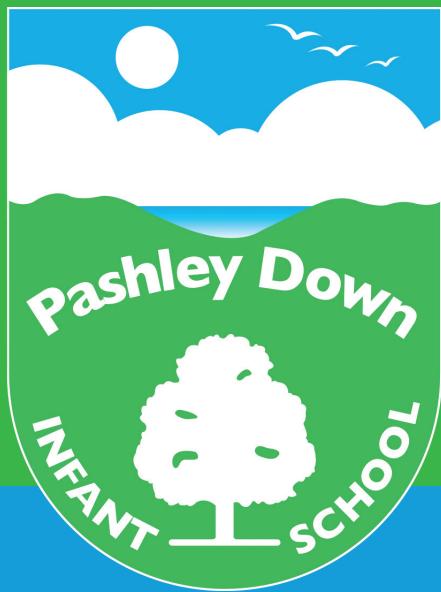




Learning at Pashley is an amazing adventure!



OUR PROSPECTUS

Thank you for showing an interest in our school;
we hope that you will find the following
information interesting and helpful.

We are always pleased to show parents and their children around the school. To make an appointment to visit the school, please phone the school between 8.30am and 4.00pm on any weekday. Do leave a message if you can't get through and we will call you back.

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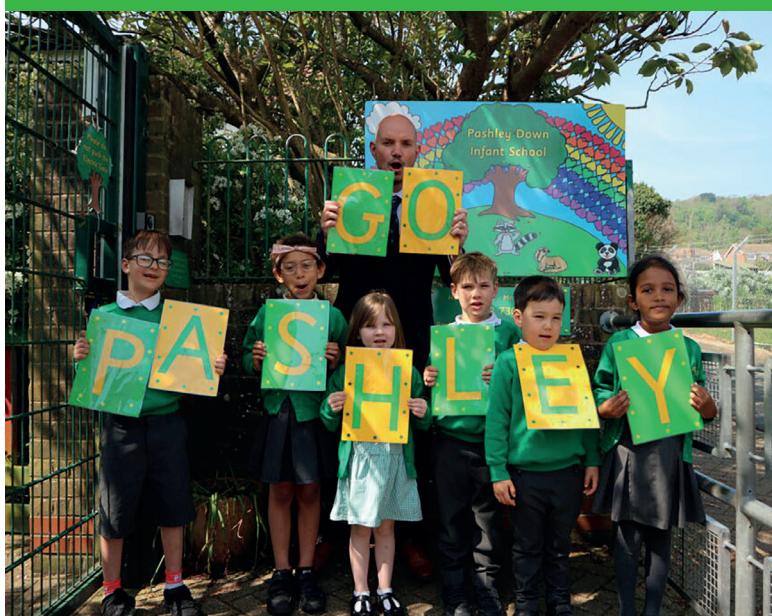
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Chair of Governors: Ms Jennifer Cruse



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Headteacher's Welcome



The first thing that strikes you when you walk around Pashley Infant School, is the warm and positive ethos that permeates throughout the whole community. Pashley isn't just a school, it's a family.

The school site itself is unique with its woodland, class allotments, beehive, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and pond. All of these underpin an outside learning curriculum that creates a daily awe and wonder for our children. Across our whole curriculum, we are driven by the belief that every child has a right to reach their full potential through innovative projects designed by our staff and high-quality teaching, constantly striving to deliver the very best we can.

We are very proud of the strong partnership we have with our families and we regularly invite parents in to be immersed in their child's learning. Please do come and visit us so you can see Pashley in action, meet our staff and children and see what they all have to say about the school.

Please contact our friendly office team and arrange a visit and see for yourself that learning at Pashley is indeed an amazing adventure.

Andy Best





Our Pashley Values

These values are the building blocks of our school ethos, which create a tolerant and caring environment for all of our learners.

Children are celebrated for demonstrating these values, receiving special awards and cuddles with our Pashley Values mascots, the Koala of Kindness, the Panda of Positivity, the Otter of Honesty, the Iguana of Independence, the Rhino of Respect and the Raccoon of Resilience.



Kindness
Koala



Positivity
Panda



Honesty
Otter



Independent
Iguana



Respectful
Rhino



Resilience
Raccoon



A Pashley Challenge!

At Pashley we organise our 270 pupils into 9 classes, each named after a creature that you may find in woodlands like ours. Can you spot all 9 creatures as you look through the following pages and find out more about learning at Pashley?

