



CHANTRY  
COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Welcome to Chantry Community Primary School



We are a small, coastal primary school that offers exciting and creative learning experiences for all our children. As well as supporting each child to reach their full academic potential, we pride ourselves on creating an environment where children build their

confidence, care for each other and use their creativity in all aspects of school life.

Our children are encouraged to explore, discover and question through a range of exciting learning both within and outside the classroom. We have recently been awarded our second Platinum Artsmark for our exceptional arts provision across the curriculum and we offer a wide range of sports clubs and opportunities.

At Chantry, we work hard to get to know every child and nurture their skills and strengths. Our aim is to inspire confident, independent children whose excitement and curiosity for learning extends into their adult life.

Our dedicated team of staff work hard to provide a calm and stimulating environment where good behaviour and mutual respect is shown by all and where everyone is valued. As well as supporting children in their learning, we are also passionate about supporting their emotional development and wellbeing.

We work in close partnership with both parents, families and the wider community to ensure every child can succeed and leave us confident and equipped for the next stage of their educational journey.

*Becky Reed*

**Mrs Becky Reed**  
**Headteacher**



“Chantry is truly a wonderful, safe and happy environment where children are allowed to be their true and authentic selves.” Ofsted 2023



## Our Aims

### At Chantry we aim to:

- Create a secure and caring environment where children, staff and parents work together.
- Support all children to progress in their learning, fulfilling their potential.
- Enable children to become resourceful, enquiring and independent learners.
- Develop children's confidence and encourage them to respect the ideas, values and feelings of others, building positive relationships.
- Help children to understand they are part of a community, and encourage them to respect the environment in which they live.

## Our Values



### CONFIDENT

- **Aspirational.** We look to the future and aim high
- **Independent.** We think for ourselves, taking responsibility for our own learning
- **Resilient.** We never give up and learn from our mistakes



### CARING

- **Respectful.** We care for and appreciate ourselves, others and the environment
- **Kind.** We are thoughtful towards others and their feelings
- **Honest.** We are truthful to ourselves and others - even when it's difficult



### CREATIVE

- **Passionate.** We look for what lights us up
- **Inspiring.** We are proud to share our ideas and be positive role models
- **Unique.** We are not afraid to be different



“Leaders provide a curriculum that is matched to the needs and interests of the pupils well.” Ofsted 2023



## Our Curriculum

At Chantry our values are at the heart of our curriculum. We aim for the curriculum to be inspiring, practical and relevant to our children, reflecting their experience and our locality.

Children learn best when they are able to take ownership and responsibility over their development and progress. At Chantry we aim to nurture children to become creative, critical thinkers through engaging and practical activities supporting them to become confident, resilient and enthusiastic learners. Opportunities are constantly provided for children to take their learning to a greater depth of understanding.

We recognise that each child is unique and celebrate differences within our school community. We adapt our teaching to empower all of our children to succeed and to promote a sense of self worth and well being.

Our curriculum includes the requirements of the National Curriculum, along with a wide range of additional activities to enrich the experiences of the

children. We work hard to make sure all our children are fluent in reading and maths skills by the time they leave Chantry. We support children to grow into positive, responsible adults, who can work and co-operate with others while developing their own knowledge and skills.

We provide outstanding arts teaching and extra-curricular opportunities, we have an on-going partnership with the De la Warr Pavilion, Hastings Contemporary and Bexhill Museum and all children have the opportunity to be involved in collaborative arts projects. Performance in music, dance and drama is part of our school life and all children take part in performances in school and the community.

Inclusion is at the heart of our school. We treat all children equally and ensure that they learn and progress with their peers. Teaching and support are integrated to help children overcome barriers to learning and access the curriculum.

# The School Day

The school day runs from 8.45am to 3.15pm. Doors open at 8.35am for early maths learning.

All children have a 15 minute morning break and 1 hour lunch break. Key stage 1 children also have a 15 minute break during the afternoon.

All children are required to attend school and any absence other than illness is not authorised.

## Lunchtimes

All school meals are cooked on site and are of a high quality. There is lots of choice with a main meal, vegetarian option along with a choice of jacket potatoes daily and baguettes during the Summer terms.

Lunches are ordered via an electronic payment system called ParentPay. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a free school lunch. Children are also welcome to bring in a healthy packed lunch.

## Breakfast Club

We run a breakfast club from 8am daily. This is an opportunity for children to come and have breakfast and play in a calm, supervised environment before school.

There is a nominal charge for this club.



# Foundation Stage

In Reception, the children follow the Early Years Foundation Curriculum and children work towards Early Learning Goals.

These are divided into seven areas of learning and development:

- Communication and Language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Our foundation stage curriculum is devised to include all these areas and is organised into learning journeys which are designed to match the interests and needs of the children. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's learning through sharing proud moments on Google Classroom.



“Pupils form positive relationships with one another and enjoy the company of their peers at playtimes.”

