



Tortworth
VC Primary
School

Achieving together with enjoyment and confidence

Tortworth VC Primary School is a welcoming, successful school set in a beautiful rural setting, which is an integral part of the small community it serves.

We are a happy and fun school committed to providing an atmosphere in which our children feel free to explore the learning opportunities all around them and to give of their best personally and academically.

Throughout the school the children's self-respect, confidence and ability to work both independently and cooperatively are positively promoted. We want our children to continue their learning journey with a strong sense of self-motivation, self-discipline and of responsibility for both their own well-being and that of other people, and the wider environment in which they live.

We believe that working with parents is fundamental to achieving our aims and actively encourage our partnership, we are happy to welcome parents into school at any time.





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Tortworth School dates back to 1796 when it was set up by the local landowner, Tortworth Estate, with which the school still maintains strong links. The school has been fortunate to maintain its strong sense of place within the community and its traditional values whilst embracing all the benefits of modern education within South Gloucestershire. The school serves both the Tortworth area and the village of Falfield and its community.

Due to its unique rural position there are fabulous and spacious grounds which are used to full advantage to take learning opportunities well beyond the classroom. We have a generous school playing field, a separate adventure play area, a tarmac play area, a peace garden with productive vegetable beds and an outdoor learning classroom, and our new facility a large 'Wild Wood' area filled with mature trees and a wildlife pond. The school also benefits from use of the adjacent village cricket pitch which is used for sports day and larger events. We are also fortunate to be able to walk out of the classrooms across the local fields to St Leonards' church and the 'Tortworth Chestnut', one of the 50 great trees of England.

The original school building houses our hall, class 1, the administration offices, staffroom, cloakrooms and kitchen. We have 2 further classrooms in separate buildings and a separate library / small group classroom which is also used for parent and community activities.



The Tortworth School curriculum is designed to encourage our children to develop a life-long enthusiasm for learning.

As you would expect we cover all areas of the curriculum, Mathematics, Literacy, Science, Music, History, Geography, Art, Languages, Information Communication Technology (ICT), Religious, Cultural and Physical Education. Our teachers are committed to making learning fun and exciting and we take every opportunity to make that happen by getting outside, taking trips and bringing in outside specialists. Tortworth is big enough to be well resourced and yet small enough to put every child at the centre of what we do.

Teachers work hard to recognise and maximise every child's potential and there are systems in place to monitor pupils' attainment and progress and intervene to help those who may be finding subjects difficult or alternatively stretch those who are rapidly progressing.

We put mutual respect and tolerance at the heart of all we do. We have clear values and expect high standards of behaviour from our children. We have a clear code of conduct which all our children know and understand. Our school is a safe and secure environment where everyone matters. It is an accepted part of school





life that all our age groups integrate and that the older children look after the younger ones.



Extracurricular Activities.

We try to ensure that there are interesting activities every night of the week after school, currently we enjoy football, arts and crafts, a newspaper club, outdoor/ gardening and Wild Wood, dance and movement and electronics club, together with lunchtime computer, recorders, drama and library club. As a small school we use the resources and skills of both the teachers and parents to put on clubs and consequently we change activities regularly to cover as many interests and year groups as possible.

Tortworth also joins in with other small schools locally for music, dance and sports days. The school arranges regular day trips, be it to local landmarks such as Berkeley Castle or further afield and takes the children away on exciting residential trips.





Tortworth encourages and benefits greatly from the involvement of parents and we work hard to build creative partnerships with our parents. There is a weekly newsletter detailing dates for the diary, what the children have been up to and celebrating children's successes. We have regular 'open classroom' days, parents evenings to discuss your child's progress, celebratory assemblies and even special lunches for parents to attend, along with a weekly coffee morning which can be just for a chat or to cover important topics for parent input such as homework and internet safety. Parents are also well represented on our Governor body who work hard to support our school.

As you would expect the school also has a successful Parent Teachers Association whose highly effective fundraising not only provides lots of extra resources for the benefit of the children but also added activities for both parents and the wider community. We hold school fetes and fairs, promises auctions and cake sales to name but a few.

The school also has a 'family mentor' who is always available to help parents through difficult times with parenting or family issues.

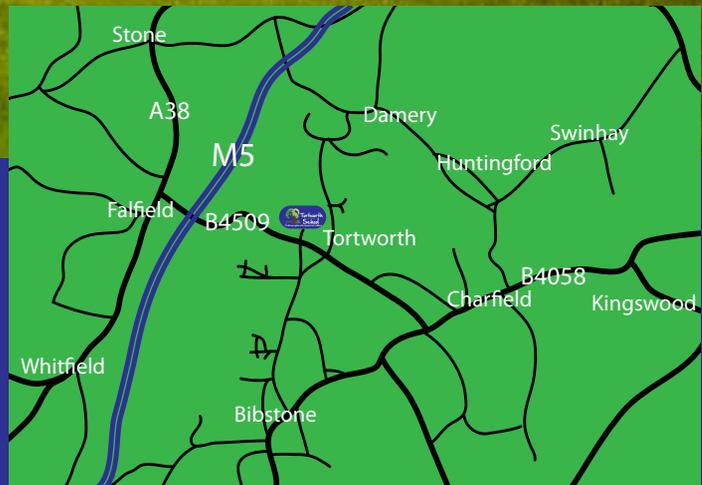
Tortworth School provides increasingly popular, freshly prepared, hot lunches from our kitchen and our cook, in common with all our staff, goes the extra mile to ensure that children enjoy their meals and try new foods.

The children are encouraged to take responsibilities for some of their learning decisions and we have a School Council with representatives from all classes which ensure all children's views are represented.

The school benefits from a school bus service which brings children from outlying areas should this be required.







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The school holds regular prospective parents days and evenings, however you are more than welcome to make an appointment to look around the school at any time, just give us a call - we look forward to hearing from you.