



School Prospectus 2018-19



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Headteacher's message

We would like to welcome you and your family to Long Sutton County Primary School. Our school is a very special place with pupils and their experience of learning at the heart of it. We have worked hard to create an environment where children gain the strongest possible start to their schooling, making use of our magical outdoor area and ICT facilities.



Everything that we do is designed around ensuring that the pupils leave us as the very best that they can be – both academically and as a member of the community. Our children are well-behaved and respectful with an excellent attitude to work; they realise the high expectations set for them and have high expectations of themselves and others. Pupils at Long Sutton love the many additional opportunities that we provide for them. This was recognised in our OFSTED inspection in July 2017, success in different sporting competitions and by the Pride of South Holland Awards in 2018.

We hope that the information set out in this brochure clearly shows what we are striving to achieve for your child in our school. Hopefully, you will be able to find any additional information on our website.

Thank you for finding out about our school and I do hope that you enjoy reading through our brochure. We are trying to provide something special for our children and hope that this excites you so that you will visit us. I look forward to meeting you and your family.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B Lord'.

Mr B Lord
Headteacher



My daughter has grown so much in confidence over the last three years. The school has amazing opportunities for the children. We can't wait to see what the next years bring.

(Year 2 parent)



Our experience of the school is that it is a very supportive place both educationally and emotionally.

(Year 5 parent)



Pupils say they enjoy learning in all subjects of the curriculum as well as the extra-curricular activities that are offered, including the many that focus on sport.

(OFSTED 2016)

The school provides so many extra activities for the children from breakfast club, so many after school clubs and then the special events like the Cave man or the camping.

(Year 6 parent)



School aims and vision

Our **Vision** is:

To continue to strive for the highest academic standards, team work and a strong sense of community spirit. In short, we help our children to be the best that they can be.

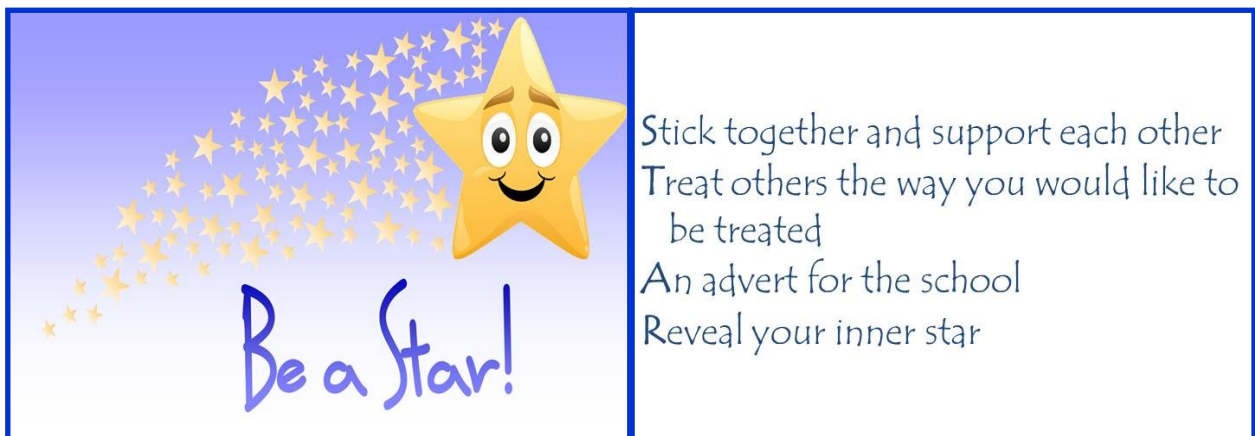
We **Value**:

- A happy atmosphere in which all children can develop confidence, self-discipline and respect for each other and their environment
- Excellence in both learning and teaching

We **Aim** to achieve our vision by:

- ensuring that children are given the highest quality teaching and set the highest of expectations
- expecting our children to demonstrate the highest standards of work, attitudes and behaviour
- celebrating achievement and encouraging children to fulfil their potential
- providing a curriculum which is engaging, broad and balanced and which uses our wonderful grounds and the potential which technology gives us
- working together to develop a whole school community which is part of the local community
- equipping children with confidence, independence and initiative for the future

This is expressed most clearly in the motto, developed with the children, of '**Be a Star**'.



