

# School Prospectus





# Welcome



This prospectus should give you a good idea of what our school is like. More information can be found on our school website, such as current staffing, holidays, school policies etc. You can also access what is currently happening in school through our school Facebook page. We hope that this tells you all you need to know. If not, please just call and ask. We are proud of our school and all of try to be 'the best we can be'. as part of a Christian, caring community. But don't simply take our word for it. Come and see for yourself. We would be delighted to show you around.

# Letter from our Chair of Governors

---



Dear Parents,

Thank you for enquiring about All Saints' First School.

I have been involved with the school since my eldest daughter started in 1989, and have been a governor since 1994. All three of my children attended and enjoyed their time at the school that set them up on their journey through middle school, high school and university.

I have seen the school grow over the years to become the fantastic school it is now. I have seen the teachers start as NQT's and progress to be senior leaders within the school, ensuring continuity of quality teaching within the school.

From the moment you walk into the school, the atmosphere is warm and friendly and the children are bright and inquisitive. All Saints' First School certainly has high academic standards but these are not at the expense of other, less easily measurable qualities such as happiness, security and well-being.



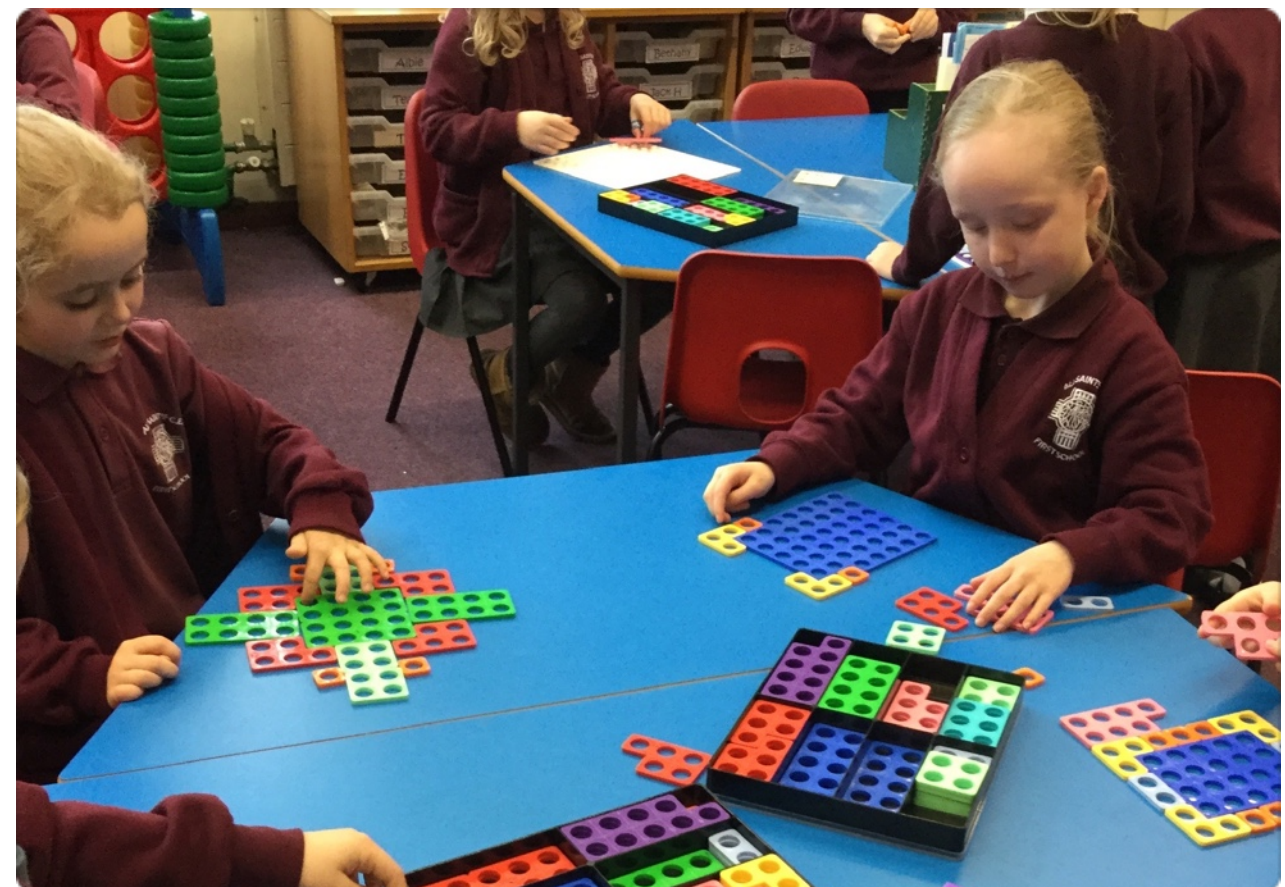
From the daily assemblies to the extra-curricular activities, from the talented and approachable teaching and support team to the strong and effective PTFA (and not forgetting the governors), All Saints' is very much a community working towards the same goals - producing happy and contented children, each fulfilling their potential, being the best they can be and ready to move on and progress through the rest of their education.

