

Our School – In the words of Year 5...

The wildlife garden

In the wildlife garden, we learn about helping the environment and we build insect hotels for them. We look under logs and tyres for slugs, worms and spiders. Sometimes, we build structures out of sticks and wool. We discuss what we have/will learn at a circle of logs. Mrs Searles has planted some saplings (baby trees) to extend the wildlife garden. In these lessons, we study wildlife, build fires, toast marshmallows, build wigwams, devise classification tables and do orienteering. It's great fun!



The field

In the summer, we have a fantastic sports day each year where we take part in many different events on our school field. We also have great equipment for use in lessons and in our free time: The Multi-Use Game Area (MUGA) and the Play Frame. Classes are timetabled daily, for us to use these pieces of equipment.



The courtyard

We line up in the courtyard to go to class after break and lunch. In the courtyard we have hopscotch and we play quieter games. Children who

do not want to go running around on the big playground, tend to stay in the courtyard because it is calmer.



Toilets

The toilets provide us with clean water to wash our hands. However, you are not allowed to drink the water. The toilets are cleaned every day; therefore, they are spotless. Make sure you push the top of the tap but don't turn them because they won't work. There are mirrors above the sink to see if you still look fabulous. There are six girls and six boys' toilets and three in Reception Class. Also, there is a disabled toilet situated in the Resource room.

You can go to the toilet at break and lunchtime. Adding to this, there is also a heater in each toilet, so it is always warm. On the outside of the doors, you have **GIRL** and **BOY** labels so you will not get mixed up. As well as this, there is a refill of toilet paper and soap almost every day, so these rarely run out.

There is a proper towel dispenser on the wall to dry your hands with but please do not touch the boiler. Always ask a teacher before going to the bathroom as you should not be leaving lessons to do so – unless you really can't wait until the next proper break.



Drinking Fountain

A drinking fountain can be found outside each set of toilets. This is to be used frequently during break and lunchtimes. Please fill up your water bottle during these breaks. Drinking water is actively encouraged in all classrooms because our teachers like us to keep our brains healthy and the way to do that is to hydrate our brains with as much water as we can.

Quiet Rooms

Each set of classes has a Quiet room in the middle of them. The walls are full of displays that help children learn their numeracy and literacy. There are also several physical resources kept in each Quiet room to help children touch, feel and learn, whilst doing their work.



Library

We have lovely librarians who keep the bookshelves stocked and tidy, and they also oversee the computer. There are lots of fiction and non-fiction (*real life and pretend*) books to choose from. Lots of classes have a library slot each week on their timetable, so they visit our small but fantastic library regularly. Library cards show what books you have drawn out and returned.

Storage cupboards for music and library equipment are also in the library. There are tables and chairs for pupils to sit down and enjoy their books in a quiet, relaxing and peaceful space.



Playground

When you are outside, please do not go on the grass unless it is summer, and the adults/teachers allow you to. Adding to this, do not pass the yellow line otherwise you will get told off because the teachers won't be able to see you and keep you safe and protected. Watch out for the younger children or if you are younger, make sure you do not bash into the older ones.

Do not climb over the fence otherwise you will get hurt. You will also get told off because this is not good behaviour.

Try to avoid kicking the ball over the MUGA fence because it may hit someone. Also, when you are in the MUGA, do not climb over the fence because that is not safe and you will get told off as well as a red card, which means you will have to stay in the classroom with the teacher.



Resources cupboard

As you walk into the Resources room, there are new exercise books which are used when you fill up your old one. If you were to look to your left, you would see paper, to stock up the classroom and photocopier. Next to the paper, you will see a set of drawers which house rulers, pens, pencils and other stationery required to educate our pupils.



PE Cupboard

Moving through the Resources room, you go into the PE cupboard where we store our hoops, balls, coits and other PE equipment. This room is always kept tidy so that teachers can very speedily find equipment for their lesson.



School Hall

In the school hall, there is gym equipment, such as: the climbing wall bars, ropes and horse boxes. In addition to this, we also have many floor mats for gymnastic work.

Lunch is served in this hall, therefore, when you come into eat, the tables and chairs are set out ready for you. If you have a hot dinner, you will line up by the kitchen hatch to be served. If you have a packed lunch, you should find a seat and sit down.



School Discos in the hall

At the end of some terms, KS1 & KS2 have their parties or disco in the hall. KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) have their disco later in the evening than KS1 (Reception and Years 1 & 2).

Assembly

Just before break, you will go to assembly, which is where a teacher tells you about a special day or week. For example, recently we had a slide show about Anti-Bullying Week. The teachers show us slides on the projector, which is controlled by a laptop.

In addition to these assemblies, we also have Celebration Assemblies where Mr Tomson (the Headteacher) normally gives out special certificates for pupils who have done great work and have displayed an amazing attitude towards their learning.

At the end of some assemblies, we have time to reflect and we say a prayer.

Raining in our PE lessons

Occasionally, when it is raining for PE, we must go inside and usually when we do, we play indoor games such as Duck Duck Goose or Bench ball.

House Point Tubes

In the corner of the hall, there are our House Points tubes. When you have finished your bookmark (with your house points on it) you put it in the golden tombola machine and on Fridays, the house captains put coloured balls into the tubes representing the four Houses. The four Houses are: **Birch** (blue) **Maple** (green) **Cedar** (yellow) and **Redwood** (red). When a tube is filled up, that house will get a Mufti day, which is a day where we get to wear our own clothes!



Wingrave's Got Talent

Wingrave's Got Talent is one of the many events that happens in the school hall. It is just like *Britain's Got Talent* but only for our school and it happens at Christmas time. Anyone who wants to do an act, auditions in their class and then each class votes for their two best acts. These two acts then show their talents to the whole school, in the *Wingrave's Got Talent FINAL!* There is a total of 14 acts in the FINAL and the ultimate winner gets a trophy. It is great fun!



School Office

On entering the school, you will see the school office glass window. You go to the office if you are late for school or if your parents are late collecting you. They will then collect you from the office. In addition to this, you also go to the office so parents can sign you up to join our wonderful school. The hallway (foyer) where the office is situated, has lots of information, such as: school letters, information leaflets and a display on what the school logo stands for. There is also a display case that allows you to see what greatness we have achieved as a school.

All visitors receive a badge saying *visitor* on it. You can ask the office staff to meet Mr Tomson; to know the rules about the school; to see how much money we have raised as a team; to see how much we work as a team or to know what teachers are called and what year group they teach in.



Classrooms

There are seven classrooms in this school. Each classroom is well resourced; your child will not need a pencil case.

The pupils are very kind and caring, and we all play class games together. We are very thoughtful of each other and are great friends.

Every pupil has a drawer to put their notes, homework and spellings in. Your name will be on your drawer and nobody has the right to look in your drawer, unless it is an adult searching for something important. So, your privacy is ensured.

Each pupil also has their own peg in the cloakroom. You will use your peg to hang your coat, school bag and PE kit on. Your teacher will tell you what days your PE lesson are on so please make sure you have your PE kit in for those days.

All classrooms are equipped with a Smartboard and a great speaker system. They also have extremely helpful learning displays and lots of pupils' work is on display for all to see.

Each class has a different topic to study every term and we do a huge amount of learning every day. We learn through research, storytelling, examples given to us, modelling by the teacher, modelling by another pupil, PowerPoints, videos, books, visitors and external trips. We do a lot of learning in this school and we think that learning helps us for our life ahead. We try to make good choices in our learning, and we are then rewarded with good work and maybe a house point.

Growth Mindset

In this school, the **Growth Mindset** is a big part of our learning experience; it helps us to believe that we, as children, can conquer any challenge.

Since starting school, everyone has been encouraged to use their **Growth Mindset** in all situations. Not only is the **Growth Mindset** in our heads, it is also part of our classroom culture. If we ever need help or we are faced with a problem, we can look around the classroom for inspirational words and posters. Amazingly, this part of our learning can be used outside of school as well as inside. Do you think that the **Growth Mindset** could help your learning?



Staffroom, Medical Room and Mr Tomson's office

All three rooms are found along the corridor, off the Reception area. The staffroom is where the teachers have meetings and sit down to eat their lunches. It is also where the mini fridge is kept and where pupil's milk and carrots are stored for KS1/EYFS snack times. In addition to this, it is where the stash of staff biscuits (& chocolates) is to be found!

The medical room is next door to the staffroom and is where small the medical bags are stored. The room contains a small sink, all the medical equipment needed to keep us safe when we have had an accident and 'spare uniform' (in case of KS1/EYFS pupils have a *little accident* during the day). If you hurt yourself in school, staff fill in an Accident Form and you get a copy to take home to your parents/carers.

Mr Tomson's office has colourful Lego® everywhere! It is also where he sometimes eats his food. He is OBSESSED with Lego and has Lego 'everything:' a Lego mug, Lego magnets, Lego buildings and bowls of Lego.

In his room, cupboards hold files of important content. This is also where meetings are held and where Mr Tomson ~~plays~~ Lego works. It can be a good place to be or, not such a good place to be – depending on what you have done.