Communication

Communication between home and school is vital to us. We use a range of social media outlets to share information about what we are doing with our parents and families. We send a newsletter out every fortnight and letters are sent out by year groups at the start of each term and to let you know about class visits and events.

Website

We use our website to share information about the school. We keep it updated on a regular basis.

www.longsutton.lincs.sch.uk



Social media

The school has Facebook and Twitter accounts which keep you up to date with school events, news and return times of school visits.



Parent consultations

Parents evenings are held twice a year in November and June which give you an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and to look at books.

We hold **Open Evenings** in October and March which is a chance for parents to look at the work that their child is doing.

Reports are sent out every March outlining how children are performing against national expectations, progress over the last year and the pupil's effort. This is done in the middle of the academic year so that we can work with parents to ensure that pupils achieve their very best.





A curriculum which combines the imparting of knowledge with a wide range of activities.



Long Sutton County Primary School

The school has at present 420 pupils from Reception to Year Six housed in fourteen classrooms and an additional needs group in the main building as well as the morning Nursery which is in its own building but still a full and central part of the school.

The school has a dedicated nursery class for those children whose third birthday falls between 1st September and 31st August of the academic year. It is well staffed with a fully qualified teacher and teaching assistants. It is excellently equipped and situated in its own play area at the front of the school.

Admissions

Applications for places at Long Sutton County Primary School are made in line with Lincolnshire County Council's admissions arrangements.

Parents resident in Lincolnshire can apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/

Applications for places during the academic year are dependent on there being spare places .

Allocation of places is in line with Lincolnshire Council Policy meaning children with an Education, Health and Care Plan will be considered first where the school is named. We will then allocate remaining places in accordance with county policy.

For entry into reception in September, we will allocate places to parents who make an application before we consider any parent who has not made one. The school has a published admission number (PAN) of 60 and we currently hold this as a limit for the number of pupils in a year group.

If there are more applications than places then the oversubscription criteria will be used to decide who should be offered a place. The oversubscription criteria are:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children
2. A brother or sister attending the school at the time of application, or who will be attending the school at the expected time of admission.
3. Nearest School: measured by straight line distance
4. Increasing order of straight line distance



All children are given the opportunity to take part in a performance each year as well as our concerts and performances.



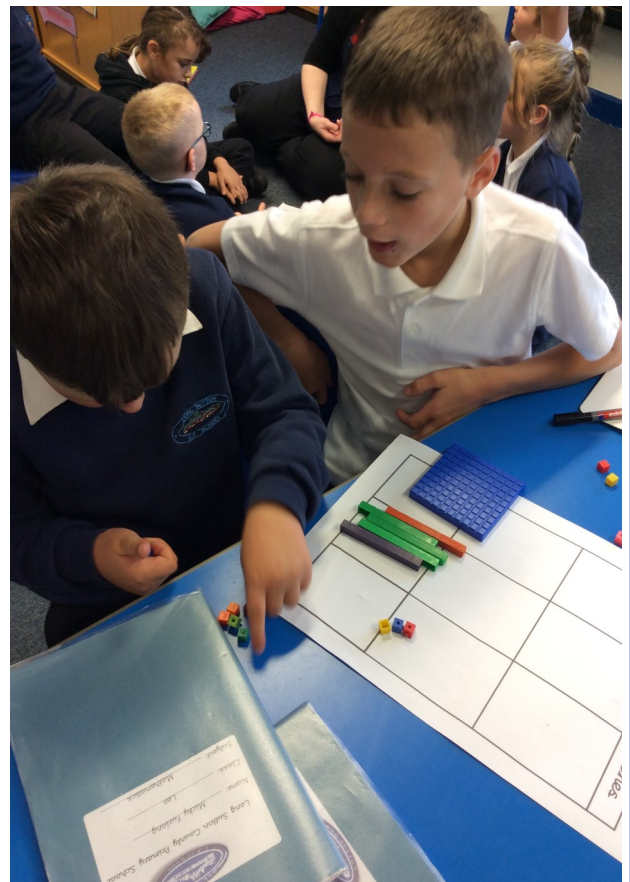
School curriculum

As a Primary School, children are taught a broad and balanced curriculum whilst meeting the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum, religious education and collective worship. This is something of which we are incredibly proud. We offer a curriculum which combines imparting knowledge with experiences which the children will always remember.

The curriculum is taught using a variety of methods and approaches and encourages children as 'thinkers' and to become independent learners. Children are usually taught within their class or year groups. There is an increasing focus on a theme based curriculum where several subjects' areas may be taught together. The use of English, Mathematical and ICT skills in other subjects and everyday life are emphasised. When visiting the school please take the opportunity to look in the children's books to see the high quality of work in all areas of their work.

In order to build a curriculum which fires up our learners we have worked in partnership with a range of local and national organisations to ensure that staff receive the highest quality of training. This has resulted in our staff being accredited to support other schools.

All of this is clear to see in the daily experiences of the children and those 'extra mile' activities which have recently included a visit from a cave man; our camp out where children camped on the school grounds watching the sunrise together and our termly experience days. These have included book weeks, Careers days, Carnival, Random acts of kindness week and performing a play in a week.



School day

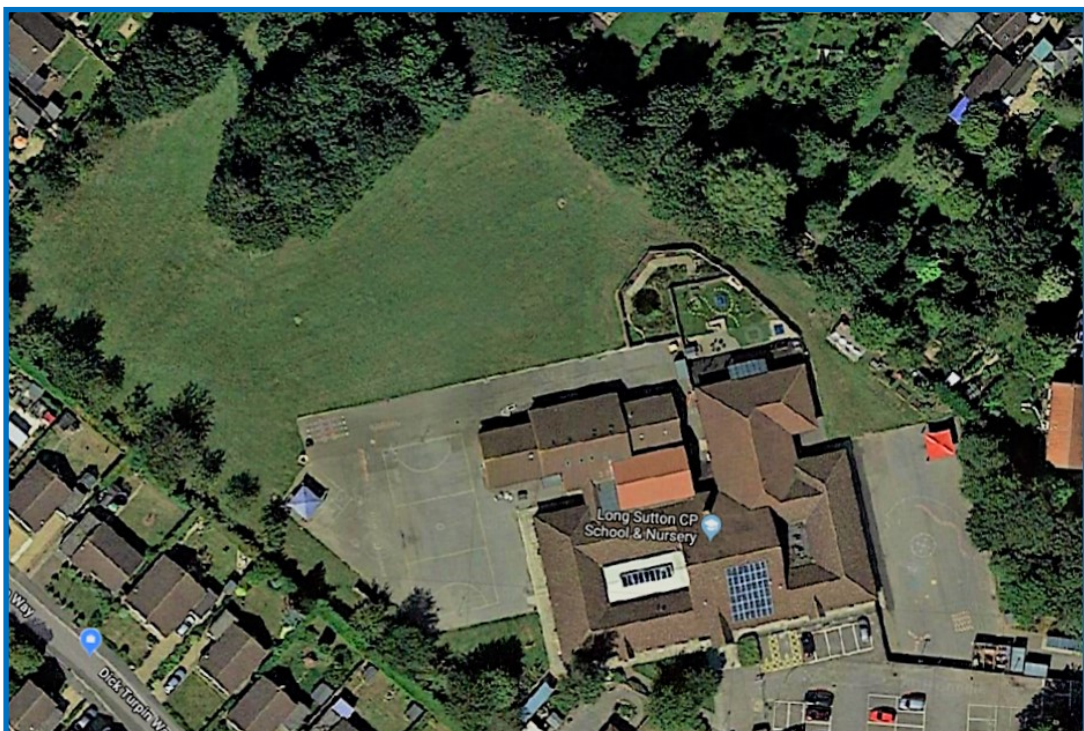
8:50 am	School begins
10:20 – 10:35 am	Morning Break
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch time and start of afternoon school
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Afternoon Break KS1 (<i>Years 1 and 2</i>)
<i>KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) have short afternoon breaks as appropriate to their timetable</i>	
3:20 pm	School Finishes

Nursery

8:45 – 11:45 am	Morning Session
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Lunchtimes

Long Sutton County Primary School is unusual in having its own kitchen with a team of three providing a three weekly menu which is incredibly popular with the children. Pupils in the Reception and Key Stage One classes receive a free school meal whilst meals costs £2.30 in Key Stage 2. We are happy for children to bring a packed lunch but do ask that this is a healthy lunch avoiding flavoured or fizzy drinks and sweets.



School uniform

It is very pleasing to see so many of the children in school uniform. It does give them all a sense of identity and pride in their school. It also marks them out as Long Sutton Primary School children when they are out of school. As the only school in town, we do expect them to represent us as an advert and to do this with pride. Wearing a uniform contributes to this.

The uniform guideline is:

- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts
- Grey trousers, long or short
- A dark blue school sweat shirt, navy jumper or cardigan
- White shirts, polo shirts or blouses
- Navy gingham dresses for the summer
- Sensible dark shoes (black or dark blue)



Sweat shirts, polo shirts and T shirts with the school logo may all be purchased via the uniform link on the school website. There is also limited stock available in school. Please do check sizes using the sizing set in the school before placing any orders online.

Children need a P.E. kit (navy blue shorts and plain white T shirt) trainers and a P.E. bag. **All** items of clothing should be properly named. As most children wear school uniform, the need to label clothing becomes increasingly important.

In order to protect clothing during art and other practical activities, we advise that your child has an apron, smock or oversized shirt. Apart from keeping clean, it will ensure they enjoy the activity to the full without worrying about getting in a mess!





High quality teaching is supported by the use of external coaches, teachers and events such as Tag Rugby, the Cave Man experiences. Children are given access to our wonderful and extensive grounds.



Friends of Long Sutton Association

The school has a "Friends of Long Sutton Primary School" Association. A committee is elected each year by the parents. Friends are always keen to encourage parents to become involved with their activities and will always welcome offers of help whether it be to help run an event or to support with setting up. The events are always lots of fun whether it be the termly discos, the Christmas and Summer Fayres or others.

They raise around £10,000 every year for the children of the school and this is spent on something which the school could not normally afford. Each year, they pay for all of the children to go to a panto at a local theatre. In recent years, they have paid for books for new children in Reception, funding towards four dipping ponds in the school grounds and a set of Blackberry Playbook tablets. This is a tiny amount of the huge support they give us. If you would like to help in any way please contact a member of the committee or Headteacher.

Parents and school

It is absolutely vital to have mutual understanding and co-operation between home and school. We hope you will wish to be involved fully in the life of the school. Things work best for our children when we work with home. We do understand that, for some people, returning to school as a parent can be worrying or even intimidating but please do remember that we want you to feel comfortable coming in to see us.

Volunteering

We are grateful to all parents who help us in school in many ways and if you have time to spare and think you might like to help then please speak to your child's teacher or the school office. This could be hearing readers on a regular basis, helping in art lessons, supporting sports clubs or coming in for special events. We could not provide the wonderful experiences to our children without your support. Any adults who come in to help on a regular basis are asked to complete a DBS Disclosure Form.

Extra curricular activities

We place emphasis on the importance of extra curricular activities either at lunchtimes or after school. These activities vary but include

- Football
- Code club
- Film club
- Netball
- Knitting
- Art
- Dance
- Gardening
- Choir
- Recorders
- Construction
- Maths club

Most of these rely on school staff volunteering their time to run them, whilst some activities are 'bought in' from outside providers i.e. gymnastics and multi skills and are therefore charged for. These do change from term to term.

The school presents regular productions, plays and concerts both inside and outside school.

Music tuition

We have a very strong musical tradition within our school. Our choir and instrumentalists perform regularly both in school and in the Long Sutton Community including the annual flower festival concert in St Mary's Church. There are a number of instruments available to be taught by peripatetic teachers – these include violin, cello, clarinet, drums, guitar, saxophone, flute, trombone and trumpet. A termly charge is incurred for all these music lessons.





Please come and visit us!

