

Longwood

Primary Academy *Aspire Explore Achieve Believe*

Prospectus



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Longwood Primary Academy.

Since opening in January 2015, we have developed a thriving, successful community where children's voices are heard and their interests nurtured. We are proud of our academic results and our achievements. The challenging curriculum we provide for all pupils is unique and, as you will see, something that builds character and resilience - ready for the global community.

Our building, constantly evolving like our learners, provides an exceptional learning environment. Our pupils, taking pride in all they do and displaying excellent behaviour and attitudes to their learning, are a credit to our outstanding and committed staff.

Through our core values, we :

- Champion every child
- Work collaboratively as part of a team
- Act with integrity
- Strive for continuous improvement.

I am proud of the school and the consistent efforts and initiative used to provide the very best opportunities for the children of our school.

Visits to the school are encouraged - our door is always open.

We look forward to meeting you.

James Hollinsley

Head of School

Longwood Primary Academy

Vision

At Longwood Primary Academy we believe that developing the whole person is paramount to them having a happy and fulfilling childhood and future. We aim for our children to be:

- Citizens for tomorrow
- Achieving exceptional performance
- Through distinctive experiences

Our Curriculum

We provide our children with wider cultural experiences. From visiting the theatre to residential trips, our curriculum is full of exciting and enjoyable moments.

Workshops, performances, visitors and whole school events are woven into the learning experience. Because of this, children at Longwood really enjoy their learning.

We also work tirelessly to ensure that your child achieves their very best in all lessons by providing a challenging curriculum. In English and Mathematics, pupils are not only stretched but are well supported with additional sessions or programmes if they are having difficulty. If your child is a wiz with mathematics or a young Shakespeare in their writing, our Lead Practitioners are on hand to plan extensive opportunities for them to really think!

"The best thing about Longwood is that we learn new things and it is always challenging" Year 5 pupil

"I like how my teacher always gets us to be independent when we have a problem" Year 4 pupil

"I love my school—my topics are fun and I learn a lot in all the lessons" Year 2 pupil



Breakfast Club...

...with a difference!

Our Breakfast Club runs every day from 8.00-8.45.

It is FREE for children in Reception to Year 6.

The Breakfast Club provides enrichment experiences every day - this is because the club also includes lessons from our teachers. This is one of the ways your child can benefit from what we provide at Longwood.

If your child takes part from Years 1-6, this would equal nearly ONE WHOLE YEAR of extra learning opportunities!

We provide a constantly changing breakfast curriculum:

Science
Construction
Phonics
Netball
Latin
Fine Art
Writing
Debating
Storytelling
Mathematics
Phonics Fun
African Dance
Multi Sports



We also have staff on hand to make sure that your little ones have the best start to their school day.

The school also has lunch and after school clubs

Creating the best childhood memories...

...to hand to the next generation

50 THINGS at Longwood



We all remember a time when we were young that makes us smile or feel that we accomplished something. At Longwood Primary we believe that every child should have fantastic childhood experiences.

We are about more than just great academic results - we want to give your children experiences to cherish and to help develop into happy, interesting individuals.

We also want you to join us in this, to share these and add them with your own.

Here are just *some* of the amazing experiences we are providing:

- Go stargazing
- Have a story published
- Track wild animals
- Make a home for a wild animal
- Bring up a butterfly
- Go on a nature walk at night
- Go birdwatching
- Cook on a campfire
- Have a speaking part in a play
- Eat a meal in a restaurant
- Spend time at a university

- Hunt for bugs
- Find some frogspawn
- Hold a scary beast
- Paddle in the sea
- Try rock climbing
- Catch a crab
- Find your way with a map and compass
- Play conkers
- Have a penpal
- Go to the theatre
- Talk to professionals

High investment in the Early Years

Making every moment count

We know that those early years when children are young are vital to developing successful individuals. We have invested in developing a creative and vibrant environment in which children will love learning.



Through exciting, memorable experiences our children make more than the expected progress in all areas, ready for Year 1. From cooking marshmallows on a bonfire to meeting the Gruffalo, we know your children will flourish.

We also know that reading is very important. At Longwood we use Read Write Inc. to teach your child phonics. Our phonics results have shown a clear rise in results since opening. We work hand-in-hand with parents and provide you with training and support so that you can help your child at home.



An Award Winning School

Excelling in academic and wellbeing

Longwood Primary has excelled in both academic outcomes and ensuring high quality wellbeing for our children.

IMPROVEMENTS IN OUTCOMES

- Top 10% most improved in Essex (KS2 results 2015)
- Above national average for combined Reading, Writing, Maths in 2016
- *Well above* average progress in KS2 writing (2016)
- Rapid improvement in Early Years Outcomes (2016)

NATIONAL WELLBEING IN SCHOOLS AWARDS

WINNER: Child Champion

HIGHLY COMMENDED: School Community

'The school's approach has had an enormously beneficial impact on pupil behaviour... the school is a happy, thriving community'

PLACE2BE AWARDS

OTHER AWARDS

Healthy Schools 2016

'Excellent and impressive work in aspects of health education'

School Games—Bronze 2016



Our pupil meeting HRH

Duchess of Cambridge

A place...