The Christian ethos on which All Saints' is based underpins our vision and values, and the school maintains close links with All Saints' Church and the wider church community.

I am sure that if you choose All Saints' your children will enjoy their time at our school.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Hoptroff





# Our School

Our school is based on the outskirts of Leek near Birchall playing fields. We are lucky to have fantastic grounds and access to Ballington Woods behind the schools.

We have over 240 children on roll, from Nursery to Year 4, and an experienced and well qualified staff.

Our Nursery admits children from the term after their third birthday. We are able to offer universal Nursery places during the morning, and additional hours places during the afternoon for eligible parents. Parents who are not eligible for 30 hours free provision may also pay to extend their child's provision up to 30 hours.

Most of the children who attend our school move on to both the local Leek middle schools as well as local primary schools. As an academy, our school is part of The Talentum Learning Trust (TTLT), a local multi-academy trust working together to achieve the best outcomes for the children of Leek. We work closely with the other local schools within our trust, and with the other Leek and Moorlands Schools as members of the Leek Education Partnership.





# Indoor Learning

---



Our classrooms are spacious and allow children to learn in a variety of ways. We have a dedicated Computer suite, which is used by children throughout our school. Other multi-media facilities include interactive white boards or ActivPanels in each classroom and a lighting and sound and video system in our School Hall which also acts as a computer and DVD projector.

We have our own school kitchen, which cooks hot meals on site every day.

All children have access to class sets of iPads, which they love to use creatively across the curriculum. We are lucky to have a hall which has super facilities for drama, a Community Room and a purpose built Nursery for our younger children.



# Outdoor Learning

We have lots of space around our school. The younger and older children have their own playgrounds, which are well equipped with outdoor play equipment. We have big playing fields, a sensory garden and three outside classrooms, which are used as learning and social spaces. In addition to our sensory garden we have a horticultural garden, where we grow everything from flowers to vegetables.

Our early years have indoor/outdoor learning facilities through the addition of all weather decks attached to their classrooms. Our older children have a fantastic outdoor learning and play space, with climbing walls, leaning and play pods, outdoor exercise equipment, and even a quiet spiritual pod where children can spend time peacefully.





# Our School Vision

All Saints' C of E First School has a loving, family atmosphere where everyone is inspired to be the best they can be in order to flourish as children of God. We aim to nurture all those who learn and work in our school, and instill Christian values that will be carried with them through life's journey and inspire them to make a positive difference to the community.

*"God has given each of you a gift. Use it to help each other." Peter 4:10*





# Our Mission





Our school will:

- Put the children at the heart of everything we do.
- Safeguard and promote the well-being of both children and adults so that all know that they will be cared for.
- Celebrate diversity, recognise individual needs and provide fair opportunities for all.
- Ensure that everyone is given the opportunity to flourish and develop confidence and independence, to enable them to be the best they can be and achieve their God given potential.
- Encourage everyone to take responsibility for their own actions and develop the ability to persevere.
- Provide a Christian, caring community for all, where there are respectful relationships based on friendship, compassion, kindness, honesty and forgiveness, so that everyone lives well together.
- Ensure RE and Worship is central to the life of the school, to encourage the spiritual development of all children and adults.
- Deliver a well-taught, creative, broad and balanced curriculum, which inspires the children to see God's world as a place of wonder, and develops a love of learning.
- Work collaboratively with parents, learners, members of the community, the church, educational partners and other professionals to ensure all children receive the very best start to their learning journey.





# Our Values



Everything we do within school, the way we treat each other and the way we expect to be treated is based around our core school values. If you choose to send your child to our school, your child will experience a learning and social environment which embeds our values at every level.





# Responsibility

---

Responsibility is something everyone needs to learn. By helping our children develop responsibility we are helping them to reach their full potential.

Responsibility is involved making the right choices, being trusted, and learning to take the credit for one's actions - whether good or bad.

Everyone who works and learns within school aims to behave responsibly towards one another. At All Saints', to help children develop a sense of responsibility we first aim to be good role models.

