

How Are We Continuously Improving Your Children's Experiences at Timberscombe CofE First School?

In our most recent OFSTED inspection, Timberscombe CofE First School was judged '**Good**' in all areas, with '**Outstanding**' for Personal Development. Inspectors recognised our pupils' enthusiasm and sense of safety, highlighting that leaders and staff are ambitious for all children and provide strong foundations through a broad and ambitious curriculum that, in some subjects, exceeds national expectations. Our children were praised for their confidence and positive attitudes, reflecting our strong school community.

We are proud of this achievement and remain committed to building on these strengths, continuing to raise standards and further enrich the experience we provide for every child.

Objective 1: Strengthen Early Years Provision.

We are improving how we support children through:

- Working with new and existing pre-school staff to develop a curriculum that feeds into KS1/2 curriculum.
- Ensure a consistently good level of teaching within pre-school.
- Strengthen collaboration between school and pre-school staff.

What this means for your child:

Strengthened pre-school provision to ensure high-quality teaching and a seamless transition into primary school, giving your child the best possible start to their learning journey.

Objective 2: Raise standards in writing across the school

We are raising standards through:

- Continually teaching a wide range of genres and diverse texts.
- Developing a whole school framework to include 'Drawing Club' for Key Stage 1.

What this means for your child:

Better writing across all subjects, greater creativity, and exposure to a range of rich vocabulary, cultures and ideas through literature.

Objective 3: Develop oracy with a focus on maths

We're developing pupils' oracy and mathematical thinking by:

- Encouraging **mathematical talk** in lessons – explaining, reasoning, and discussing strategies.
- Promoting confidence in using **mathematical vocabulary**.

What this means for your child:

Improved problem-solving skills, enriched vocabulary, better understanding of maths concepts and stronger communication.

Objective 4: RE & PSHE Curriculum Update

We are adopting the new **Jigsaw RE and PSHE** programmes which:

- Cover **11 world views** and promote spiritual reflection.
- Link naturally with our **Collective Worship** and values-led approach.
- Support mental health, relationships, and respectful discussion.

What this means for your child:

A deeper understanding of themselves and others, as well as tools for well-being and moral development.

Objective 5: Embed and evidence our school vision (SIAMS)

As a Church school, we're continuing to:

- Embed our **school vision and Christian values** across all we do.
- Collect evidence to meet the **7 SIAMS Inspection Questions (IQs)**, showing how our vision shapes school life.

What this means for your child:

A nurturing, values-led education that supports academic growth and character development.

How You Can Support at Home:

- Read together every day
- Talk about books, numbers, and ideas
- Encourage your child to explain their thinking in maths and other subjects
- Talk about values and how we treat others
- Attend school events and workshops when you can – we love working with you!

Together, we're building a school where every child can flourish.

Thank you for your continued support.

Questions? Want to get more involved? Contact the school office or speak to Angela Hall, Head of School or your child's class teacher.