...where family is everything

At Longwood we know the importance of the whole family in developing happy and well-rounded young people.

Over the year we host a range of days in which parents are invited in to work with their children in workshops and challenge days.

We provide:

Adult and Family Learning Courses such as:

- Learning computer skills
- Big Cook, Little Cook with your children
- Understanding Children
- Ready, Steady Science
- Differences between boys and girls
- Family fun with money
- Green Fingers
- Secondary transfers

We also offer the family extensive support:

Family Support Worker

Sharon is here to support you in accessing courses, support and services. She is a great listener.

Safeguarding Lead

Linda's door is always open. If you need to talk or get further guidance, Linda is always on hand to signpost further support services and give advice.

Place2Be

We can also provide some adult counselling services, depending on need and spaces. We provide 13 weekly places for children and with this have also supported families in times of need.



What do parents say about us?

Parents feel...

99%	<p>My child is well looked after at this school</p> <p>My child is taught well at this school</p> <p>My child makes good progress at this school</p> <p>This school is well led and managed</p> <p>I receive valuable information about my child's progress</p> <p>This school deals effectively with bullying</p> <p>I would you recommend this school to another parent</p> <p>This school responds well to any concerns I raise</p> <p>This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved</p>
98%	<p>My child is happy at this school</p> <p>My child feels safe at this school</p> <p>My child receives appropriate homework for their age</p>

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Parents say...

- *My child loves the school, she gets lots of opportunities to learn in really creative ways.*
- *Excellent school.*
- *My child has an excellent teacher who knows how to teach the children to their full potential.*
- *I have recommended this school on a couple of occasions now and my children have progressed massively since the huge turn around.*
- *I love this school so much!*
- *My child is really enjoying her school life and comes out every day thriving.*
- *The teacher was very helpful and positive.*
- *My child is very happy to come to school and the teachers make the learning fun.*
- *My children's results have improved a lot.*

Specialist teaching

Enabling every child to excel

As part of a group of schools, working with Latton Green and Abbotsweld Primary Academies, we provide our children with first class teaching from specialists in:

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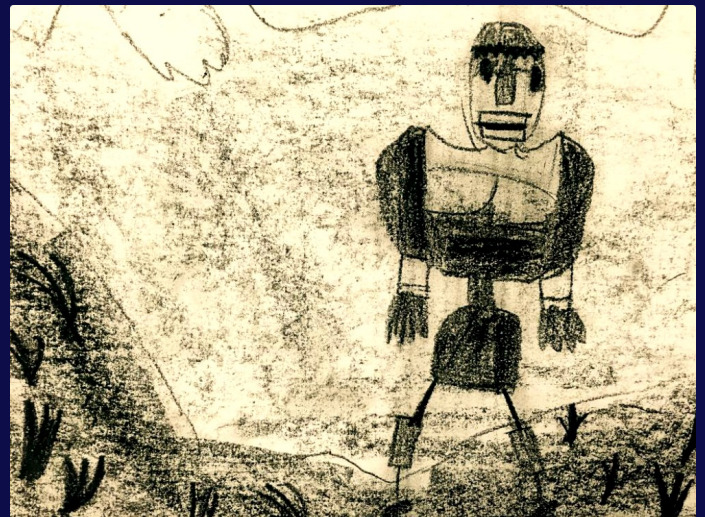
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SPANISH

DRAMA

MUSIC

Below is an example of the artwork that pupils produce in our school:



With specialist teaching we provide children with the very best educational experience possible. We also have highly qualified Lead Practitioners for English and Mathematics so that all children leave Longwood with the best possible experiences and outcomes, ready for secondary school.

About the National Education Trust Academies

The National Education Trust (NET) Academy Trust in Harlow exists to raise standards in education in the belief that every child deserves to have the best education possible. We are committed to giving every child the opportunity to achieve their full potential and celebrate their uniqueness; equipping them with the necessary skills to embrace the fast changing world of the 21st century.

As executive headteacher it is my job to make this possible. I aim to recruit the best teachers and support staff, subject specialists and coaches in order to provide academic excellence combined with a wide range of extracurricular opportunities and strong pastoral support in a high quality setting. We are relentless in our pursuit of excellence and are continually looking for ways to improve our practice.

COMMENTS FROM THE DFE ADVISOR VISIT ON 14TH JUNE 2016:

The school has made great progress since they became sponsored by NET. All schools are securing better outcomes for pupils.

The adviser also praised:

- Successful implementation of the trust's values and vision
- Relentless focus on high expectations
- Carefully crafted layered approach to school improvement
- Quality specialist teaching
- Positive impact of lead practitioner teachers in English and mathematics
- A robust pupil tracking and assessment system
- Consistent practice across the schools
- Staff speak positively about the support they receive from the school and the trust

Jo Coton

Executive Headteacher

To request a place for your child:

Nursery

For a nursery place please contact our school directly.

Primary

School year places are allocated by Essex County Council



<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/>



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