Supporting children in understanding the consequences of their actions, talking through problems, and learning from mistakes helps children to act responsibly in the future.





# Respect

---

All of us try our best to be respectful.

Respect is thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself and others.

That means treating others as we want to be treated and showing other people you respect them by acting in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.

Showing respect for others includes things like not calling people names and treating people with courtesy. Showing respect for yourself means, for example, behaving in a way that keeps you safe.





# Perseverance

---



The ability to persevere is a really important character trait for children to acquire, to enable them to live a life they can enjoy and can be proud of. Life is full of challenges and struggles.

Perseverance is the drive that helps us all to get past the hard stuff to get where you want to be. Developing perseverance in children means that we support them to wait and work through difficulties, whether they have to do with learning or emotions.



# Confidence

---



Developing confidence is key to becoming a successful learner.

Our children develop an understanding of learning as a journey.

Confidence to give new things a go is vital to developing children as effective learners. We encourage our children and our whole community to develop the confidence to try out new things, and take risks with their learning.



# Kindness

---

Kindness brings people together. Doing good for others feels good. Showing kindness towards others is just as rewarding as receiving it from others. Kindness improves our quality of life, and our experiences within school and within the wider world.

At All Saints' it is important that kindness is a value that is demonstrated by all who learn and work within our community. The 'Golden Rule', treat others the way you want to be treated', is so simple, yet incredibly relevant. Showing kindness within our learning is also incredibly valuable, whether it be supporting learning partners, working with younger children, helping others or working as part of a team. Learning to empathise reduces instances of unkind behaviour and improves social relationships.





# Love of Learning

---

Love of learning describes the way in which we engage with new information and skills. Love of learning is a strength that we try to encourage in all who learn and work in our school. It is an important motivator and it helps children to achieve their full potential.

At All Saints' we have designed our curriculum to inspire a love of learning. We love learning in different ways, whether it's learning outdoors, creating movies, learning through active play or visiting places to learn through first hand experiences. We also invite parents in to share our love of learning





# Independence

---

Independence allows children to feel that they have some control over their own life and gives them a sense of self-esteem, both of which are important for developing a positive attitude towards school life. We want our children to develop as independent learners, able to continue their learning journey as they move on from our school.

Our children develop their ability to understand their successes and value their achievements, but also develop their ability to identify their own next steps in learning with increasing independence. We also encourage children to develop their own personal independence by having an infrastructure and routines which support children's independence whilst being appropriate to their age.





# Creativity

---

Creativity is not limited to a single subject or idea. Creativity is thinking in an original, imaginative, expressive way, and is encouraged and nurtured across all areas of the curriculum and school life. Developing different ways to solve problems, find solutions and create new ways of looking at things. It's an essential skill in the modern world.





