



Orchard Grove Primary School

Opening September 2023



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Welcome

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Beginning school is always such an exciting time for children – an opportunity to discover new relationships and make friends; to explore new environments and find out more about themselves; to develop new passions, enhance skill sets and further deepen knowledge. As part of The Castle Partnership Trust, we pride ourselves on the inclusiveness and friendliness of our schools and the close relationships between staff, children, parents and carers within our learning community. It is very much a family ethos that we foster and we believe that our schools should be an extension of that family, warm and welcoming, with the child firmly at the centre of everything we do.

The Trust’s ambition is that every child achieves his or her full potential, to feel that they belong and to participate in learning, enrichment and to be part of their community, whether that be local, national or even global.

We are deeply committed to Taunton as a community and the collaborative relationships we have with other organisations, schools and agencies enable us to offer your child the very best education possible.

At Orchard Grove, we will develop our children’s thirst for learning through encouraging them to experiment, explore and play. We want this enthusiasm and energy to last throughout their school life, and for them to discover interests and passions that will enrich their whole lives. To do this, we have a curriculum that is broad, balanced, ambitious and experiential, with a particular emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (known as STEM subjects) as well as English, Humanities and the Creative Arts.

We also want our children to lead healthy lifestyles and to make good choices for themselves so we offer a wide range of physical activities and experiences for all children.

Our expectation and ambition for every child is that they leave Orchard Grove with a rich experience of learning, with good physical health, with a strong mind and with the resilience to keep on trying and thinking for themselves so that they live a happy and successful life. Lifelong learning is something we will prioritise and develop throughout our Orchard Grove learning community.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our new school.

Mr Richard Healey
Primary Executive Headteacher of The Castle Partnership Trust





‘Carefully selected knowledge and skills which are brought to life in a meaningful way and are exciting for all children.’

Our approach

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‘Every child belongs to a happy community where children are physically and emotionally safe.’

Every child is valued and important

Our aims are simple. We want every child at Orchard Grove to achieve their true potential, feel a deep sense of belonging within our learning community and to participate in and enjoy a range of learning opportunities so they develop core knowledge and skills whilst blossoming into lifelong learners. We achieve this by delivering high quality teaching and learning through our bespoke curriculum that is committed to our locality and tailored for each individual child.

We provide a safe and nurturing environment where children thrive because they are provided the opportunities to try new activities within our curriculum which is deliberately ambitious and strongly linked to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), giving children the cultural capital to be successful in their learning as well as in their future lives.

We also encourage personal and social development to encourage children to have high self-esteem and resilience, increasing confidence, a growing sense of independence and an awareness of self-discipline. The Orchard Grove pastoral system, inclusive of houses, will provide a strong family-oriented support for children and families and will be a key feature of Orchard Grove.

The Houses reflect the commitment of the School and Trust to a carbon-neutral school, and its curriculum to furthering the understanding of Science, the environment and how human activity can impact upon the world around us.

The Houses

Attenborough. David Attenborough has brought the natural world into our homes and made us understand the delicate balance of nature. His impact in teaching us about nature, wildlife and the environment is incalculable.

Jackson. In 1958, Mary Jackson became NASA’s first black female engineer and was part of the NASA Langley Research Centre as an Aeronautical Engineer for 34 years. She grew up in Hampton, Virginia and taught in Maryland prior to joining NASA. Her career is an inspiring story of resilience and determination. For Jackson, a love of science and a commitment to improving the lives of the people around her were one and the same.

Faraday: Michael Faraday was an English scientist who contributed to the study of electromagnetism and electrochemistry. His main discoveries include the principles underlying electromagnetic induction, diamagnetism and electrolysis. Born in 1791, he is one of the great pioneers of Science.

Herschel. Caroline Herschel was born in Hanover in 1750. Between 1786 and 1797, she discovered eight comets and fourteen nebulae. She began a catalogue of star clusters and nebulae patches. Her brother, William Herschel and Caroline were significant figures in Astronomy.

Our School

‘Children at Orchard Grove will be safe, happy and have positive self-esteem.’

Orchard Grove will open in September 2023 to Reception children with Nursery age children joining as soon as the new building opens. The school will grow each year, filling its 420 places over the next six years.

The school building has been carefully and rigorously planned and designed to provide the best learning environment for its pupils. It is a two storey building with the Key Stage 1 and Early Years Foundation Stage (inclusive of the Nursery) classes positioned downstairs, alongside the high specification hall, studio/activity room, kitchen and office areas. Upstairs is home to Key Stage 2 classes, a library, a specialist practical classroom and small group rooms. There are plenty of outdoor spaces and areas for continuous play, with dedicated Key Stage 1 and Early Years outside areas. The whole site is access friendly with lifts between floors and ramps within the grounds. It is a wonderful space, well-resourced for all children to flourish.

Outside, the school has a number of areas for play, PE and exploring. These include a hard court and playground, a vast playing field and an outdoor teaching area and wildflower meadows, complemented by habitat planting. All inclusions have been specifically developed with our vision and our curriculum in mind and being able to offer the best learning opportunities and experiences for our children.

Orchard Grove will centre itself firmly in the heart of the local community, ensuring children have a clear sense of what makes a good citizen and a good neighbour. Children will have a strong sense of themselves in a local, national and global context so that they understand the responsibility they have to others, in the present and in the future.

