

UPHOLLAND ROBY MILL CE PRIMARY



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WE ARE BRAVE AND STRONG AND STAND FAST IN
FAITH; ALL THAT WE DO, WE DO IN LOVE.

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Welcome to Roby Mill Primary School

We are very proud of our vibrant and stimulating learning environment in our small school within Roby Mill village. We are determined to make every child's life here a rich and rewarding experience so they leave with a love of learning, high self-esteem, pride in their success and ready to enjoy the challenges of life. We believe that young people have an entitlement to be prepared for their world, not ours.

With a maximum of eight places per year group, every child is valued and their unique qualities are recognised, nurtured and celebrated. The relationships we develop with our children, their families, our community and the wider world, enable us to create a warm, caring, happy ethos where everyone is welcome.

We are a church school and, as such, prayer and worship are central to school life with the school community contributing to the spiritual and moral growth of the pupils as well as to their intellectual and physical development.

We place a great deal of emphasis on values for life; those of friendship, compassion, respect, perseverance, creativity and responsibility. We pay great attention to our children having a clear and distinct voice in our school.

We talk regularly about love, love for our neighbour and love for each other in the fullness of our special community.



Our Wide and Varied Curriculum

Our school curriculum is personal and specifically tailored to the needs and interests of our children. We cover all aspects of the National Curriculum and plan and deliver topics and lessons suited to every child's ability. With small class numbers, individualised and specialist learning takes place to ensure all pupils achieve their full potential.



Our PE lessons are led by specialist sports coaches from West Lancashire Sports Partnership. We also have specialist music teachers to teach instrumental lessons. The whole school attends swimming lessons for half of the school year.



EYFS

Our Reception class are currently taught alongside Key Stage One. Their learning is based around play and is focused around the topics covered in class and their own personal interests.



We have a wonderful EYFS classroom and a well-equipped undercover outdoor area so learning in the outdoors takes place all year round.

Our Reception children benefit from the structure of the Key Stage One curriculum and children often excel in areas of learning as they are exposed to the Key Stage One curriculum.



Key Stage One

Key Stage One's curriculum is based around topics related to our school and the pupils. There is an emphasis on phonics and our children benefit from the continuous provision in the classroom. We also utilise the outdoor space, making learning hands-on, fun and engaging. The learning is on a two year cycle to ensure there is no repetition and the full National Curriculum is covered in the Key Stage.

Our Key Stage One Curriculum can be found by visiting our website www.robymill.lancs.sch.uk



Key Stage Two

Key Stage Two's curriculum covers the National Curriculum on a two year rolling cycle. There is an emphasis on the progression of knowledge, skills and understanding from Key Stage One. We aim to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, including many special events and visits where possible.

Our Key Stage Two Curriculum can be found by visiting our website www.robymill.lancs.sch.uk



OFSTED and SIAMS

We are proud of our latest OFSTED and SIAMS reports. Full reports can be found on the school website.

Pupils enjoy coming to this welcoming and happy school.

Each member of the wider school community is known personally and supported individually. As a result, all pupils and adults are nurtured and able to flourish.

Pupils feel well supported and safe.

Caring staff build strong and positive relationships with pupils, including children in the early years. This helps pupils to feel valued for who they are.

Pupils are eager to learn and they strive to realise the school's aspirations for their success.

Pupils enjoy the range of activities on offer beyond the academic curriculum.



Small classes enable teachers to focus on the development of skills, which are a source of hope for personal growth.

There is a deliberate policy to enhance learning across the school with an impressive range of visits, visitors and experiences.

The school has designed an ambitious curriculum that is well ordered and carefully crafted to match the ages and stages of pupils' learning.



Pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities make good progress because there is careful attention to strengthen their individual skills and abilities.

