

We've had 24 responses to our family questionnaire – thank you for taking the time to complete it! As you can see from the table to the right, the majority of parents are happy with our school, but there is always more than we can do together to give our children the best opportunity and start in life.

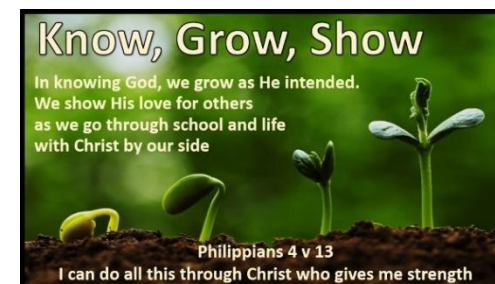
Strengths of the school

Thank you for the lovely comments, the most common responses are shown below:

- Great teachers. Fantastic support. Good educational environment
- The staff are one of the school's greatest assets. They truly make learning engaging and fun and all children get the opportunity to shine.
- A very caring environment 2. it's outdoor space and the good use it is put to especially forest school. 3. good teaching staff and management
- The interaction between the school years leading to a very community/family feel to the school. The leadership is always looking how to improve the education systems for the children. School give the children the mentality to want to learn.
- Rev Matt coming into school and strong links with St Cuthberts church - lots of people outdoor space and the children often getting chance to play on the field - it's a good community school.
- The Lion King performance has really enhanced confidence and provided a lasting and very happy memory of primary school. Younger children are welcomed and well supported by the older children and they all really know each other. This is a great strength. All children are made to feel welcome. The staff are one of the schools greatest assets. They truly make learning engaging and fun and all children get the opportunity to shine.
- A welcoming and caring atmosphere. 2. Having Buddies - allows the children to build relationships in different year groups 3. All staff knowing all children by name, being approachable and taking the time to talk to each child to get to know them individually.

Total responses

● Pines	6
● Cedars	8
● Willows	8
● Oaks	7



	Agree/ strongly agree	Not sure
My child enjoys school.	100%	
My child feels safe in school.	100%	
My child knows who to speak to in school if they have a worry	96%	
I would recommend this school to a friend.	100%	
My child is making good progress in school.	100%	3%
The school takes account of my questions, suggestions or concerns, including actions from last questionnaire.	92%	8%
Communication is effective between school and family.	92%	4%
My child is well cared for at school.	100%	3%
The school values children's views/opinions.	96%	4%
The breakfast and after school club provides good quality childcare.	100%	
The school is currently well led and managed.	4.6 out of 5	
The school's newsletter is effective in providing parents with useful information	100%	
The school's Christian vision (Know, Grow, Show) is a prominent feature in the life of the school	92%	4%
The school's Christian ethos has a positive impact on my child's life	88%	12%
Would a Local Authority fine deter you from taking a term time holiday?	Yes-30%	No-70%

A few highlights from last year

Redesigned IT room – old desktops recycled, new room with windows and door to create a lovely new workspace.	Lots of Friends PTA events – panto, circus, discos, film nights etc
Forest school was run throughout the year for the 1 st time	KS2 Lion King Performance! Weren't they amazing!
1 st Residential trip to York for Year 5/6	Gold sports Mark achieved for 1 st time with lots more sporting events.
Laptops purchased to replace aged desktops	Rev Matt continuing the Thursday worships (everyone welcome to join!)
New staff successfully integrated into the team	Highest KS2 results in 5 years

<u>School would be better if...</u>	I've tried to answer common themes, if there is something missing, please give me a ring or email me for a conversation. Some of the suggestions are out of our control I'm afraid, but the most common concerns are addressed below:
Parking! Drop offs and pick ups are stressful.	Parking does crop up but the vast majority of people do park sensibly at drop off and pick up times. This is one of the main reasons we allow the doors open earlier, to support the bottleneck of parking. We do send out reminders and have suggested contacting PCSO's if there are concerns as they have jurisdiction over this.
<i>Potential for solar or heat pumps</i>	I am extremely interested in this and am aware of some grants, but they are being limited to certain schools in more need (e.g. replacing oil boilers first). Last year we did change to LED lighting throughout school, we are going to complete a climate action plan and a part of this will be to look into environmentally friendly alternatives – watch this space.
<i>Costs to parents last year were huge</i>	We agree there were more costs last year as we have offered many more varied opportunities. Some were curriculum related, but lots were optional. Some did make a small amount that will be put into school funds, others e.g. circus ran at cost, as did all the trips. Where possible, I drive a hired minibus to lower the costs, and the friends and sports funding do subsidise trips through the year. I am working on a schedule to spread some of the events out and highlight/plan for families where we anticipate costs and events might be this year.
<i>More guests into school</i>	I appreciate we did not have as many guests in last year, we focussed more on events, we constantly strive towards striking the right balance, we'll look at this again for this year.
<i>Healthy school concerns</i>	The bacon/sausage buns and lollies are completely optional – some children like these, others do not wish to. At lunch we always offer a salad bar for school dinners.
<i>More homework for Year 6</i>	This is such a personal issue and people have strong opinions at both ends of the spectrum. I believe children need to focus on reading as this opens nearly every other door in life. We do provide homework, some on screen but the value of homework can be limited. I do like families to have family time at home as this is important, families are free to do extra homework and show it to staff if they wish.
<i>More clubs/sports team practise</i>	I feel we did increase the range of clubs last year. This is reliant on staff volunteering to run clubs and events for which I am very grateful to those that do, as it cannot be forced.
<i>After school club activities varied</i>	We did tweak routines last summer and will continue to offer more in the wrap around school offer – watch out for the theme weeks starting with music this week and sports next week!

A few future ideas/plans we are/we'd like to work on...

- A bike storage area for those who would like to bike to school
- Updating our school values to have 3 core values based upon our school vision that will feed into an updated relationship (behaviour) policy
- Creating a prayer walk around the school grounds
- Continue to develop the curriculum and planned trips/events spread through the year
- Combine pupil voice with a push for eco action and planning