



**Claypole**  
*Church of England*  
**Primary School**





Claypole is a small, friendly and thriving village school in an attractive, rural location serving both Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire families.

This is a school where children and adults have fun, work hard and achieve our very best. We love sports, art and music and produce fantastic work. You will hear much laughter and see smiling faces when you visit us; and excellent quality work in every part of our school.

We are all extremely proud of our exemplary behaviour, commitment to achieving high standards and providing the very best opportunities for the children in our care. We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to Claypole Church of England Primary School.

Martyn Wells  
Headteacher



Linking children to the world around them reinforces what they learn in the classroom.

The outdoors is as important as the indoors and both environments complement each other with natural resources & places in which to learn, discover and connect.

We are lucky to have access to a large outdoor classroom, a multi-use game area, playground apparatus and field as well as close connections with St Peter's Church.



This is our  
*view*





Our curriculum is essentially about two things:

- Our wonderful world and;
- Human impact & influence.

It is important for our children to appreciate their role as part of a community; to take responsibility, to be able to look after themselves & to foster an understanding of their importance, impact and influence in the world.

We give time for deeper knowledge & understanding: from this comes quality engagement, connection & transferable knowledge and the desire to reach their full potential.

The teaching team spend time analysing the specific needs of each child so that learning can be tailored for their stage (irrespective of their age).

Why our  
*school?*





We aim to be an inclusive, caring school where we give everyone the time and support needed to challenge and guide one another – to open minds and widen horizons – to work together towards the flourishing of all members of our school community so that everyone can fulfil their potential.

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Matthew 21:22



This is our  
*future*

A varied, enriched curriculum is at the heart of our school, where the development of the holistic child is paramount.

We love sports, art and music and produce fantastic work. The children experience specialist instrumental tuition, expert PE/ Sport coaching and opportunities to learn from working artists.

Friendly competition is promoted and all our children have the opportunity to participate in intra-school events and to represent school at sporting festivals and competitions - with success in a range of sports at District levels, County Finals and Regional Finals.





Using the playing fields and tennis courts, we build each child's confidence and ability in a range of competitive and co-operative sports and activities. Our goal is to achieve a life-long love of physical activity be that participating regularly at a recreational level, or striving to succeed at the very highest level.

The children are appointed a house team when they join and, from an early age, work collaboratively and take part in Intra-House events organised by our Pupil Parliament 'Sports Ambassadors' Committee.

Runners-Up Girls County Cricket  
 Winners of Girls District Cricket  
 Winners of Girls 5-a-side Football  
 Winners of District Mixed Tennis  
 Runners-Up Mixed District Cricket  
 League Runners-Up District Tag Rugby  
 Third at County Finals for Mixed Football  
 Winners of District Athletics

Winners of District Football  
 2nd & 3rd District Hockey  
 Winners of District Netball  
 Gold Award: District Mile

# Sporting Success



Our sporting  
*life*

Unlike most schools where dinners are delivered in hot-boxes, we cook fresh food each day on site in our own kitchen using meat from the local village butchers, F.Doncasters, and local fresh produce.

We work with local produce providers, in liaison with parents, to cater for any pupils with special dietary needs.

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free school meal. We continue to retain the highest grade in food hygiene. These standards are intended to ensure that children get the nutrition they need across the whole school day and govern all food and drink on offer within the school.

Menus are supplied to parents in advance so that meals can be pre-ordered.



Our *healthy lifestyle*





Mental Health and well-being is so important for everyone. We believe that paying more attention to the present moment - to your own thoughts & feelings as well as to the world around you - will have a positive impact on well-being.

At our school, we know that everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable and at times anyone may need additional emotional support. We take the view that positive mental health is everybody's business and that we all have a role to play.

Children are taught when to seek help, what help is available, and the likely outcome of seeking support so that they have the confidence and knowledge for themselves or others. Children learn about what they can do to maintain positive mental fitness, what affects their mental health and how they can help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues. As part of our targeted provision, we have and continue to access, outside help and support for pupils when required.



Our enrichment opportunities allow children to push their personal boundaries and develop the extra skills that are so vital for a successful life beyond the school gates.

Generally, but not exclusively, this takes the form of adventure activities (kayaking, climbing, caving and abseiling); and creative experiences (Young Voices: the world's largest children's choir and working with artists & published authors).

At every opportunity we take the academic curriculum out of the classroom through trips or with visitors in school and by connecting with people around the world

Children realise that they are capable of more than they could ever imagine. They are inspired to embrace challenges and become well-rounded, resilient, confident and independent thinkers.

