



SCHOOL AND LOCAL INFORMATION



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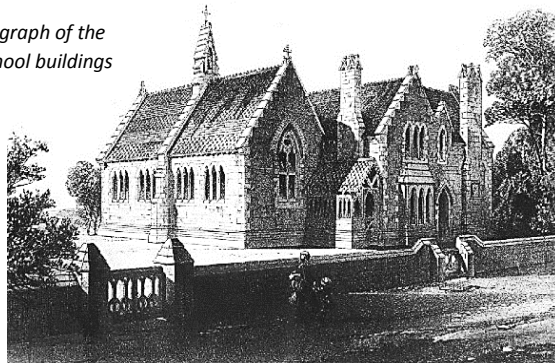
OUR SCHOOL ETHOS

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest possible quality within the context of Christian belief and practice.

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocese level.

It therefore encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

1853 lithograph of the original school buildings



OUR SCHOOL AIMS

- ❖ Through our Christian values, our goal is to develop children spiritually, physically, emotionally and morally. We expect everyone to love their neighbour as Jesus loves us.
- ❖ We aim to develop a strong sense of family, trust and friendship; whilst promoting British values and encouraging respect and responsibility for self, others and the environment.
- ❖ We strive to provide interesting and exciting opportunities which inspire all to achieve their full potential.
- ❖ Our intent is to stimulate a fun-loving, imaginative, adventurous attitude, with the ability to gain wisdom from failures and to celebrate successes. To enable all children to develop their potential in all aspects of the curriculum.

THE SCHOOL'S PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY

The area known as The Charltons comprises three villages in close proximity to each other - Charlton Adam, Charlton Mackrell and West Charlton. Charlton Mackrell lies in the middle. Two miles to the south lies the village of Kingsdon, which is also within the school's catchment area, and some pupils come from further afield. The villages are surrounded by the open countryside of rural Somerset, but within easy reach of the towns of Somerton, Glastonbury, Street and Yeovil.

The Charltons have a post office, a pub, two churches, a community centre with adjoining playing fields, and a Reading Room (village hall). There are similar facilities in Kingsdon including a community run shop.

Charlton Mackrell Primary School is a charming Victorian building built in the 1850s. The original school buildings have been added to and updated by the Governing Body over recent years, with the addition of more classroom and teaching space to enable the building to meet the demands of today's curriculum. It has a generous playground space and an adjacent sports field. The pre-school building is within the playground space which allows continuity over EYFS delivery of the curriculum.

The school plays a very important role at the heart of the community. Many villagers attended Charlton Mackrell Primary School themselves and are proud to see their children and grandchildren following in their footsteps. Past pupils of the school, now in secondary education, often return to take part in musical or sporting events. Over many years, close links have been established and enjoyed between the school and the community.

The school is situated opposite the village church of St Mary The Virgin. Children attend a school assembly service on Tuesday mornings to which both parents and villagers are invited. Members of the church organise an 'Open the Book' section of the service to act out stories from the Bible for the children. The school also holds Easter and Christmas services, Harvest Festival and the leavers' service in the church.

Children from the school take part in the annual Village Day fair in the summer, organising a stall, putting on displays and taking part in races. Year Six children take part in the village pantomime in February as do some parents, staff and governors. The school holds both their nativity plays and summer productions in the Reading Room, to which members of the wider community are often invited. The children also visit places of interest within walking distance of the school such as farms; historic buildings such as Lytes Cary Manor; and Hallr Wood, the local Forest School.

Staff and families have been known to hold their end of term celebrations in the local pub in Charlton Adam!

Residents of the villages are very proud to have Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School and Charltons Pre-school at the heart of their community.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL

- ❖ In January 2018 the Charltons Pre-school merged with Charlton Mackrell Primary School and the school governors now oversee its management
- ❖ The pre-school has its own building and outside area on the school site but shares the school's garden, playground and playing field, and has regular forest school sessions
- ❖ The school has three mixed-age classes [Rainbow, Hurricane and Wildfire]
- ❖ There are currently 80 pupils on roll, with 1 headteacher/teacher and 3 class teachers; plus part-time staff of 1 HLTA, 5 LSAs, 1 ELSA, 2 MDSAs, 2 premises staff and 2 administrative staff
- ❖ The pre-school has 18 children and is staffed by 1 manager, 1 deputy manager and 2 early years practitioners
- ❖ The school has an 'Early Birds' club from 8am and also offers a wide variety of lunchtime and after-school clubs and activities
- ❖ Hot lunches are delivered daily to the school from a local supplier
- ❖ The school and pre-school are well supported by the local community and parents (the PTA is known as the "Friends") and by an active governing body
- ❖ The school is a feeder school for Huish Episcopi Academy at Langport and one of the 12 primary school members of the Huish Community Learning Partnership
- ❖ The pre-school was judged 'Outstanding' by OFSTED and in 2016 the school retained its 'Good' OFSTED grade and was delighted to receive a SIAMS 'Outstanding' accolade



Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School and Charltons Pre-school are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.

We are also committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all and encourage candidates to make us aware if they have a disability, so that any reasonable necessary adjustments may be made to our recruitment process.

