts for some of our classes being mixed in different aged classes. We focus on the skills and knowledge being taught. We have created a clear progression of skills and knowledge to enable teachers to ensure they are meeting the needs of the different ages of learning in our classes. This also ensures that children within the same year group are receiving the same focus of teaching regardless of which class they are in.

We believe that wellbeing and PSHE or 'Wider World Education' are best delivered when integrated through the curriculum - as well as in discrete lessons. We believe that this is vital to create well rounded learners and meaningful, lasting learning experiences.

We teach our children subject specific skills to ensure that our children are learning how to become historians, geographers, scientists, musicians and artists of the future. Skills are used as a vehicle for developing subject knowledge.



Physical Education

This subject includes games, gymnastics activities, dance, athletics and swimming. As well as developing individual skills of coordination and movement, the children play a range of team based games to develop sportsmanship and team work.

We hold our own Sports Week in which everyone is encouraged to take part and work for accolades and achievements for their house team.



Our school values...

**Embrace Opportunities, Choose Kindness,
Value Everyone**

Our school vision...

A Westonzoyland child will:

- Reach the maximum of their educational capacity
- Be happy and healthy in mind and body
- Have a love of learning
- Be a force for good in the world

Why choose Westonzoyland?

We are a good school. OFSTED commented that **'pupils are happy at Westonzoyland Community Primary School'** and they describe it as a **'friendly and welcoming school where everyone is included.'** They also observed that the **'inclusive culture of the school means pupils are well supported to thrive and be ready for their next phase of education'** and that **'the school provides high-quality pastoral support'** and that the pupils are **'proud to represent the school.'**

Our parents value our school. They agree that pupils are happy, feel safe and are well looked after. Parents say that Westonzoyland Primary is a friendly and welcoming school. They say that pupils are enthusiastic about their learning. For example, a comment written by one parent, typical of many, was, 'Teachers go out of their way to ensure each pupil is treated as an individual and is praised for their own personal achievements.'

We offer a rich curriculum that focuses on the whole child and makes use of our extensive grounds for outdoor learning activities and focus on mental and physical wellbeing as well as academia.

We offer **wraparound care** at our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs. Breakfast Club runs Monday—Friday from 7:30am. Breakfast and activities are provided. Afterschool Club runs Monday—Thursday until 5:30pm. Snacks and help with reading or homework, as well as activities, are available.

We have a wonderful Pre-school that is within our school building providing a straight through education from 2-and-a-half years old.

We are a Community Primary School which means that we can choose exactly what is best for the children in our care. We are not answerable to any Federation or Academy Trust.

We are a friendly and welcoming school that cares about the individual. We know our children and our families and every child is important to us.

English

English at Westonzoyland is interactive, empowering and exciting. In Foundation and Key Stage 1, we use the Twinkl Phonics programme. We also use the Talk for Writing Approach which involves children in actively constructing their learning alongside their teacher. Grammar and punctuation are taught as part of this writing, but these skills are also taught discreetly and consolidated through homework tasks.

Children participate in Guided Reading activities daily. All children have the opportunity throughout the week to visit our school library and borrow books to enjoy. Our Reading Scheme is compiled from books from a range of different reading schemes. We actively encourage parents to help at home with reading. We also use Spell Shed as an interactive tool for children to independently develop their spelling abilities.

Mathematics

At Westonzoyland, we like to help children to see the relevance of Maths in their everyday lives. In Foundation and Key Stage 1, we teach maths through fun approaches which include practical work to provide a firm foundation.

As the children progress, there is a shift towards developing mental and written calculations. Children are supported through the use of physical apparatus such as Numicon.

We aim for all children to become fluent in the fundamentals of Maths, developing a conceptual understanding and an ability to recall and apply their knowledge.



Behaviour and Anti-Bullying

In school we share these 'Golden Rules' with the children:

We respect each other's right to learn and do our best.

We show care for each other and our school.

We move about our school quietly and safely

We always listen and respond politely.

We are kind and treat others as we would like to be treated.

Bullying is not tolerated at Westonzoyland. There are very few incidents of bullying, and if they do occur, they are dealt with immediately and are taken very seriously. All children are clear about procedures for reporting bullying and can do so in confidence.

The Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policy can be found on our website.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all and therefore all staff and volunteers know the policies and procedures relating to safeguarding.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Andy Clark.

We strive for 100% attendance for every child. We work with parents to ensure that each of our pupils has the best attendance possible and we have rewards for classes where attendance and punctuality is good.

School Meals

All children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. Our school meals are provided by Aspens, based at Northgate School. They are of excellent quality and freshly prepared daily. As well as hot food choices, children may also choose to receive a packed lunch of a roll with fruit and a dessert.



Our School Organisation

Our Leadership Team

Mr Clark is our Headteacher who works closely with our two Key Stage Leaders. Mrs Bridgeman leads Key Stage 1, and Mrs Bell is our Deputy Headteacher, as well as our Key Stage 2 Lead and school SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator).

Early Years Foundation Stage

This is the name for our Pre-school and Reception class. Westonzoyland Pre-school (Fledglings) and Reception Class (Merlin) work together closely and alongside each other to ensure children are happy, secure and make good progress in their learning and development. Mrs King is the Pre-school Manager, and Miss Stockford & Miss Crowe teach Merlin class. Miss Stockford leads the EYFS unit.

Key Stage 1 and 2

As a six-class school, this year, we are teaching Years 2-6 in mixed classes. Ms Strockford teaches Reception in Merlin Class, Miss Baker teaches Year 1 in Buzzard Class, Mrs Bridgeman teaches Year 2-3 in Kestrel Class, Mrs Hall teaches Year 3 in Eagle Class. Miss McCubbin teaches Year 4-5 in Osprey Class and Mrs Bell teaches Year 5-6 in Hobby Class.

Admissions

Starting School

Admissions to start school for children turning 5 are managed by the Local Authority. Please visit the Somerset County Council website > Education and families > Apply to start school. Deadline for applications to start in September 2025 is 15th January 2026.

In-Year Admissions

If your child has already started school and you wish to move to Westonzoyland Primary School, you need to complete an 'In Year Application' form; these are available on our website or from the school office.

Arranging a visit

We have open days each year to welcome people to our school, but we are also happy to arrange tours on other days. Feel free to contact our school office if you would like to come and visit Westonzoyland and see our lovely school.



Uniform

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers during lessons and assemblies. Hooks in Bridgwater are the provider of our logoed uniform, whilst items are also available, at very competitive prices, at local shops, including supermarkets.

Our uniform:

- White blouse, short or polo shirt
- Plain grey or black skirt, calottes, pinafore dress, shorts or trousers (all of these must be a smart style, i.e. not leggings, jeans or football shorts. Skirts should be of an appropriate length)
- Red cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt
- Plain black, sensible, low-heeled shoes (boots are allowed if children are able to sit on the carpet in them comfortably)
- If socks or tights are visible, they should be plain black, red, grey or white.

Sports trainers (not fashion design) may be worn for PE and lunchtime activities only.

Summer Additional Options:

Red and white summer dress

PE:

- Red top
- Black shorts / plain jogging suit for cold weather
- Black daps or trainers