This is our *adventure*





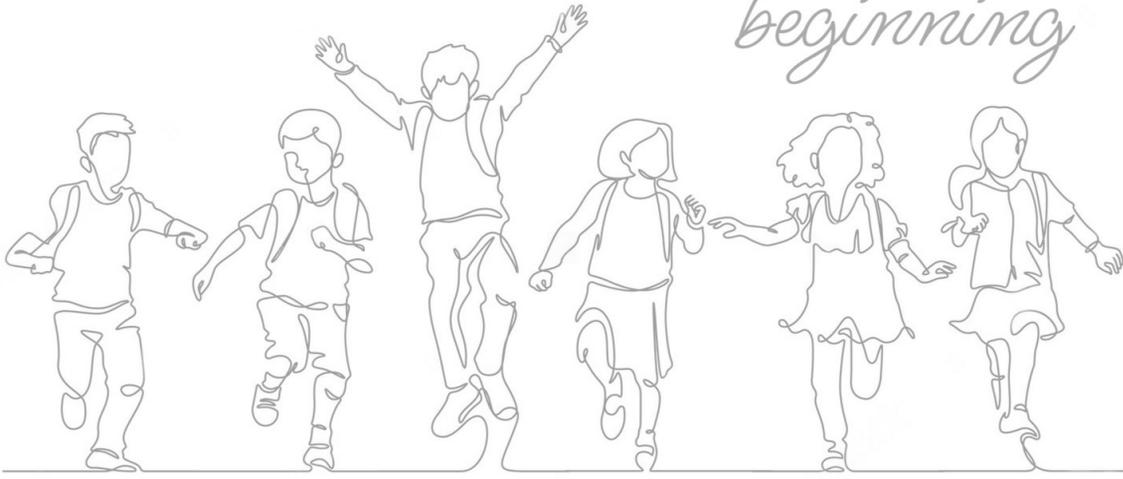
We encourage each child to develop at their own pace and according to their individual needs. We achieve this through a combination of child-led and adult-initiated activities with staff that are passionate about helping every child to succeed in a happy and nurturing atmosphere.

There is a genuine family feel in the Early Years Department, together with an incredible sense of fun and energy.

Using a practical learning-through-play approach, we ensure that these crucial developmental years are filled with wonder and new discoveries in a warm and engaging environment.

It is important that all children are given the opportunity to experience the best possible start to their education. We need to ensure that our children enter school having established solid foundations on which they can build.

This is our *beginning*





Learning experiences of the highest quality are planned, considering children's needs and achievements and the range of learning experiences that will help them make progress.

The Foundation Stage prepares children for learning in Key Stage 1 and is consistent with the National Curriculum.

In the Reception Year, the curriculum is planned and resourced to take children's learning forward and to provide opportunities for all children to succeed in an atmosphere of care and of feeling valued. The curriculum for the Foundation Stage is designed to ignite children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and to build their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. The curriculum is planned in seven areas of learning and development; all areas are important and inter-connected.



Our on-site 'Extended Services' begins at 7:45 a.m. with The Breakfast Club and is open to all children attending Claypole Church of England Primary School - to make sure they have the very best start to their day.

'Littlegates for Littlepeople Kids Club' run from our school site between 3:30pm and 6pm during term time for our children.

With full use of the school hall, community room, kitchen, tennis courts, outside areas (including the Community Play Park), children can enjoy a full range of supervised indoor and outdoor activities.



# Top 5% of Primary Schools in England for Overall Achievements



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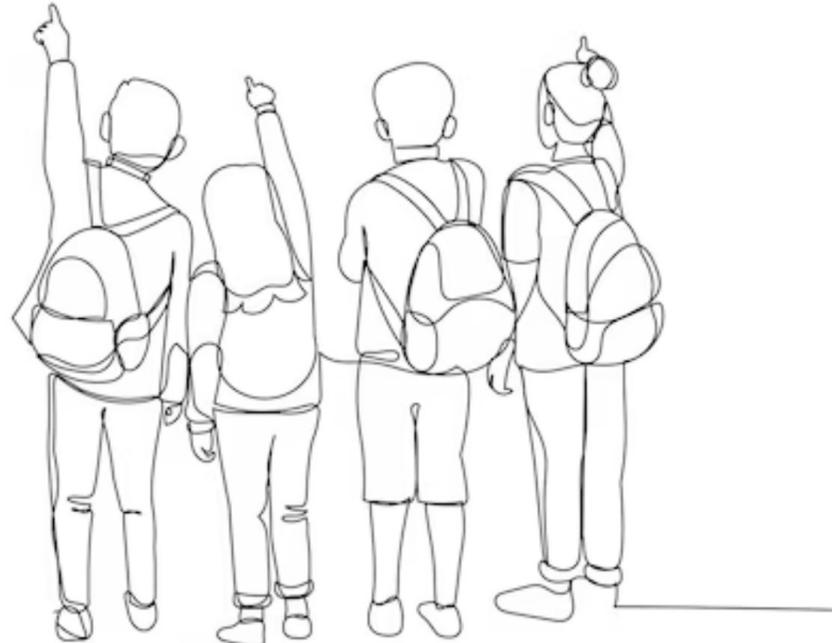
**of all 12,645 primary schools**



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