

## Annual Report to Hollesley Parish Council – April 2026

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 74 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 are continuing to provide excellent support for all children, with 27% on the SEN register and 34% eligible for Pupil Premium funding. We currently have 3 full-time teachers and wonderful support staff. Breakfast Club and After School Club is run by school staff.

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 have also benefitted greatly from the support of friends in the village, who have generously volunteered to hear readers, run a gardening club, and teach bowls, and we look forward to introducing a craft club in the summer term.

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.

We are continuing with our OPAL journey, which is helping to reshape our play and lunchtimes, providing training for staff and the children in facilitating happier unstructured times. One member of our teaching team will be completing his Forest School qualification this academic year to utilise our extensive grounds for outdoor learning. Keep an eye out in Village Voices regarding how the community may be able to help with resourcing this exciting development.

This last year we have successfully embraced being part of ASSET Education Trust. This partnership has provided wider professional opportunities for staff. Furthermore, two of our children are now part of ASSET Arrows, which is a trust-wide pupil parliament, and another child proudly entered the ASSET Young Speaker Award, a Suffolk-wide event hosted by the trust. We are really looking forward to continuing 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)