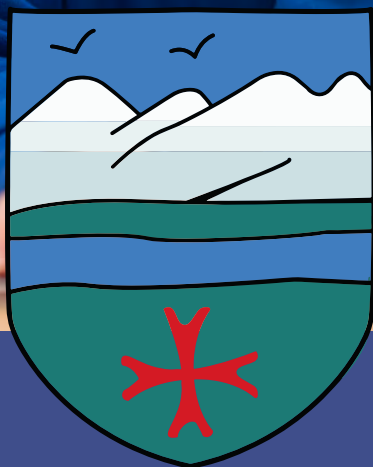


Prospectus



TEMPLE SOWERBY  
C.E. SCHOOL



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*Living for learning; learning for life.*



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## Welcome to Temple Sowerby CE Primary School.

We are a **welcoming, friendly and thriving Church of England primary school**, located in a beautiful rural village setting in the heart of the Eden Valley catering for children aged 3 and upwards.

At Temple Sowerby, we are **proud of our school's caring and inclusive family ethos**, where children feel safe and happy. We have high expectations for all our pupils, both in terms of their academic success and their behaviour and manners. Through our school values of **responsibility, hope, courage, community, kindness and resilience**, we want to equip our children with the attitudes and knowledge which will enable them to flourish in life.

We offer **experienced staff, high quality teaching and a broad and exciting curriculum** that engages our pupils, making the most of our beautiful setting and links to the local area. Our popular wraparound care provision provides a wide range of after-school clubs to appeal to children's interests.

I hope you find our prospectus useful but if you would like to come into school to find out more, please do call us and we will be happy to give you a tour. We look forward to meeting and working with you.



*Mr K Laithwaite*

Headteacher



*Pupils treat each other with kindness, benefit from caring relationships with staff and feel safe and happy in school.*

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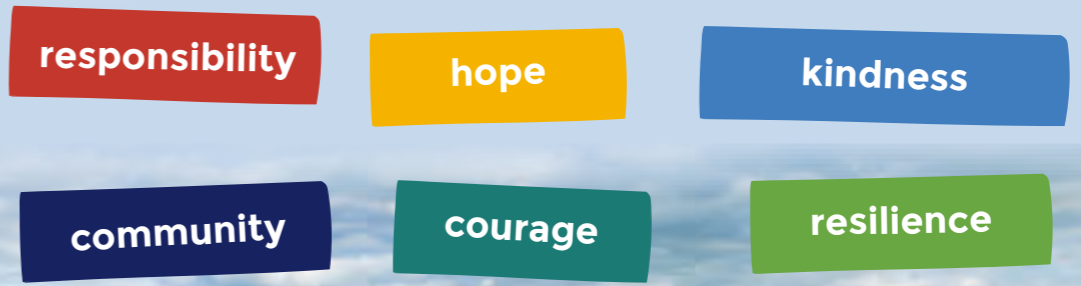
## School Vision

Our vision for the school community is rooted in a deep respect for our human, social, and cultural values, expressed in a caring Christian ethos. We aim to promote high academic standards and a positive attitude to learning, and provide a wide range of experiences and opportunities. In doing so, we encourage all children to be happy and to flourish by giving them the skills they need to become good citizens and **discover life in all its fullness** (John 10:10).

We try to apply these in all aspects of school life and encourage children to apply these in their own lives. This includes thinking about others who are less fortunate than themselves and supporting a range of charities. We pride ourselves on the high standards of behaviour throughout the school and the positive, supporting relationships staff have with pupils.

## School Values

At Temple Sowerby Church of England School, our vision is underpinned by six core Christian values. We explore the meaning and significance of these values through our Collective Worship and encourage children to apply these in their own lives. These values are:





**Leaders place a strong emphasis on reading from the early years to Year 6. Pupils are encouraged to read widely and often, both in and out of school.**

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## Our Curriculum

At Temple Sowerby CE School, our curriculum not only encompasses the requirements of the National Curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, but also reflects our school vision by promoting high academic standards, providing a wide range of opportunities and experiences, and by encouraging children to flourish in a caring, nurturing environment.



