

Tarvin Primary
School



Prospectus



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Why choose Tarvin School?

We continually ask ourselves, **‘Does every decision benefit the children?’**

Every single thing we do is to give the best opportunities and education to our pupils.

We pride ourselves on achieving high levels of parental satisfaction because we go above and beyond. Our entire ethos is built around ensuring we give every family the highest levels of care, that every child is stretched and supported to achieve as high as they can, and that we ask ourselves continually what we can do to increase our offer to our children and their families. We believe in developing the whole child – mentally and physically, placing high importance on wellbeing and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

Our school motto is **‘Learn and Grow’**. We want our children to become adults who are kind, confident, ambitious, empathetic and resilient. Our safe and secure culture enables children to try new things and to understand that making mistakes is part of the learning process. It is by embodying these values, that our dedicated and passionate staff are able to provide such an excellent overall provision.

Following us on Twitter and Facebook gives parents a good insight into life at our school.

Twitter: @TarvinPrimary

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We have 3 main aims.

To have:

- happy children who love coming to school and are progressing extremely well in their learning.
- happy parents and guardians who are pleased with the school and their children's levels of learning.
- happy staff who are developing personally and professionally.



Learn and grow

Curriculum

Our outstanding curriculum and happy stimulating environment are backed up by consistency and a continuous focus on achievement for all. Standards of attainment are consistently high. We have been holding annual community exhibitions for the last ten years, which celebrate our children's high quality work across the curriculum.

Learning is inspiring, challenging and fun. Whether in the classroom or outdoors, staff ensure that learning is always tailored to the children's needs. The support we offer all pupils is recognised as a strength of the school.

The way that subjects are cohesively linked provides high levels of engagement of pupils whilst ensuring high standards in English and Maths.

We take our learning outside of the classroom to support understanding. This includes the use of our school grounds, local area and venturing further afield on day trips and residential. We also invite people into school to talk to the children.

We respond to local and national events, giving our children a greater appreciation of the world. Our fundraising efforts have included funding staff accommodation for a school in Uganda.

Parental surveys show incredibly **high parental satisfaction**, particularly around the standards of teaching and of care.

Strengths of the school include languages, sport, humanities, the arts and outdoor learning. Our fully trained forest school teachers work with children across all ages ranges.

The relationship between home and school, along with the use of digital technology, enables a blended approach to learning which creates independence and confidence within the pupils. This was particularly beneficial in 2020 and 2021 lockdowns, with the school providing daily online learning and feedback to pupils, including both video and live lessons delivered by their teachers to all pupils from the very beginning of the national lockdown. Parental feedback has told us that this enabled the children to remain motivated and engaged. Importantly, the school has clear, tried and tested systems in place should we need them again.



Learn and grow



A Wealth of Opportunities

Opportunity is at the heart of what we do. We believe in offering as many varied opportunities as we possibly can to all of our children, enabling them to try new things, and developing their confidence and resilience.

In practice, this means that we:

- Run approximately 15 after school clubs each term, across a range of disciplines and tailored to children's interests. We ensure every child has the opportunity to be involved.
- Offer every child in the school the opportunity to represent the school in sporting competition against other schools. We are involved in up to 80 fixtures and tournaments each academic year.
- Have a thriving system of house competitions which has led to us achieving gold in the School Games Mark two years running.
- Every Child has the opportunity to learn an instrument and all pupils have a year of ukulele lessons.
- Along with a full programme of dramatic and musical performances throughout the year, we enter a wide range of other events of this nature such as public speaking competitions, the Young Voices concerts and AmaSing.
- Residential visits are a big part of our school and we run 7 per year, starting in year 1. This includes a biannual trip to France for our older juniors. Our residential visits complement our commitment to outdoor education and real-life experiences.



Superb Grounds and Facilities

We make the most of our fantastic grounds and location.

Grogan's Walk: Our direct access to Grogan's Walk Woodland enables us to make full use of the village facilities. Each year, one child is presented with the Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award.

On-site Woodland Area: We also have our own woodland area within the school grounds for our forest school. We have two fully trained Forest School teachers.

Playground Facilities: We have a 900m² all weather multi-sport facility, ample playground and playing field space, a kitchen garden, and two purpose built playground areas – one newly installed for 2020.

School Facilities: Our modern building includes an ICT suite, Sensory room and well-equipped, good sized classrooms.

We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have such facilities and space and it certainly adds to what we can offer the children.



Learn and grow

Transitions, Location and Wrap-around Care

Whilst very much part of our local community, children also travel to attend Tarvin School from a range of areas. This includes nearby villages, as well as from surrounding towns such as Chester, Frodsham and Northwich.

We ensure that we have excellent transition in place both on joining the school, and in leaving the school, no matter which nurseries or secondary schools our pupils are joining us from, or going onto attend.

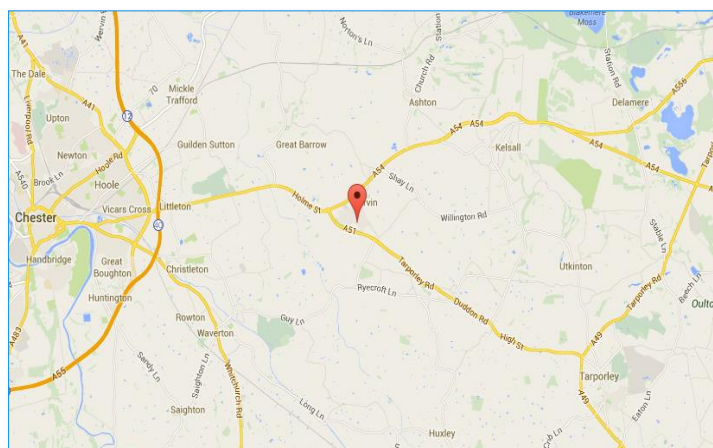
Many of our pupils go on to attend Tarporley High School, with whom we are a Multi Academy Trust. We are one of only two primaries in the local area to be in a trust with the catchment secondary school.

We also have strong connections with Tarvin Pre-School and Day Nursery: a three times Outstanding rated nursery that is part of our site.

The location of the village and superb transport links, mean that the school is easy to reach.

We are fortunate to be able to offer two wrap around care facilities on site: Kidsafe, which runs in the school hall, and is for children aged between 4 and 11, and Tarvin Pre School for children up to the end of Year 2.

Both offer breakfast and tea and open from 7:30am before school until 6pm after school.



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Joining Tarvin School

We encourage all prospective families to see for themselves what Tarvin School can offer their children by arranging to visit us for a tour with one of our senior leaders.

Please contact us to find out more and to arrange a visit.



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