

## Annual Report to Hollesley Parish Council – April 2025

We pride ourselves on being a small, friendly school where individual needs are met and all involved in our school are listened to and respected. On a daily basis this ethos is seen through an active learning atmosphere that gives all children the opportunities to succeed. In September 2021 we formally federated with Waldringfield Primary School. Both schools are committed to continue to provide a small, nurturing, inclusive environment, where individuals are welcomed and celebrated.

Hollesley currently has 77 children on roll, organised into four mixed age classes. Our nursery children are taught alongside our Reception children, but we have plans to extend our nursery provision to 2 year olds and use the existing Hollesley Hub to facilitate this. We have 19 children who are eligible for Free School Meals (25%) and 18 children (23%) are on the SEN register, 2 of which (3%) have an Education and Health Care Plan. There are four full time teachers at Hollesley and nine Teaching Assistants. PPA is provided through HLTA covering the classes and an outside PE provider. Breakfast Club and After School Club is run by school staff. At the end of this term we will say a fond farewell to three members of our staff team. Two of which have been employed at Hollesley Primary School for 30 years!

We are well staffed and well resourced, enjoying spacious learning areas inside and outside. We have an active PTA who organise activities and events for the pupils' enjoyment as well as family activities to raise money for resources and to support trips. Over the last academic year we have enjoyed being able to offer more enrichment activities such as: hosting football matches with local schools, visiting the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich to see the pantomime, termly trips to the gymnastics centre at Piper's Vale, in Ipswich.

We continue to all work hard on our values of respect, responsibility, resilience, resourcefulness, readiness and reflectiveness. Personal and social development are all part of our learning and we continue to work on our independence, exploration and stamina. We now follow Cornerstones for our curriculum and this enables children to learn through a different topic each term (or shorter topics within the Early Years classroom). We are always looking for members of the community to enhance our learning, so if you have a speciality or an expertise relating to one of our topics, please contact me. The list of topics can be found on our website, under curriculum.

Recently a member of staff has completed a qualification to run forest school sessions within our extensive grounds and we have also registered for OPAL. A provider who supports outdoor play and learning activities, reshaping our play and lunchtimes and providing training for staff and the children in facilitating happier unstructured times. Keep an eye out in Village Voices regarding how the community may be able to help with resourcing this exciting development.

From 1st April this year we are joining ASSET Education Trust, the Parish Council has already been informed of this. Joining ASSET will give staff and children further opportunities to develop and will strengthen the leadership capacity of the school. We are really looking forward to this new and exciting chapter in the life of Hollesley Primary School.

Thank you to all those regularly involved with the school. Please let us know if we can support the community further. Thank you all for your continued support, in making this another successful year for our school.

Sarah Wood (Executive Headteacher)