East Bierley CE (VC) Primary School

At East Bierley Primary School

we are K-I-N-D

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 • PROSPECTUS 2027

Small school. Big discoveries.

A place to belong and flourish

A Church of England primary school for children from Reception to Year 6, with a warm welcome for the whole family. We know our children, nurture their curiosity and help them grow in confidence and independence. There is so much to discover together.

At East Bierley we are KIND

Kind • Inspired • Nurtured • Determined

> "The school provides a genuinely nurturing environment and takes the time to understand the whole family."
>
> **Parent feedback**



KNOWN AND VALUED

Welcome to our community

We care about the child, the family and the community around them.

Welcome from Victoria Meek

Choosing a school is a very personal decision. You want to know that your child will be happy, understood and encouraged to do their best. At East Bierley, we take time to know every child and their family. We care about the little things that matter to them, celebrate their achievements and work together when they need a helping hand. Our Church of England school brings together families from different communities, creating a welcoming place to learn and grow. We combine care and high expectations with a broad curriculum and opportunities to discover new interests. From the first days in Reception to the adventures of Year 6, we want children to feel that they belong and that their contribution matters. We would love you to come and meet us, see our school in action and begin getting to know the people who will share your child's journey.

Victoria Meek | Headteacher

Our vision

To be a vibrant and inclusive Christian community where everybody is known, valued and inspired to reach their full potential. We nurture curiosity, creativity and a love of learning, equipping our pupils with the knowledge, skills and determination to flourish in an ever-changing world.

Our Christian values

Friendship

We demonstrate God's love by caring for one another and showing kindness and compassion.

Courage

We inspire courage and determination, encouraging our pupils to believe in themselves and their dreams.

Respect

We treat everyone with dignity and respect, valuing diversity and celebrating individuality.

Kindness

We promote kindness to all, without exceptions.

Forgiveness

We practise forgiveness, learning to let go of anger.

Faith

We nurture a strong sense of faith, exploring the teaching of Jesus Christ and living out our Christian values.

Living our values

Our values guide friendships, learning and the way we care for one another. We welcome families of all faiths and none. Visits to church for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and our end-of-year celebration connect our school community through worship, reflection and shared celebrations.

> "The school day gets off to a great start as staff warmly welcome pupils."
>
> **Ofsted, June 2026**

RECEPTION

A confident beginning

Purposeful play, thoughtful teaching and time to explore.



> “Children are happy and well cared for.”
>
> **Ofsted, June 2026**

Learning through doing

Starting school is a big adventure, full of new people, places and possibilities. Our Reception curriculum brings together purposeful play, direct teaching, conversation and practical exploration, indoors and outdoors. Adults get to know each child and join their learning with new language, questions and ideas. Children investigate, create, make friends and learn to do more for themselves, with encouragement and support along the way.

Strong foundations

Communication and language underpin the day. Stories, songs and shared books build vocabulary and imagination, with plenty of time to talk and listen. Essential Letters and Sounds provides systematic phonics teaching. Practical mathematics develops understanding of number, pattern, shape and space, helping children explore ideas, notice connections and enjoy solving problems.

The whole child

Learning covers all seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage, including physical development, personal, social and emotional development, understanding the world, and expressive arts and design. Growing, observing nature and exploring materials make room for curiosity. Children practise sharing, organising belongings and persevering when something is tricky. We celebrate the small steps that help them feel capable and ready for what comes next.

Getting to know you before September

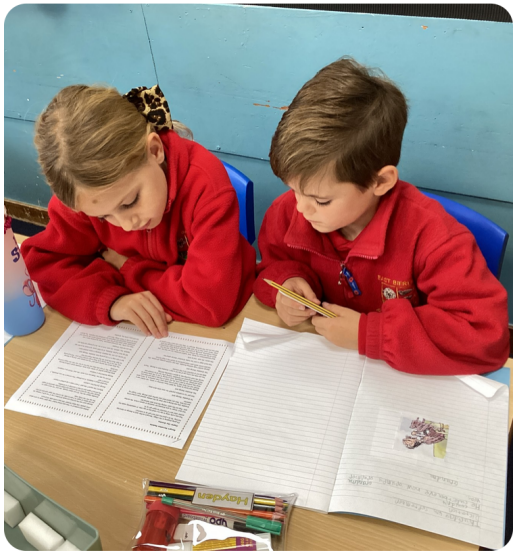
We want children and families to feel familiar with school before their first day. Our transition programme begins with a family stay-and-play session in early June. Nursery visits take place through June, followed by a settling session on National Transition Day in the first week of July. Home visits take place in the first week of September, before children start school. We share individual arrangements directly with families and make time to hear what matters to you.

