



Ewelme Church of England (VA) Primary School and Pre-School

Be all that you can be

Ready

Respectful

Responsible

Reflective

Resilient



School Prospectus 2026-2027

Welcome

Welcome to our school prospectus. Ewelme is a very special school for many reasons, not least our incredible, historic buildings. We are said to be housed in the oldest school building in the country, having been built almost 600 years ago in 1437!

However, as amazing as our surroundings are, we believe our greatest assets are the wonderful children here and the fantastic teams of adults who support them.

We may be a small school but have big ambitions for our pupils. Our aim is to enable all the children to 'be all that they can be' and to live up to our school values of being ready, respectful, responsible, resilient and reflective. These values and qualities are re-enforced and celebrated in all aspects of school life.

This way, we can be sure that they are ready for the next step in their education and prepared for life in modern Britain.

By bringing these aims and values together, and offering a broad and rich curriculum, we strive for every child here to fully develop their academic ability, their talents and gifts and their character.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of our school and the range of opportunities and experiences we can offer, including sport, the creative arts, Forest School, wrap-around care and a range of clubs, trips and visitors.

You can also learn more about the school by visiting our school website: www.ewelmeprimaryschool.com

Joe Ottaway

Headteacher



MARCH 2023



***“Pupils behave well
and are respectful.
Incidents of low-level
disruption are almost
non-existent.”***

Ofsted Report, March 2023

***“This is a
welcoming school
where pupils feel
happy and safe.”***

Ofsted Report, March 2023

<i>In key stage 1, the children are taught...</i>	<i>In Key stage 2, the children are taught...</i>
Phonics	English (inc. reading, writing, spelling and grammar)
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Maths	History
History	Geography
Geography	Science
Science	Religious Education
Religious Education	Personal, Social, Health Education
Personal, Social, Health Education	Physical Education
Physical Education	Design and Technology
Design and Technology	Art
Art	Computing
Computing	Languages (French)
Music	Music

Wraparound childcare



Ewelme Earlybirds

Our daily breakfast club

Drop off from 7.45am

Serving toast, cereal and fresh fruit

£7 per session including breakfast

Serving: white or brown bread toast with choice of spreads and preserves; range of cereals (Shreddies, Cornflakes, Cheerios, Weetabix); fresh fruit including bananas, oranges and apples (not all items may be available every-day).



Ewelme School Stay and Play

Our daily after-school club

Until 5.15pm Monday-Thursday

Until 4.30pm on Fridays

Time to play and be creative, indoors and out

£7 until 4.30pm (includes a snack) / **£11 until 5.30pm** (includes a light tea)

Activities include: time to do their reading and complete homework, arts and craft activities, opportunities for outdoor play on the playground and field, occasional use of computers and/or iPads, construction toys, access to a range of other toys and play equipment.

Can be combined with other extra-curricular clubs such as football coaching

Please note that attendance at breakfast or after school club is subject to availability of places.

Extra-curricular opportunities

In recent years, a range of extra-curricular opportunities have been provided for the children, including...

School Choir, including performances at Oxford Town Hall and Dorchester Abbey

Lego Club

Drama club

ECB 'Chance to Shine' Cricket Club

Science Club

Tennis Club

Multi-sports club

Multi-Skills Club at the Oratory Senior School

Cross-country

Participation in the Oxfordshire Dance Festival at the New Theatre, Oxford

Football club for Key Stage 1 and 2

Camo Day at RAF Benson

Visit from a medal winning Team GB athlete



"It's a fabulous experience for them all, and a big treat for the parents too! We really appreciate all that our wonderful little school does for the children."

Parent feedback following the Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey, June 2024



"The children were so well behaved and really polite - many of them said thank you multiple times."

Feedback from The Springs Golf Club following a visit from Year 5 and 6



Forest School

Our amazing Forest School was established in September 2023 and expanded in September 2024.

It is led by a fully-trained and highly experienced Forest School Teacher and located a short 3-minute walk from school on a site shared with Ewelme Pre-School.

It provides fantastic opportunities for outdoor play and exploration, developing the children's understanding and respect for the natural environment. The site includes a variety of habitats, a fire circle, mud kitchen and nature pond.

All the children have weekly Forest School sessions (2 hours) for 12 weeks of the year, experiencing, over the course of their time at Ewelme, the site at different times of the year.

Popular activities include den-building, pond dipping, fire starting, role play, outdoor art and clay modelling.



“We get to have fires and roast smores and popcorn.”

“I love making conker-stickmen, weaving with wool and playing in the mud kitchen.”

“It’s my favourite time of the week!”

Additional information

Creative arts

In key stage 1, class teachers lead weekly music sessions, using the Charanga program. In Key stage 2, all pupils learn an instrument. They are taught the ukulele in Year 3 and 4, progressing to the guitar in Y5/6. These are taught by a specialist teacher from the Oxfordshire Music Service.

Peripatetic music tutors provide 1:1 piano for pupils who wish to participate. Those children learning an instrument are regularly given the opportunity to perform to the school during assemblies and services.