Ofsted 2023





“Children in the early years learn how to read and develop a love of story.” Ofsted 2023





“Leaders have high expectations for all pupils.” Ofsted 2023

## Key Stage 1

### Phonics

As part of our daily phonics teaching we use Read Write Inc. Children are grouped across Key Stage 1 for phonics to make sure that they progress at their own pace.

### Writing

We want children to be confident, independent writers and so they write everyday from the start of Reception. We teach a continuous cursive script in year one and year two and support children to develop a good pencil grip.

### Reading

We love reading at Chantry and believe it is the most important thing we can help children to develop their skills in.

As parents we expect that you will support your child through daily reading at home and sharing books together.

### Maths

Early maths is underpinned by daily practise of key number facts in class e.g. counting forwards and backwards and number bonds. Our focus in Key Stage 1 is on securing children’s skills in number and place value.





“Pupils develop their reading fluency well and have a genuine love of reading.”

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# Key Stage 2

## Core Subjects

We continue to support children to develop skills and confidence in English, maths and science.

Children continue to read regularly and through our Accelerated Reader scheme take regular online quizzes to test their understanding of the books they have read.

All of our English work is based around quality texts. Through this, children produce imaginative writing and develop their skills in punctuation and grammar.

In maths, we focus on securing efficient mental and written methods in number. We also develop children's reasoning and problem solving skills.



“Reading is like  
having a film in  
your head” Pupil





## Home Learning

All children have home learning tasks to support their learning in school. These usually include daily reading, weekly spellings and a choice of creative projects.

Across the EYFS and Key Stage 1, children are sent home with books that support their developing phonetic skills. In addition to this, children will bring home a book that they have chosen to share with you. As the children move to KS2, they will move onto our accelerated reader programme. This supports the child's developing reading skills and focuses on building comprehension and fluency.

To find out more about how we support reading, please visit our website.

## Responsibilities

In Key Stage 2 we encourage our children to take on extra responsibilities around the school. These include: play leaders, lunchtime helpers, manning the office at lunchtimes or being part of our Sports Crew. All year 6 children are buddies with our new Reception children.



**“Pupils are safe in this school.”** Ofsted 2023



## Extra Curricular Activities

### Clubs

All children at Chantry have the opportunity to participate in after school clubs. These are run by teachers from the school and specialist staff from outside. We offer a wide range of clubs for example: art, drama, carnival, choir, netball, computing, gymnastics, and lacrosse.

### Sporting Opportunities

Children can take part in a wide range of sports while at Chantry and we participate in local and regional competitions.

Recent sporting events include: cross-country, cricket, football, athletics and netball.

### Music

All children at Chantry currently learn the viola in year 3, recorder in year 4 and 5, followed by the keyboard in year 6. Year 2 and 3 children sing in the Hastings Music Festival.

In addition to class based music, children have the opportunity to receive instrumental tuition through Create Music (formally East Sussex Music Service). We currently offer tuition in: violin, drums, keyboard, electric and bass guitar and singing.

### Community Links

All of our reception children spend time at a local care home St Peter's Park where we visit for singing, playing and building relationships with the residents. Chantry also links with several local community groups, galleries and museums.







“Leaders provide pupils with a compelling range of wider opportunities.” Ofsted 2023



# Communication with Parents

## Email and Arbor

Chantry has a paperless system and all letters are emailed out to parents. Parents are also able to log into our Information System to view correspondence and amend their details. We find this helps parents access information as quickly and easily as possible.

## Open learning weeks

Throughout the year, we hold Open Learning Weeks. These give parents an opportunity to spend time with their child's class, experiencing the learning and taking part too!

## Newsletters

Sent fortnightly, newsletters are a great way to catch up on school news and find out about future events.

## Parent Consultations

We hold Parent Consultations twice a year, these give parents an opportunity to talk about their child's progress, achievement, behaviour and personal development.

Parents receive a report sheet that they can discuss with their child. A more detailed written report is sent out in July.

## Class Email

Each class has an email account where parents can communicate directly with the class teacher.

## Chantry Facebook page

The Chantry community has its own Facebook page where teachers can share the learning taking place in their classes.

## PFF

Parents are encouraged to join our active 'Parent, Family and Friends' group who raise money for the school. They hold fundraising events throughout the year.

Recent activities that the PFF have funded are a science show and an African drumming and dance workshop.





# Admissions

East Sussex Children's Services Authority (CSA) makes arrangements for the admission of children to Chantry Community Primary School.

Chantry Community Primary School is a fully inclusive school and we welcome children from all backgrounds and abilities.

Chantry Community Primary School follows the law on the restriction of class sizes for Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two; this allows us a maximum of 30 children in each class.

Chantry will admit a maximum of 30 children to the Reception class each year.

Applications are made directly to East Sussex County Council (ESCC) via the website [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions)

The deadlines for the 2024-2025 academic year admissions round are:

- **Closing date for applications: 15th January 2024.**
- **Allocation decisions sent out: 16th April 2024.**



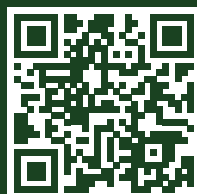
**"It's great to come into school and see learning in action."** Parent



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