

Lanercost CofE Primary School



Nursery Prospectus

A Headteacher's Welcome



On behalf of all the staff, governors and children, I am delighted to give you a warm welcome to Lanercost Church of England Primary School. Thank you for choosing us for the first stage of child's education. We are all dedicated to ensuring that your child's move into our caring and exciting nursery is as smooth as possible, leaving both them and you with memories of happiness and safety.

Our Nursery and Reception class aims to help every child grow in confidence and self-belief, and make the most of everything our unique school has to offer. We have a relaxed but purposeful environment where the children are busy making, exploring, questioning and developing new skills and building life-long friendships. The learning through play activities endeavour to promote your child's physical, emotional, spiritual and moral development and lay the foundations for learning that will continue as they move into Reception.

Miss Nattrass and Mrs. Irving are trained in the Early Years and are ready to respond to each child's needs with smiles and compassion. Alongside developing independence and a readiness to learn, everyone in school is considerate and compassionate towards the children in their care, and we pride ourselves on being one family.

I look forward to welcoming you all in person to our Lanercost family.

Mrs. Alexandra Wilkinson



Meet our Team



Hello! I am Miss Nattrass and I am the EYFS Class Teacher. I started at Lanercost Church of England Primary School in September 2021. I love being the Early Years teacher - no day is the same and we are always having lots of fun! Outside of school, you will find me out and about on our family farm making sure our cows and calves are happy. I enjoy spending time with my family, going for walks in the Lake District and baking. I love working at Lanercost Church of England Primary School because I think it is amazing how we are all one big family. As we are a small school, we get to spend lots of time together, making sure everyone knows each other.

Hi, I am Mrs. Irving and I have worked in Nursery and Reception at Lanercost Church of England Primary School for almost six years now. My whole working career has been childcare based and I can not think of any other job that brings as much joy or is as rewarding. Each day the children make me smile. Out of school, my time is spent with my family, I am married to Gordon and have two children, Harry (12) and Bobby (9). We also have a cockapoo dog called Bernard. We like to spend time out and about in the wonderful county we live in, especially on sunny days. Rivers and muddy walks are our favourite, even if it does mean Bernard needs a bath at the end!



Hi I am Miss Thomas and I've been working at Lanercost Church of England School since September 2022. When I'm not at school, I like to go for walks in the Lake District and go horse riding too. My favourite thing about working at our school is seeing the children make progress and watch their achievements.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage



Playing, exploring, active learning, creating and thinking critically are all essential building blocks crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. This is also vital for building their capacity to learn to form relationships and thrive. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum where the 'Seven Areas of Learning' and The Characteristics of Effective Learning are an integral part of each day. We follow the children's interests and set themes and topics to stimulate excitement and enthusiasm. All children are valued as individuals and work at their own pace, with the support of knowledgeable staff who are able to differentiate activities specifically tailored to the

needs of each child. Children learn and develop through opportunities to interact in positive relationships and enabling environments which is crucial to their Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We provide children with a range of knowledge and skills, which are progressively built upon, as they move through Nursery and Reception. We build on these to prepare children for Key Stage One. We identify any Special Educational Needs or Disabilities through

observations and assessment to establish barriers to learning and find strategies to allow children to access the curriculum and make progress.



Igniting Curiosity, Awe and Wonder



We are very excited to be working towards our Accreditation for the Curiosity Approach. We are working hard to develop our environment to ignite curiosity, awe and wonder in our children. Within our environment, we have authentic materials and loose parts to give the children opportunities to explore how things work and spark their imagination.

Our children love to dress up and develop stories in their play, drawing on real life experiences to create meaningful play. We love to spend time with our children in the environment, learning their interests and providing provocations for their play. We spend lots of our day in our newly renovated outdoor area, giving children opportunities to develop in all seven areas of the curriculum.



Literacy, Phonics and Mathematics

Nursery Children take part in structured literacy sessions, using high quality picture book texts to develop a shared love of reading, whilst exploring and understanding stories at a deeper level. We also select additional texts to fit with our curriculum aims to inspire children around the classroom and develop their life-long love of reading. Nursery children develop their ability to discriminate sounds and their general phonological awareness. When Nursery children are developmentally ready, we introduce the first set of sounds using Read Write Inc. Phonics inputs are delivered as whole class to begin with and then in smaller groups to reflect phonological knowledge and confidence.



Through Nursery and Reception, we provide children with opportunities to apply and develop their mathematical knowledge and skills. We focus on the mathematical areas: cardinality and counting, comparison, composition, pattern making, shape, space and measure. We teach daily Mastering Number sessions from NCETM which include whole class carpet time, group activities and provocations within the learning environment. We use Resources from White Rose Maths Hub and also Numberblocks. Our children love to use Maths Talk to discuss and develop their mathematical problem solving skills.



Enriching the Curriculum

There are many opportunities for children to participate in a very active timetable with PE lessons such as swimming, gymnastics and sessions led by Carlisle United coaches. Our children enjoy regular environmental walks and forest school sessions in our beautiful adjacent woodland. Depending on the theme or topic there are a wide variety of trips throughout the school year including visits to farms, museums and much more.

Our children love art sessions with Abby where they spend the afternoon creating masterpieces relating to our topic. We have lots of visitors including farming parents and The Mayor of Carlisle! Our children love seeing new people at school and learning lots of new and interesting facts.



A Parent Partnership

At the heart of our ethos is the importance of family. Here within the Lanercost family we place great value on our close relationships with parents. This ensures that it is a true partnership and that parents feel fully informed and involved in their children's learning. Our 'open-door' policy encourages openness and transparency fostering approachability to all staff. In addition to the daily access for parents, more formal parents evenings are held in November and April and all parents of Reception age children receive a full school report in July together with the children's Early Years Profiles.

We hold shared learning events throughout the year where the children can spend time with their parents in the classroom. We also love to have parent readers in to hear our children read. We love to hear stories and hear other people read to us too! We share our Core Books with the parent helpers and love to talk all about the latest book we have read.

We share children's learning using Tapestry to create an online journal of your child's days in Early Years. We also ask parents to share wow moments from home and the Early Years Team love to see what your children have been up to at home. The children enjoy showing their friends the pictures and talking about what they have been up to!



School Administration

Children can start our Nursery the term after their third birthday. Children who are four on or before 31st August, will move up to Reception.

We are flexible on part-time sessions. Children can attend morning sessions (8.55am-11.55am) or afternoon sessions (12.15pm-3.15pm). Children can also do a full day (8.55am-3.15pm). For more information on costings and funded childcare, visit our website.

Children can stay for a school dinner or bring their own packed lunch.

We offer wraparound care where children can attend Breakfast Club from 7.30am and Stay and Play until 5pm.



A Final Note...

We hope that this prospectus has encouraged you to consider our school for your child and we would warmly welcome you to our setting and the wider Lanercost family.

Please feel free to contact the school to arrange to meet our Early Years team of professionals, along with our Headteacher, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Join us on our open days. Scan the QR code to book a place on our next open day.

We look forward to seeing you soon. For more information, please visit our website at

www.lanercostschool.org or ring 016977 2702