The Castle Partnership Trust

Orchard Grove is part of The Castle Partnership Trust which includes The Castle School in Taunton, Court Fields, Wellesley Park and Isambard Kingdom Brunel in Wellington.

With a strong record of achievement and success already in the Trust, and a priority place at year 7 into The Castle School, Orchard Grove is well supported by a committed and experienced team. This will be led by Richard Healey who opened IKB school in Wellington in September 2020 and has led this so successfully that it is now hugely oversubscribed due to its outstanding provision. A close working relationship in the Trust, and with all other local primary schools, helps us to share best teaching practice, ensuring your child is taught using the most current and effective methods.

The Trust provides for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) requirements as well as Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and ensures that any child who may be struggling with mainstream school is still part of our community and feels that they belong. Inclusivity for all children is a commitment that Orchard Grove will make to all of its children and their families.



‘Children learn through play in an exciting and safe environment.’



‘Our ambition is for every child to love reading, to thrive and to enjoy learning.’

The Curriculum

‘Providing children with a rich range of experiences is so important to help them understand.’

Our children learn both formally and informally, inside and outside the classroom. We provide children an education that is intrinsically worthwhile to prepare them for life beyond school and to lay the foundations for lifelong learning.

English, Literacy and Maths are the foundation of every child’s education and start the building blocks of all future learning.

By sharing books, with and without words, as a class and individually, we hope to instil a lifelong love of books and enjoyment of reading in all our children.

Playing with shapes, measuring water, weighing ingredients, we aim to show children the relevance of maths in real life situations.

These skills are enhanced in further core subjects such as Science, Languages, Design Technology, Computing, Health & Wellbeing and PE.

Running alongside our curriculum and to strengthen our school values of achieving, belonging and participating are our Orchard Grove Attributes. These are a set of attributes with aspiration embedded within them which are shared and demonstrated by all staff, children and our wider school community:

- We are positive – in our relationships with others and values that we share
- We are engaged – in our classroom learning and in wider school activities
- We are responsible – for the way we conduct ourselves in school and among the community
- We are respectful – to everyone we meet and to the property and resources that we share
- We are resilient – when things might not go the way we want and come back stronger
- We rise to challenges – to learn more about ourselves and to strive for further achievement

Children are encouraged to develop as rapidly as is right for them and all children will be challenged appropriately through the curriculum in ways that meet their needs and are bespoke to them individually. There are some children who will need a little extra time on certain subjects and skills and teachers and teaching assistants provide the necessary support so that every child achieves their best.

It is really important for children to read with their families at home, whether that is with parents, carers, siblings or grandparents. Reading really is the bedrock of all learning and the more a child reads, the more confident they will become in their learning.

Orchard Grove Nursery

The Nursery will have purpose-built rooms and outdoor space accommodated within Orchard Grove. It has been designed to create a stimulating, nurturing and safe environment where young children can play, make friends and grow in confidence. Nursery is a child's first experience of school life and we want them to look forward to coming to Orchard Grove Nursery.

Play will form a large part of the day and through this the children will learn about themselves, each other and the world around them. Through well planned and structured activities, children will learn how to be creative and independent but also how to share and co-operate with each other. Children will be encouraged to take part in adult led activities both in small groups and with the whole group so they develop team work and social skills.

Reading and writing will also be encouraged, step by step and at a pace that is right for each child. Orchard Grove nursery will have comfortable corners for reading where children can find books that encourage their imagination and where adults and older children can read with and to them. Early maths is also explored with counting and number games, shape sorting, patterns and playing with water and sand.

At Orchard Grove Nursery, special attention will be paid to emotional wellbeing so that children learn about feelings and emotions through stories, circle time, 'golden rules' (for example, kind hands, kind feet, kind words) and through role play areas and imaginative play. Key workers will be allocated to each child and they will be responsible for ensuring the child is feeling happy and safe. They are a family's direct link to the nursery and where families can receive feedback about their child's day, what they have been doing and what they have eaten. Key workers also use their observations of the children to identify play activities that encourage children to learn and regularly share this information with parents/ carers.

Orchard Grove Nursery is the start of your child's journey in education and will provide a strong foundation for future learning and progress. Your child will leave Orchard Grove nursery with the skills required for a positive and confident transition in to Orchard Grove primary school.

Safeguarding

Orchard Grove is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and expects all staff to share this commitment. We work closely with other agencies such as social services and health professionals to ensure this. Parents/carers and families are encouraged to come and talk to the headteacher about any concerns that they may have. At Orchard Grove, safeguarding is the responsibility of all staff members, who are trained specially in best safeguarding practice. Alongside this we do also have a safeguarding team who ensure that the safeguarding of all children remains the priority focus of the school.

Wrap around care

At Orchard Grove we will offer before and after school care for our community and offer a variety of different options subject to parent/ carer uptake. We will offer both a breakfast club and an after school club which will include a meal or snack and activities.

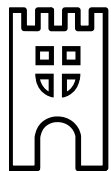
Extra-curricular activity

To enrich our curriculum and offer all children further chances to develop and hone the skills they are learning we will offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs at lunch time and after school – look out for sports clubs, music club, dance, gymnastics and much more.

If you have any questions regarding Orchard Grove, your child's enrolment or any other matter, please email: office@castle.somerset.sch.uk.



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