Because staff and leaders take great care of the school, the classrooms are bright and attractive places to study and learn. Displays on the walls of rooms and corridors are well-presented, promote messages about the behaviours the school values and positively celebrate pupils' learning.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs

We strive to provide a fully enhanced curriculum at Roby Mill and try to offer a range of clubs. We employ specialist PE teachers to leads clubs and offer breakfast and after school care clubs from 7.45am until 5.30pm.



Educational Visits

At Roby Mill Primary School, we strive to make learning fun, meaningful and real for our pupils. We greatly value educational visits and learning outside of the classroom, alongside visitors into school.

Recent educational visits have included:

- Robinwood Residential
- Knowsley safari park
- Liverpool philharmonic orchestra
- Liverpool world museum
- Hindu Temple
- Wigan warriors recycling centre
- Martin Mere
- Climbing and paddleboarding
- Southport Atkinson Theatre



Uniform

Pupils at Roby Mill wear their uniform with pride. We believe the uniform brings us together as a family and enables us to achieve our very best.

Our current uniform is:

Grey skirt or trousers.

White blouse, shirt or polo shirt.

Dark green cardigan, pullover or sweatshirt with school logo.
(Available from AC Sports Pemberton)

Green/grey/white socks or tights.

Sensible, sturdy shoes (black).

In the summer the girls can wear simple green and white check dresses and the boys' short trousers if they wish.

For our PE lessons, we wear our team point house colours. The PE tops are initially supplied by school.



Lunches

All children in EYFS to Year 2 have an automatic entitlement to free 'Universal School Meal', children in KS2 need to pay, at the moment meals cost £2.75 a day.

All cooked meals are brought in each day from St Teresa's RC Primary, just up the road. There is a good and varied choice of high quality meals. The children choose their preferred mid-day meal on a menu sent home the week before, these sheets need returning to school each Friday.

Children who have packed lunches must bring their lunch in a sandwich box/bag. Drinks for packed lunches should be in a carton or plastic container not in glass, tin or thermos container.



Fruit is provided for pupils every day by the 'National Fruit Scheme'. The children are encouraged to eat fruit during the morning playtime. There is also toast, crumpets and bagels available everyday free of charge due to kind donations by Warburtons.



Our School Day

Our school day begins at 8.40 where the children are met by an adult on the playground. Learning then begins at 8.45am when the children enter their classroom and begin their early morning activity.

Our collective worship begins at 9am followed by lessons. We have a break at 10.15am and lunch is 12pm. Lessons continue in the afternoon and we complete a daily run at 2pm. Children finish school at 3.15pm.



Church and Community Links

As a small, rural school, we value the links we have with St Thomas the Martyr Church and the community.

We regularly attend church for services and perform our Christmas Nativity there every year. Paul Lock also delivers collective worship in school weekly.

We also participate in Easter and Christmas celebrations at other churches in Skelmersdale.

As a school committed to widening our pupils' horizons, we hold sessions every half term based on different faiths. The children love these sessions and enjoy the hands on approach to learning.

We also have links with Silver Stories charity who provide us with links to people in the community who like to listen to us read.

Recent community events have also included a Macmillan coffee morning.



Admission Arrangements

Reception children are admitted in the school year (September to August) in which they attain their fifth birthday. Children are normally admitted at the beginning of the school year.

You will need to apply online to your local Education Authority the school is oversubscribed the Governors, will then apply agreed criteria as set out in the admissions policy on our website. The LA will notify you in April, prior to the September admission if there is a place available for your child. A comprehensive induction programme designed to enable a smooth transition for both parents and child commences in the summer term before your children starts school.

Families moving into the locality with school age children are accommodated wherever possible. Please get in touch with our school office and we shall be happy to meet with you to discuss your child's needs for a school place with us. When you have completed our 'Admissions Form' it should be returned to school. If there is no place available, then parents have the right to appeal to an independent panel.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs will be admitted to Roby Mill School in line with the School's Admission Policy. The school is aware the statutory requirements of the SEN and Disability Act and will meet the Act's requirements. The school will use their induction meetings to work closely with parents to ascertain whether a child has been identified as having the need for SEND provision.