As a small village school, we have mixed-age classes and high levels of staffing so all children are effectively supported. We make use of specialist teachers in some subject areas (PE coaches, French, Relationships and Health Education) and have carefully designed our curriculum to ensure that every child builds their understanding of knowledge, skills and vocabulary as they progress through the school.



We have our own school garden, which is tended by our Gardening Club, make regular visits to the Lake District to learn about our local environment and all children take part in weekly Forest Schools sessions throughout the year, both in school and at the nearby Acorn Bank National Trust property.



Our curriculum provides a wealth of opportunities for children to learn about the wider world and experience cultural enrichment, but also reflects our location in the heart of the Eden Valley, close to the Lake District.



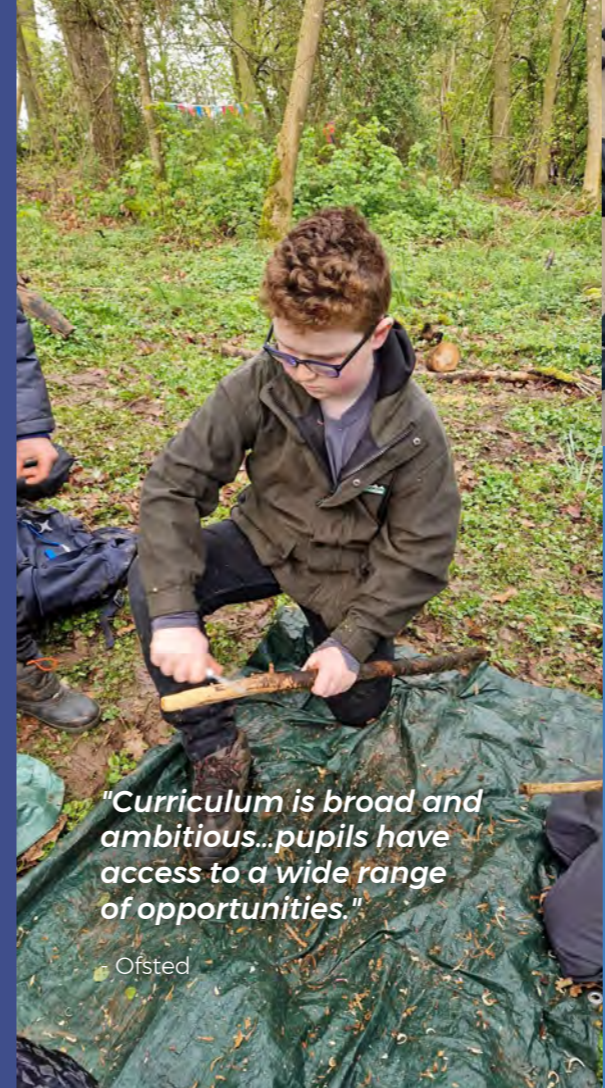
*We aim to engage, inspire and promote a love of physical activity*



## Sport and PE

At Temple Sowerby CE Primary School, we aim to foster a love of physical activity, and promote fitness, wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle for all of our children. We provide a wide range of opportunities for all pupils through our PE lessons, clubs, sporting competitions and tournaments and have been awarded the School Games Gold Award for our commitment to developing sport across our community.

Sport also provides the opportunity to bring local schools together and to develop an understanding of healthy competition. As part of the Eden Rural Alliance, we participate in a range of annual tournaments with other schools in the Eden district, including **netball, football, cross country, tag rugby, kwik cricket, swimming and hockey**. We also actively seek out opportunities to engage children in other sports, to inspire and promote a love of physical activity. Recent examples include **climbing and bouldering, horse riding, fell walking and wheelchair basketball**. We have our own running track and, in the summer months, run a weekly running club. We also provide swimming lessons to all children in both KS1 and KS2, to prepare them for later life and provide them with an essential life skill.