Beyond the music curriculum, the children are encouraged to develop their skills and enthusiasm for the performing arts in a number of ways.



Our school choir practices weekly and takes part each year in the Festival of Voices concert at Dorchester Abbey. It also regularly performs in assemblies and at services, attended by parents, at the church.

Every year, a whole-school production is staged at the village hall with parents invited to come along and watch. Our most recent show, in July 2025, was 'School of Pop', a light-hearted musical about a new teacher – Barry Garlow – using his pop star background to inspire his pupils!.

Sport at Ewelme

We strive to provide the children with as many sporting opportunities as possible throughout the year. Please see below the range of PE and sporting events already planned for the year ahead. We hope to further supplement these with fixtures and tournaments against other local schools.

Autumn term 1 :

- Year 5 and 6 take part in weekly swimming lessons at Didcot Wave swimming pool
- Reception and Year 1 compete in a house multi-skills festival, supported by sports leaders from Year 5 and 6
- Key Stage 2 Multi-Sports after-school club is run on Mondays by Mrs Seymour
- After-School Football coaching provided by Elite Sports for Reception and Key Stage 1

Autumn term 2:

- Year 5 and 6 continue with their weekly swimming lessons
- Chaucer class (Reception and Year 1) take part in the Gymnastics Showcase at the Village Hall, supported by sports leaders from Year 5 and 6
- After-School Football coaching provided by Elite Sports for children in Key Stage 2
- Key Stage 1 Multi-Sports after-school club is run on Mondays by Mrs Seymour



Spring term 1:

- Year 3 and 4 take part in weekly swimming lessons at Didcot Wave swimming pool
- All children participate in the Spotlight on Dance event at Ewelme Village Hall
- Year 5 and 6 participate in the Oxfordshire Dance Festival at New Theatre, Oxford and Indoor Athletics at Wallingford School
- After-School Football coaching provided by Elite Sports for Reception and Key Stage 1



Spring term 2:

- Year 3 and 4 continue their swimming sessions at Didcot Wave Swimming Pool
- Key Stage 2 children participate in a house Netball tournament
- Year 5 and 6 attend their residential trip to Kilvrough Outdoor Education Centre in Wales which includes climbing, abseiling, caving, water activities and orienteering
- After-School Football coaching provided by Elite Sports for Key Stage 2



Summer term 1:

- Key stage 2 children compete in a house Rounders tournament
- After-school cricket coaching provided by the ECB Chance to Shine scheme for children in Key Stage 2
- Year 5 and 6 start their cycling proficiency course

Summer term 2:

- All children take part in the 'Children's Chase' run to raise money for FOES
- All children participate in Sports Day
- Year 5 and 6 complete their cycling proficiency course



Secondary Transfer

At the end of Year 6, pupils transfer to a variety of secondary schools.

Children in Key Stage 2, and especially in Year 5 and Year 6, are offered a range of opportunities to visit local secondary schools, for example through PE events and competitive sport tournaments.

We also hold a secondary school transition workshop for the pupils in Year 5 and 6 and their parents. Former Ewelme pupils who have since moved on to secondary school return to answer questions and talk about their experiences of the move to 'big school'.

Visits and Visitors



Children gain a lot from making educational visits and we plan a variety of these throughout the year according to topics being studied and the age of the children. Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to go on a residential visit each year. We encourage a range of visiting artists, poets, authors, sports specialists and members of local groups to come to school and talk about their experiences.

The PTA ('Friends of Ewelme School' – FOES)

The PTA, or Friends of Ewelme School, are extremely supportive of the school, preparing many events either as fundraisers or just for fun. They organise a range of fantastic events such as end of term discos, film nights, an end of year party at the village green, and themed trails around the village.

For more information visit: www.ewelmeprimaryschool.com/foes-pta

Service families at Ewelme

Around a third of our pupils come from families with a service background, predominantly based at nearby R.A.F. Benson. As such, we take part in and observe events throughout the school year in recognition of this including 'Camo Day' at RAF Benson Primary School, observing and learning about Remembrance in November and covering what the Armed forces do for us in PSHE lessons.

We understand that service children are unique and face additional challenges and, in recognition of this, run a pastoral support group with the aim of giving pupils from service families in need of support space and time to talk and take part in activities. This group helps to promote pride in their service background, boost their self-esteem and well-being and give them a voice about how the school continues to work with and support service families in the future.

The group is fun and informal and supports the children with a range of challenges linked to life as a 'military child', including:

Parental deployments, 'weekending', upcoming postings away from RAF Benson and arriving new to Ewelme.

It also provides opportunities for the older children to offer advice and support to their younger peers and develop relationships that can be built on at other times around the school.



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Learn more about Ewelme:



www.ewelmeprimaryschool.com



Ofsted report: reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/123197



SIAMS report: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/SIAMS-Report-Ewelme-Church-of-England-VA-Primary-School-123197-16092025-1.pdf>



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