# Teaching and Learning

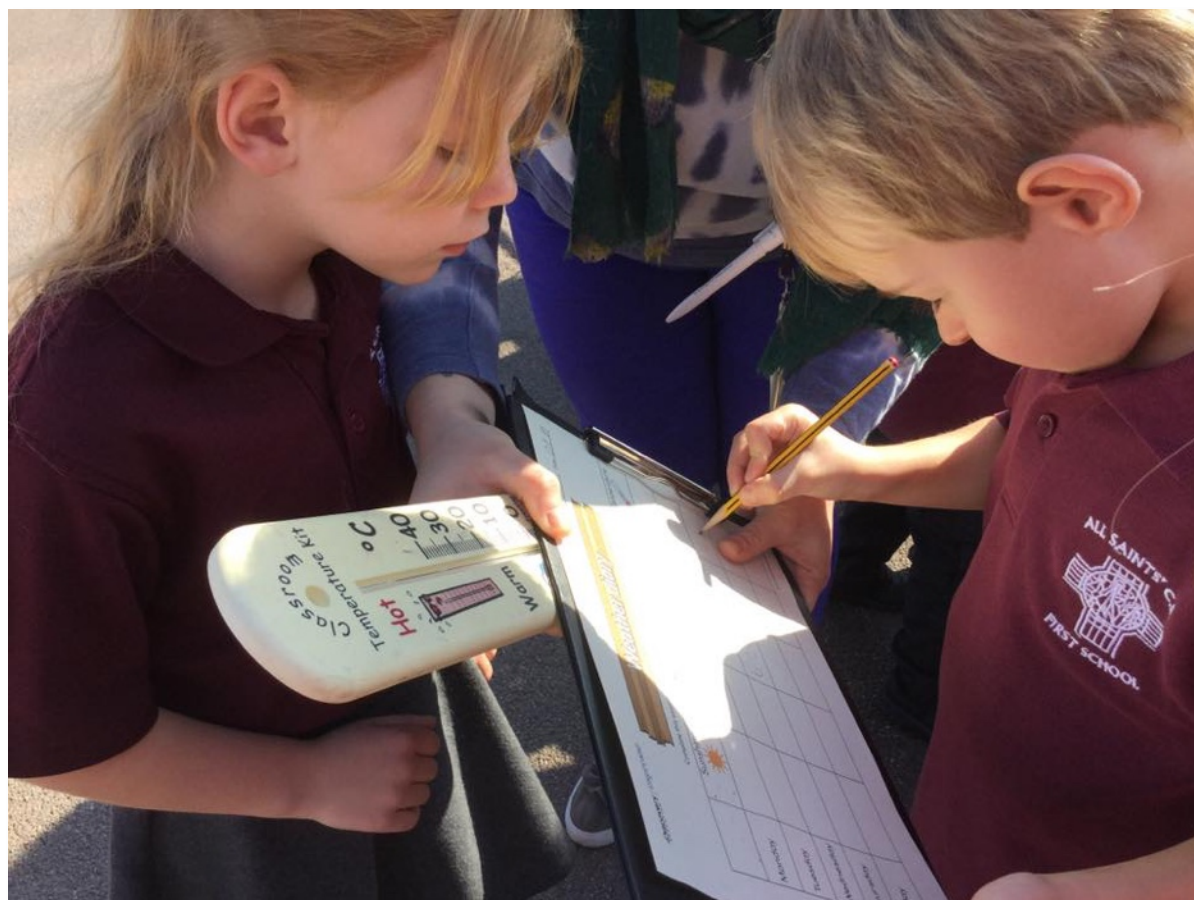
We put our children at the centre of their own learning and place great emphasis on nurturing skills and encouraging our school values.

We believe in making learning inspiring so that our children love learning. Our curriculum has been developed to engage children by being relevant to their experiences and understanding, and develops children's skills by making links between subjects and giving children the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge in a wide range of contexts. complements not replaces our core skills and creative aspects of learning.





We love learning in many different ways. The children are taught inside and outside the classroom. Learning outside is active and fun, and is just as effective as learning inside, if not more so. We love learning using technology; computers, iPads, talking tins, programmable toys, activpanels etc., although this always complements not replaces our core skills and creative aspects of learning.



Learning in the woods.



# The Curriculum

Our curriculum has been designed to be skills based, enabling children to develop the skills they need to be effective, enthusiastic learners in the 21st century.





Our curriculum is based on a two year rolling program, which enables all children to access a broad range of activities and topics. Our philosophy is simple. We know our children. If we know what interests and enthuses our children, and we know where they are within their learning and what skills they have grasped, then we know what their next steps are. Lessons are planned around these next steps, and we differentiate learning to match the needs of the children within our classes.

Our talented teaching staff are supported by qualified and experienced teaching support staff who, along with the teachers, support children within classrooms, and also help to deliver planned and targeted intervention programs to children who would benefit from additional support in specific areas of the curriculum.





# Community

Our school is part of a wider community, which we value very much. We are a family. We care for each other and believe that together we can be the best we can be.







*Remembrance Sunday*

Our school is part of a wider community, which we value very much. We are a family. We care for each other and believe that together we can be the best we can be. Parents and carers are welcome in school. We have SHINE Days or school trips every year, where all parents and carers can come in and learn with the children.

We have a fantastic PTFA, which help us not only to provide extra enrichment opportunities for our children, but also arrange fantastic events to bring our community together. Parents or friends of the school are very welcome to join our PTFA. We would value your support and input.

Our church is very much part of our school community, and our school is very much part of All Saints' Church. The church community support us every week, through assemblies and clubs. Our vicar is part of school and we take part in church events such as Christingle, Leek Club Day, Easter and Harvest Services etc.



# Kids Club

All Saints' Kids Club was set up as a non-profit making service for working parents. It provides extended school services before and after school, and holiday childcare provision, in our purpose built community building.







Kids Club is open from 7.30am to 9am, and 3.30pm until 6pm during term time. In addition, the club provides a holiday club provision during the school holidays, open from 7.30am until 6pm.