*"Curriculum is broad and ambitious...pupils have access to a wide range of opportunities."*

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The outdoor and adventurous element of the PE curriculum is facilitated through our Forest Schools sessions, as well as outward-bound residentials. During these activity weeks, children have the opportunity to experience a range of outdoor and adventurous activities, such as **caving, ropes courses, team building, canoeing, ghyll scrambling and climbing**. Access to these sports and activities builds confidence, self-belief, perseverance and resilience in our pupils. Many of these activities are also experienced by our Year 6 children as part of their end of year transition to secondary school, where they have the opportunity to meet up with other children from local schools for an activity day in Patterdale.





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PROUD TO BE A MUSIC MARK SCHOOL



### The Arts and Music

The arts are a key part of our curriculum. Through experiencing the arts, children develop their creativity, self-esteem and confidence. A continuous and rich artistic experience is an essential part of the curriculum entitlement of every child at Temple Sowerby Primary School.

In addition to our teaching of literacy, music, art, design and dance, we provide opportunities for children to experience a wide range of cultural enrichment. Children have the opportunity to learn instruments during our weekly music lessons, and we also provide weekly guitar and keyboard tuition. Children attend regular trips to theatres and musical performances and our after-school clubs provide opportunities for creative expression; we have a weekly art club, led by a local artist, as well as regular drama workshops with the **Razzamatazz Theatre Group**.

There are also opportunities to perform in school, local and regional events, such as the annual **Young Voices** concert in Manchester, the Christmas performance at St Andrew's Church in Penrith and our own school plays and nativities. Our school has recently been awarded the coveted **Music Mark**, in recognition for our commitment to providing high-quality music education for all children.



*Developing creativity, self-esteem and confidence.*



*Pupils understand and appreciate the high expectations that staff set for them.*

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*The best start possible to school life*

## New Starters

Our pre-school is available for children aged 3 and above. Children can attend every day from 9:00 to 15:30, with wrap around care available from 8:00 to 17:00.

Our sessions offer a range of fun activities and learning opportunities. They are staffed by a highly experienced Early Years Teacher and qualified childcare professionals to ensure that your child receives the best care possible to start in their school life.

Parents can use their grant funded hours and child care vouchers for this provision, as part of the government's 30 hours of free childcare offer.



For those children who are too young for pre-school, why not come along to 'Temple Sowerby Tots', our weekly playgroup for younger children?

It's a great opportunity for children to have fun and meet with other local families. Tots meet every Friday morning between 9.15am - 10.30am.



## Other Information

### Wraparound care

We offer both a breakfast club and after school club for parents who wish to leave their children in school beyond school hours; a popular option for busy working parents.

After school, children who are staying for a club have half an hour of quiet activity, during which they are provided with a drink and a snack.

Then, from 4.00pm to 5.00pm each day (3.30 to 4.30 on Friday), we offer an extracurricular activity. These are updated each term to ensure we offer a range of activities which appeal to children's talents and interests.

Typical activities include:

- **Sports clubs** – for example, football, netball, fencing, karate and multi-skills clubs.
- **Gardening Club**
- **Film Club**
- **Art Club**
- **Razzamatazz Theatre Skills**
- **Music** - school band



## Uniform

It is our policy that all children wear a uniform when attending school. This approach is based on the notion that school uniform promotes a sense of pride and community in the school, is practical and smart, and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of their appearance.

Our uniform consists of the following items:

- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece\*
- Sky blue or white polo shirt\*
- Dark (black or grey) trousers or skirt
- Black shoes or trainers
- Tights should be grey, blue or black

During warmer weather, children may also choose to wear:

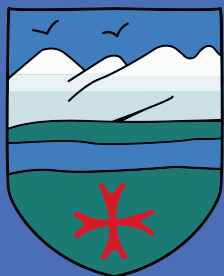
- Blue and white checked school dresses
- Tailored black, blue or grey knee-length shorts
- Sandals

Our PE kit consists of:

- Light blue t-shirt
- Royal blue shorts or skirt
- Royal blue hoodie (optional for colder weather)
- Dark jogging bottoms (optional for colder weather)
- Trainers or plimsolls

For further information about our school and what we are doing, please visit our website at [www.temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk)





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