SOME OF OUR LEARNING ACTIVITIES

The Charltons Pre-school has a team of well-trained and committed early years staff who provide high quality care and education through play. It creates positive relationships with parents, including home visits; caters for children's emotional intelligence; and provides a nurturing, environmentally friendly and enabling learning environment.

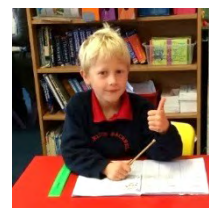


Rainbow Class The youngest children in school are welcoming visitors to help them find out about the past, as part of their 'Toys and games' topic this term. The Reception children are enjoying their first swimming lessons at Strode Pool in Street, as it is a key aim for each child to become a confident and proficient swimmer. To realise this, children have swimming lessons for two terms out of three, for the whole of their time at our school.

Hurricane Class pupils are exploring the exciting topic of 'Chain Reactions', with the aid of a new Smart TV in their classroom. Reasoning and problem solving are key skills, not just in Maths. The popular 'TT Rockstars' is used for daily times tables practice and 'Accelerated Reader' (as in other classes) to track reading and comprehension progress. The class enjoys weekly 'strings' music tuition.



Wildfire Class The oldest children have the opportunity of a bi-annual residential trip and are looking forward to water sports activities at Hengistbury Head this summer. As part of the cross-curricular World War 2 topic, the class is planning a visit to the Nothe Fort at Weymouth for an evacuation day experience later this term. The current whole school theme of 'Going for Goals' is particularly fitting for a busy class preparing for musical performances, sporting competitions and KS2 tests.



Music We encourage all pupils to contribute to school music in some way, whether through singing or by playing an instrument and joining the school orchestra. We firmly believe that studying music from an early age helps develop concentration, co-ordination and confidence. It is also fun!

Sport All our class teachers are enthusiastic about sport. In addition to enabling school to school curriculum support for all staff and headteachers, the Huish Community Learning Partnership offers a breadth of enrichment activities for pupils. Through the CLP and our links with local independent schools and sports clubs, pupils from our small school participate (and often excel) in an exciting range of competitions and festivals, including cross-country, football, athletics, netball, dance, gymnastics, racquets, basketball, tag rugby, triathlon, cycling, swimming and hockey.



Citizenship In line with our ethos, children learn to voice their opinions clearly; to listen, consider and respect others' opinions and to be able to plan and take action to improve their community. 'Honesty' is our focus Christian value for this term. Two members of each class are elected to form the School Council. Year 6 Friends have regular responsibilities and the oldest act as buddies to the younger children in school. Each class has its own rewards system for good work and behaviour and achievements are shared in whole school 'Celebration Praise'. Since the 2012 Olympics, our school has awarded the 'Inspire Cup' for which pupils work in teams to gain points for sporting and other achievements throughout the year. Visitors often comment on pupils' politeness and confidence.



In our 2017 survey of parents we asked:

“ What makes Charlton Mackrell School 'Outstanding' for you? ”

“ Its child centred approach;
friendly and welcoming team;
and wide range of activities
open to all children ”



“ The staff - they encourage
everyone and have created a
safe and happy environment
in which to learn ”



“ A lot of effort put in
to theming learning ”

“ The general rural setting
and the 'family' feel ”



“ The kindness
of the pupils ”

“ Treating each and every child
as an individual in a caring
manner ”

“ The enthusiasm for music
and sport and the high
standards achieved ”



“ Very friendly ,
inclusive atmosphere ”



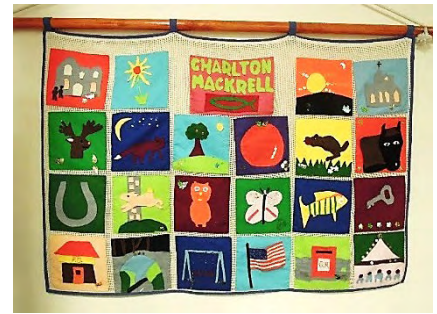
“ Its leadership, the teachers,
and the teaching assistants ... ”



Our pupils think a Headteacher should ...



be happy



have
self-belief

like singing
and music



enjoy sport and
being in a team

be joyful

be funny



be
generous



have
perseverance

be
imaginative



not be too
strict

be
welcoming



work with our
lovely teachers

USEFUL LINKS

We suggest you explore the [school website](#) to find out more about the many activities at our school and what makes it a nurturing and inspiring learning environment.

Newsletters from the school to parents are sent out by Parentmail.



The School's [OFSTED reports](#)

The Pre-school's [OFSTED reports](#)

Our 2016 'Outstanding' [SIAMS report](#)
and [more about our church school distinctiveness](#)

The [Department for Education data](#)
for Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School

The Governors' Newsletter to parents [Summer 2017](#)

The monthly newsletter for the benefice of Somerton, The Charltons and Kingsdon is available on the church website: ['CONTACT'](#)

A newsletter for the village of Kingsdon is available here: ['The Kingsdon Chronicle'](#)

The Charltons have a bi-monthly printed 'Village News' and a [parish website](#)



**The Reception Class
Autumn 2017
in the school garden**