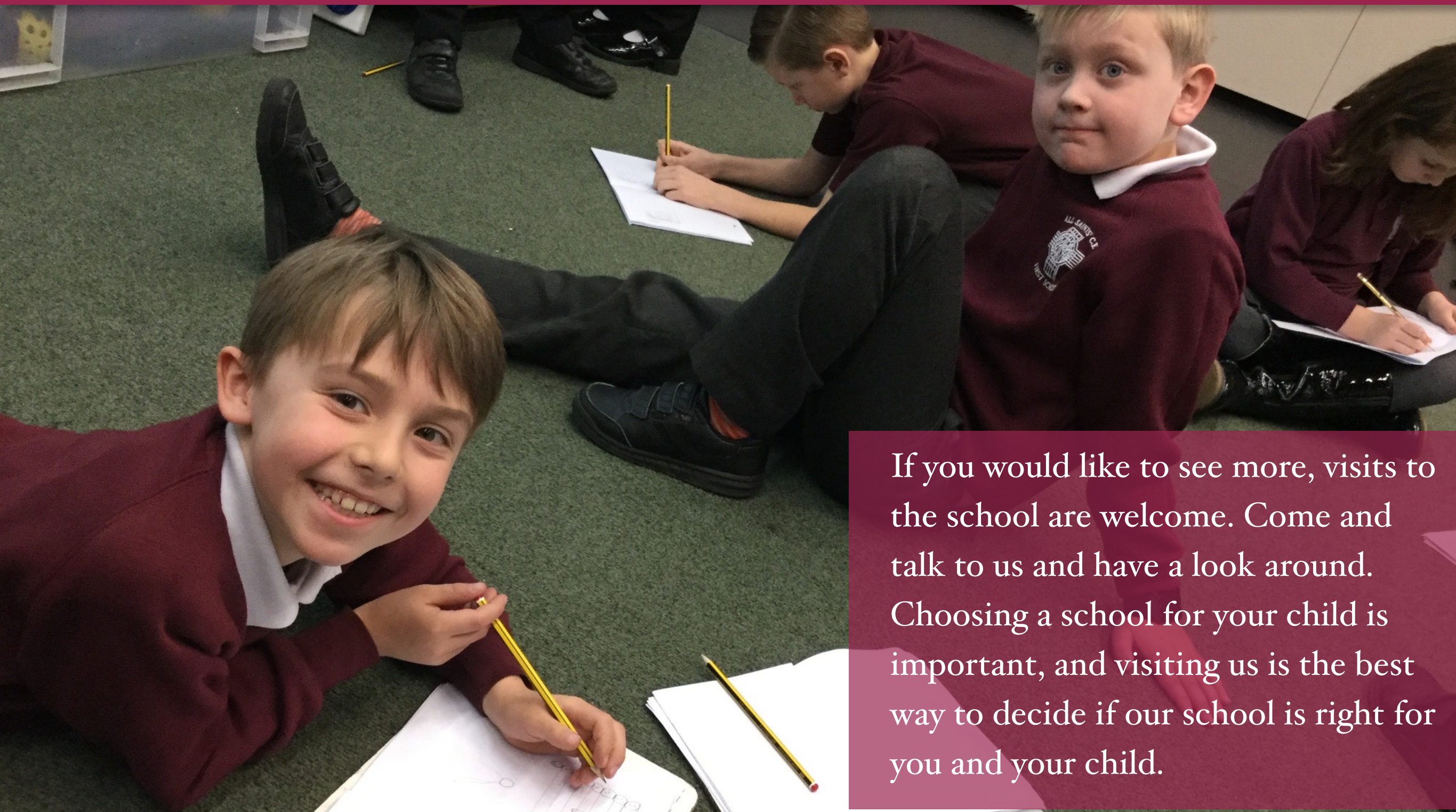
Kids Club is an exciting place for children to be, and the children enjoy their time there enormously. Children are able to

eat breakfast and a light tea each day, and have the opportunity to take part in structured activities or free play.

Please contact the Kids Club or look on our school website for more information, costs and how to book a place.



# Find Out More



If you would like to see more, visits to the school are welcome. Come and talk to us and have a look around. Choosing a school for your child is important, and visiting us is the best way to decide if our school is right for you and your child.





If you would like to find out more about our school, please have a look at our school website. Up to date information is always available on the website, such as:

- school uniform
- the school day
- staffing structure
- Kids Club information
- Curriculum information
- Key Policies e.g. Behaviour, Attendance, Admissions etc.

Contact the school if you would like more information, or if you would like to come and have a look around.

All Saints' CofE First School  
Cheadle Road  
Leek  
Staffordshire  
ST13 5QY  
Tel: 01538 714915

Alternatively, visit our school website: <http://asf.ttlit.org.uk>  
or our school Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/allsaintsleek](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintsleek)