



## **Report for Adderbury Parish Council**

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The school currently has 272 children on roll. This includes 27 children in our Nursery.

As you may be aware our admission number is 45 to each year group, and this change was introduced about 7 years ago in response to housing stock being built in the village.

Unfortunately, the school has not met this admission number of 45 for 4 years now, instead admission numbers to our Reception class sit around 33 children each year. This has a significant financial impact for the school, as full classes are more financially viable.

Around 40% of children over those 4 years are from outside of our catchment area.

In November we consulted to reduce our PAN to 30 from September 2025 and this has now been agreed in consultation with the Local Authority.

Some of the factors that supported our application were that:

- Population has not grown as anticipated since the PAN was increased at CRS in 2017.
- The increase to PAN was a strategic expansion due to a need for additional school places due to house building and the need for pupil spaces in both Deddington and Adderbury.
- Housing stocks have not been built as expected, there has been less development than predicted.
- Birth rate has also decreased over time.

As a school we think this is a positive move forward, it enables us to work in a more financially balanced way. As a school our money can go further.

We have 31 Reception aged children offered places for September 2024.

**Highlights of the year:**

- Curriculum review – to ensure that we offer an education that best meets the needs of our children. We place importance on the broader curriculum experiences and opportunities we offer that build on learning beyond the classroom – educational visits and experiences, sporting events and local community projects.
- Consultation on our values and vision – well received by parents and children. Enabled us to build positive relationships, respond to feedback and identify what are priorities and important for our families.
- Parental engagement and feedback has been positive. Anecdotal comments and feedback from parents about staff working together as a team, and being approachable and the positive knock on this has for their children.

In March we had a visit from SIAMS – received a Judgement 1 which means that the inspection findings indicate that the school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

The work of the staff team has been reflected positively in the report “pupils are treated as individuals and actively encouraged to ‘stand firm’. They are part of a community in which they feel loved and secure.”

Our work developing our values as part of day-to-day life in school was also well recognised in the report, and we are proud of this, the report says “clear links are made between the values and pupils’ daily lives. The use of consistent, shared language means that pupils understand what constitutes acceptable behaviour. They use this language themselves to resolve any conflicts.”

We are expecting an OFSTED inspection by the end of this academic year, and feel positive about the outcome of that.

The PTA have continued to work really hard on behalf of the pupils at the school fundraising, and we have recently purchased some new playground climbing equipment which the PTA have contributed £9,000 towards. We are still looking for a further £4,000 investment in this.

FEEOFFEEs have been a great support to the school, helping us recently with the purchase of new IT equipment for the school, and further books to

complement our phonics scheme of work. We are really grateful for this additional funding and support for school projects.

The Governing Body are working really hard on behalf of the school, meetings are well attended and Governors take part in regular monitoring of learning, Safeguarding and our values in school.

Thank you again for all of the support from the local community, it really is a team effort and it is lovely to see so many attend school events such as the Harvest Tea. Thank you.

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Headteacher