The Pashley Vision

We promise to have kindness at the heart of everything we do.

We believe every child can achieve their dreams by providing an outstanding curriculum for all children in our care.

Every adult begins as a child:

At 4, David Attenborough collected fossils, stones, and natural specimens, he was fascinated by natural history.

We open the door to awe and wonder.

At 5, Rosa Parks lived on a farm not knowing yet she was going to change history.

We empower children to develop resilient hearts who stand up for what is right.

At 6, JK Rowling read fantasy stories to her sister. Years later, after 12 rejections, Harry Potter was published.

We teach children to remain positive, not frightened of failure.

Together, in our community, we honour and uphold our school values. We believe gratitude is central to happiness for all. **It is our privilege to shape future generations.**



A typical day at Pashley

The Pashley day is broken into morning and afternoon sessions.

We run an Earlybird and Ladybird club for those children who need to spend a bit longer with us to allow for other family commitments, or just want to play and make friends. These are run by our own Pashley team and so the children love coming along and you can be confident your children will have the continuity of care that goes with familiar staff. Costings and further information can be given by the school office.

7:45am	Earlybirds breakfast club begins. Drop-off can be staggered to meet your needs.	12:00pm	Lunchtime begins! EYFS and Key Stage 1 eat and play at different times, but everyone gets time to eat, relax and play!
8:30am	The school gates are open! Your child can make their way straight to the classroom for early morning work, followed by reading.	13:00pm	Afternoon lessons commence, often with phonics.
8:50am	The school day officially starts! Your child will need to be in class by this time for the register.	15:00pm	End of the school day! Children are dismissed by their class teams.
10:30am	15 minute morning break and KS1 fruit and milk.	15:00pm - 18:00pm	Ladybirds club runs with games, activities and a healthy snack.



Project Learning and The Great Outdoors!

The children enjoy our varied projects which are based on the REAL approach meaning they are:

Rigorous
Engaging
Authentic
Learning

The projects have real life links, trips and expert visitors so they build on knowledge and skills, with children enjoying hands on learning wherever possible. One of the Year 2 children's favourite projects is 'Start with Art'. Children become immersed in styles of different artists having the opportunity to experiment with different art techniques leading to an art exhibition where they proudly invite visitors to enjoy their learning.

Many of our projects are linked with our rich outdoor learning environment. For example our EYFS children learn the story of The Little Red Hen by a visit to the Pashley farm and seeing our chickens. Classes even have Buttercup, our own Little Red Hen, visit their classrooms to bring the story alive! In Year 1 the children learn all about our trees with learning in our woodland and interactive activities to identify the characteristics of the many beautiful established trees on site. In Year 2 the children learn about bees and visit our allotment which has two hives and see how Pashley bees are an amazing part of our natural world.

 *"Pashley's mix of nature and creativity is incredible. The entire staff bring so much passion, patience and understanding into the school events every single day."*





Life Skills and Values

At Pashley we place the highest value on children's health and wellbeing.

The children learn through the Pashley Mascots about the Six Pashley Values of **Positivity, Kindness, Honesty, Resilience, Independence and Respect**. Each mascot is represented by a cuddly animal so you may well see a 5 year old walking up the corridor with a cuddly Koala of Kindness which they are 'looking after' for the week as a reward for being recognised as a particularly kind child in their class. Having this infant friendly approach with the mascots really means that these values are interwoven into school life and are referred to often throughout the school day, including in assemblies.

Children also enjoy 'Circle Time' activities where the adults and children discuss real life issues and work together. Activities informally encourage unity, respect, turn-taking and working together towards a shared vision.

We are proud to be a forward thinking school and run sessions which help children to regulate their emotions in a calm and supportive environment. These take place in small groups and with the whole class. Children gain knowledge and understanding about how to keep safe and healthy and are taught the basics of health, hygiene and personal safety. As with all areas of school life we work closely with people beyond school including the emergency services, the NSPCC and networks of adults passionate about the environment we live in.



Reading, Phonics and Writing

At Pashley we place a high importance on children developing a love of reading alongside gaining the skills to become an independent and confident reader.

We use a number of different schemes and these are linked to the phonics sounds that the children learn. The school has invested in a large number of quality texts and story books. We live and breathe quality children's books with regular visits from authors, poets and storytellers. Children are able to take books home to read and enjoy. We have a newly redecorated library, themed around the book 'The Rainbow Fish'. Every child has a library card and visits the library weekly to choose their own book.

At Pashley we also have class sets of books linked to the children's phonics phases they are learning in class. These are given out weekly and we support parents with how to read with their child at home through videos and workshops. Having a range of engaging physical books for the children to read and enjoy is paramount, we believe, to becoming a lifelong reader.

We teach early reading decoding skills (Phonics) and comprehension skills to the children from the minute they enter the door, so we have confident readers very quickly. Who most importantly LOVE reading and books!

Pashley has a strong reputation for our teaching of Early Reading/Phonics locally. We run the Pashley Phonics Hub, a training facility for

East Sussex teachers. This is run from Pashley with our teachers' showcasing lessons to teachers from other schools.

The teaching of Writing at Pashley is fun and purposeful for the children. As all children have such a strong start in Reading, we bring in learning stories and poems by heart from day one, learning how to write initial sounds then building up to words as the children progress in their phonics learning.

We bring in stories and quality texts so children write about things that are meaningful and have purpose. Drama plays a pivotal part in engaging the children in the content and meaning of stories and making children immerse themselves fully in its content.

Children write in all areas of the curriculum giving them plenty of practice and a breadth of learning. The teachers skilfully guide the children to build up to writing stories, poems and factual texts on their own and with confidence. We are very proud of our teaching of Writing, just take a look in our books and you will see that our presentation, handwriting and the quality of our children's writing is excellent. Talk to the children and you will hear how much they love writing too, which is our ultimate goal!



Maths Mastery at Pashley



The Maths Mastery approach is consistently high across the school.

The aim of this approach is for all children to develop a deep understanding of the mathematical concepts they need in order for them to feel confident using Maths throughout their lives. We hold high value in the teaching of early Maths skills. Children are taught Maths daily throughout the school focusing on fluency, reasoning and problem solving.



From EYFS through to Year 2 teachers carefully select resources to help children understand the Maths they are learning at a deep level. Children gain knowledge through 'hands on' concrete resources, moving to pictorial representations then lastly moving to an abstract (written) approach.

You will see from looking around school that Maths is highly regarded and enjoyed! We even have a playground dedicated to Maths to encourage children to play Maths games if they choose! We believe it is vital for children to love maths, become confident Mathematicians and able to understand the relevance of Maths in real life.



"My daughter loved learning at Pashley and her enthusiasm is sure to continue. Thanks to everyone who contributed to her time in Pashley."



Outdoor Learning and Science

Outdoor Learning

We have an amazing and rich environment for our children to learn about nature and use our outdoors extensively. Such is our commitment to the outdoors that we employ a full time specialist, known to one and all as "Mrs Hutch"! Mrs Hutch works alongside the Pashley Teaching Team to help the children learn all about their immediate environment and how we should all care and look after it. Every year the children have a series of bespoke lessons planned carefully to link with the outdoors.

The areas around the school include:

- The allotments with the Eco Green House (opposite the main pedestrian entrance)
- The Pashley Pond
- The Pashley Farm (Cluckingham Palace and Carrot Cottage)
- The Woodland with the linked Outdoor Classroom The N.E.S.T.
- The Wildlife areas
- Bee Hives
- Bug Hotels for insect spotting
- The Polytunnel

We are so fortunate to have a wealth of a variety of trees and plants around the school and this creates a magical feel to a school that is literally nestled into the foot of the South Downs.

The children go out in all weathers and the school provides wellies and wet weather gear for all ages. From EYFS to



"Such a warm friendly school. Everyone is welcoming and seem to already know so much about each individual child."

Year 2 children become adept at changing their wellies and pulling on snuggly all-in-ones so they can fully enjoy the outside.

We have just started "Woodland Wednesdays" where 15 children spend time learning forest school skills such as making fires and whittling wood. All children get this opportunity for 12 weeks of their Pashley career.

Our Inclusion Team encourages children to use nature and animals to self-regulate and use the ample opportunities for nurturing and team work.

Take a look at the map on the back page and see if you can spot all the outdoor areas of learning!

Science

The majority of our science learning comes from outdoor learning opportunities. We encourage children to take a lively interest in the World around them and become mini scientists! They follow the national curriculum and use investigative skills to learn about life processes, plants, living things, seasonal changes, materials and their properties.

Throughout their time at Pashley, the children work scientifically and take part in practical experiments which help them to learn about their senses, living things and the properties of natural and human-made materials.

We are very proud to have earned the 'Primary Science Quality Mark' in 2021 and to have been credited for providing consistently outstanding learning opportunities. Our Science results at the end of Key Stage One have been consistently above National Average for many years.

We encourage children to develop the magical awe and wonder beyond their immediate environment.





The Arts at Pashley

Our Vision

Children will leave Pashley with a love and passion for the arts, having been exposed to freedom and opportunities to explore and enjoy the subject in all areas of their school experience.

At Pashley children are given the opportunity to explore the arts in their everyday learning. Each year we ensure children have the chance to get involved in:

- Year group plays and concerts
- Participating in seasonal themed events
- Visits from exciting guests such as:
 - Musicians
 - Storytellers
 - Writers
 - Artists
 - Theatre Groups

Children learn a range of art skills and techniques as they journey through the school such as clay modelling, sketching, singing, playing musical instruments and many more.

We aim to embed the skills they have learnt through art into their everyday lives and hopefully into after school activities. At Pashley we are very passionate about giving the children the chance to use their imagination and creative skills to develop a strong foundation for the arts, which will not only accompany them on their school journey, but influence their future lives. We enjoy using a dedicated Art and DT room in the school where groups and whole classes can take part in exciting learning opportunities.



We are proud to hold the National Award at Pashley. In Year 2 the children visit Hastings Contemporary Art Gallery and put on an exhibition of their own for parents in the hall.



Learning about the Wider World

History and Geography

Many of our projects have a historical or geographical theme. We aim for all our infant children to gain that sense of awe and wonder from building on what they see around them and using rich resources to deepen their knowledge even further.

The projects are relevant, exciting and accessible for all children ensuring that children build on previous knowledge and learn new facts and skills. Children are helped to relate their personal experience to an awareness of the past, present and the future, appreciating the world around them.

We teach history and geography through photos, music, souvenirs, artefacts, looking at books and atlases. With the school situated at the foot of the South Downs, within just a short walk children can view the Old Town and all of Eastbourne from a high position and see historical and geographical features for themselves. What a great starting point for children to become history spotters and map makers!

Religious Education

Pashley is a multi-cultural environment. We are keen to expose children to a range of religious and traditional festivals, including Christmas, Easter and Holi as a whole school.

We use stories, poetry, trips and visitors to help the children gain knowledge and develop respect for the views and beliefs of all people.

We have a large range of hands-on resources and expertise to share with the children. We warmly welcome and encourage families who hold other religious beliefs to share their traditions and celebrations with us.



“All individual needs are met and me as a parent feel comfortable. My child is happy at the end of the day coming home with a smile.”

Sport and Computing

Physical Education

At Pashley, children are offered a wide range of opportunities to engage in sports and physical activities. We believe that introducing pupils to a variety of sports encourages a lifelong appreciation for movement and supports their development into healthy, active individuals.

From their first weeks in EYFS, children begin learning to ride balance bikes, building confidence and coordination. These bikes are used weekly and form part of our commitment to early physical development.

All pupils participate in a minimum of two P.E lessons per week, covering gymnastics, games skills, and dance throughout the year. In addition, children enjoy daily access to outdoor play equipment, including the adventure playground and trim trails, which are used on a rota basis.

Our staff benefit from ongoing training, and we are fortunate to work with specialist sports coaches who enhance our P.E provision.

We are proud to have received the Gold Quality Start Award in recognition of our commitment to high-quality physical education.

Each summer, we invite families to join us for Sports Day, held at Ocklynge Junior School. It's a highlight of the year and a celebration enjoyed by the whole school community.



Computing

Using computers and technology is part of day to day learning at Pashley. All the classrooms have modern interactive boards and visualisers are used in everyday teaching practice. We also benefit from digital visualisers and programmable 'robots'. In EYFS the children have access to iPads and are able to use appropriate educational apps from practicing cursive handwriting to classifying leaves and plants.

In Key Stage One children benefit from using a class set of laptops where they are able to become familiar and confident using educational virtual platforms to enhance their learning. Many children, in today's modern 'touch screen' society are unfamiliar with keyboards so this is an important skill to develop even at infant age.

The children also learn the basics of computer science, which relates to teaching basic algorithms needed to code a machine and learning how digital systems work. For example, giving and following simple instructions to build Lego models, or navigating a maze.

An essential part of every child's education is safeguarding and this includes online e-safety. Every class have dedicated age appropriate lessons on how to keep safe online and also supports families with safety guidance for home.

The Wider Pashley Team

The Governors

The school is very fortunate to benefit from a dedicated board of Governors who are committed to the school. We have representatives from education, local businesses, parents and staff. Each of the Governors is allocated to a specific area in school which cover the Subject areas, the buildings, safeguarding and provision for vulnerable pupils.

We also work closely with other Old Town schools including Motcombe Infants, Ocklyng Junior and South Downs Community Schools. Our links with other schools in Eastbourne mean that we can share expertise, experience and excellent practice.

We pride ourselves on excellent communication with parents and have a high positive presence on social media so please do follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get a feel of the school.

Friends of Pashley (FOP)

The FOP are legendary and consist of a dedicated group of parents who work (and play!) extremely hard to organise fund raising and social events. School staff work closely with the FOP team and the community spirit is very much alive. Annual events include the fabulous fairs, at Christmas and in the Summer, The Pashley Easter Egg Hunt, Quiz nights and more.

Healthy Eating



All children at infant age are entitled to a free school meal and a free healthy snack everyday. We passionately believe that happy children learn when they have a balanced healthy and varied diet.

We use a local catering company, Harrisons, taking a bold decision to change from the company used by most schools. As we only want the best for our children. Our wonderful chef Kylie and her friendly team are adept at catering for children with allergies. Kylie also takes the time to try new recipes with 'secret healthy ingredients', for example her chocolate beetroot brownies which are a hit with all children. Since moving companies the take up of meals has increased, the children eat more and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Community Links

Pashley is very much part of the community, so much so we have a dedicated teacher who oversees links and leads social media as part of her role. We make use of our Old Town library, have links with local churches and promote community support such as food banks and mental health support.

Uniform

Pashley School Uniform

- Green jumper or cardigan
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Yellow or green summer dress
- White polo shirt
- Yellow or green sun hat

P.E Kit

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Tracksuit (when cold)
- Trainers (with Velcro fastening if possible)
- Named PE bag



"I couldn't recommend Pashley enough. It is a wonderful, nurturing and creative environment that brings the best out in the kids. The staff really go above and beyond to ensure the children have the most enriching experience possible."

Pre-school, Wrap-around-care and Clubs



Pashley Pre-school

Opening September 2026 will be our very own Pashley Nursery on site! The newly built and furnished nursery will become part of our Early Years Village, run by Pashley staff and will be an integrated class in the school. It will utilize our incredible outdoor spaces and all the wonderful opportunities that are available to the rest of the school. Again, priority booking will be offered to our Pashley families. The Nursery will be open for 2 – 4 year old's and be a perfect start to your child's Pashley journey.

Earlybirds and Ladybirds

For working parents who require wrap-around-care we are very fortunate to manage this 'in-house' with a dedicated team who are also part of the support staff during the day. This has huge benefits as the children form positive relationships in day-to-day school life and also see these friendly familiar faces before and/or after school.

Earlybirds begins at 7.45am and the children can have breakfast of yoghurt, cereal, toast and juice.

Ladybirds begins straight after school until 6pm.

The children enjoy a sandwich, biscuit and drink (allergies are also catered for).

Both clubs are situated in the aptly named 'Happy Hive'. This is on the school site and also benefits from having the all weather playground, the



activity trim trail and pirate ship which the children love! Parents are able to book sessions online.



Pashley Holiday Club

New to Pashley is our very own holiday club called 'Little Adventurers'. This runs over the summer holidays and is affordable, very popular and incredibly enjoyable for our children. The children have daily forest school workshops in our woodlands, they visit the pond, allotment, farm and many playgrounds and have lots of playtime. The holiday club gives priority booking to our own Pashley families and is run by our own staff. Find out more information during our open mornings.

Other Clubs

We also host a number of other clubs using out-of-school providers. Currently these include gymnastics, karate, tennis, yoga, football and Scotty's science club. Parents who wish to use the Ladybird club afterwards are able to do so.



Come and see for yourself!

We are always happy to show you around our wonderful school. It is best seen in action! Do give the office a call and book in a tour with a member of the senior leadership team for a time that suits you. **01323 730719**





Have a wander...

We are so proud of our Pashley grounds. Use this map to guide your own Pashley adventure and find some hidden gems.

DID YOU FIND:

- Cluckingham Palace?
- The Bug Hotel?
- Giant musical instruments?
- A sand filled boat?
- The story-telling throne?
- A multi-coloured slide?
- The Pashley Values board?
- The Woodland Classroom?



How many animals are there?