Exploring and discovering

Practical experiences that build curiosity and confidence.









RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Learning that builds and grows

Secure foundations, growing knowledge and a curriculum full of discovery.



> “Leaders have ensured that the school’s curriculum is well planned and sequenced.”
>
> **Ofsted, June 2026**

A connected journey

Our broad curriculum builds knowledge, vocabulary and skills over time, while encouraging children to ask questions and take pride in what they can do. Teachers revisit important learning, check understanding and adapt teaching so children can take their next steps. Reception experiences prepare children for the National Curriculum. Years 1 and 2 strengthen foundations; Years 3 to 6 deepen subject knowledge, reasoning and independence.

Reading and communication

Books open doors to new ideas and experiences. Essential Letters and Sounds supports early reading. Shared stories, regular reading practice and Readerful help children develop fluency, vocabulary and understanding. Reading for pleasure matters throughout school, with older Reading Ambassadors encouraging younger readers. Talk helps pupils explain ideas, listen to others and prepare for writing. Children write for different purposes, developing composition, handwriting and spelling.

Mathematics and investigation

Children build number knowledge, fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills, explaining ideas through practical resources and discussion. We encourage them to have a go, explore different approaches and learn from mistakes. Science develops observation and investigation; computing builds digital skills and safe technology use.

Understanding and expressing

History and geography explore people, places and change. Art, design and technology, music and drama give children ways to express themselves and discover what they enjoy. PE builds movement, teamwork and confidence. Children learn French in Key Stage 2. RE explores Christianity, other faiths and different ways of life. Personal development supports relationships, wellbeing and responsibility.

Making learning memorable

Growing projects, volcano investigations and space learning inspire curiosity and give children something to talk about long after the lesson. CHOL has delivered term-long drama workshops linked to English. Visits, practical activities and experience days help children explore and apply their learning in new ways.

Creativity and celebration

Music, shared traditions and moments to feel proud.









Discovering interests and talents

Opportunities to try something new, contribute and enjoy being together.





> “May Day is always a fantastic event and something we really look forward to.”
>
> **Parent feedback**

Clubs for different interests

There is room to discover a new interest or spend more time doing something you love. Our changing programme includes Active Kids, multi-sports, yoga, Lego, art, Arty Kids, film, board games, dance and cricket. Activities vary by term and year group, with current details shared with families. Children develop skills, make connections and enjoy time with friends.

Active and adventurous

Sport, dance, outdoor challenges and team-building experiences give children opportunities to try something new and enjoy being active. We encourage them to work together, support one another and feel proud of their progress. As they grow, experiences beyond the classroom, including the Year 6 residential, help them develop resilience, independence and the confidence to embrace new challenges.

A stage for every age

Performing together is a special part of school life. EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances and KS2 experiences such as Young Voices give children opportunities to sing, perform and celebrate together. The Year 6 end-of-year production marks an important milestone. Drama workshops and a whole-school pantomime visit bring stories to life and create shared memories.

A voice and a responsibility

Children have an important part to play in shaping our school. Pastoral Leads, Reading Ambassadors, school council representatives and Head Pupils make a meaningful contribution. They learn to listen, represent others, support younger pupils and take responsibility for their community. These everyday opportunities help children see the difference their kindness and ideas can make.

A year of shared experiences

Class trips and visits from the police and fire service connect learning with the wider world. Culture Week, French Day, World Book Day workshops and TT Rockstars dress-up days create memorable experiences. May Day, Christmas crafts with families, the Santa Dash, Christmas celebrations and Polar Express Day bring us together. Hello Yellow and Children in Need encourage care for others.

Active and adventurous

Trying new challenges and enjoying being part of a team.









Helping every child thrive

Inclusion is what we do, every day.



> “There is a positive culture of inclusion at the school.”
>
> **Ofsted, June 2026**

Understanding each individual

Every child brings their own strengths, interests and ways of learning. We take time to understand these and build on what helps them feel secure and successful. Small adaptations happen every day, helping children participate, build confidence and make progress. Support may include adjustments within lessons, additional adult support, sensory circuits, access to a quiet space or a personalised plan. We work closely with families and review support as needs develop.

Care when it is needed

Sometimes children and families need an extra helping hand, and we want you to feel comfortable talking to us. Where appropriate, children can access specialist nurture and behaviour support, alongside approaches such as sand therapy. Our SENCO works with staff, families and external professionals to identify and respond to additional needs. Please speak to us early so we can understand your child together.

Feeling safe and learning to care

Positive relationships and consistent routines help children understand expectations and know whom to approach with a worry. myHappymind supports learning about mental wellbeing. Personal development, safety teaching and Anti-Bullying Week help children explore relationships, respect and looking after themselves and others. Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.

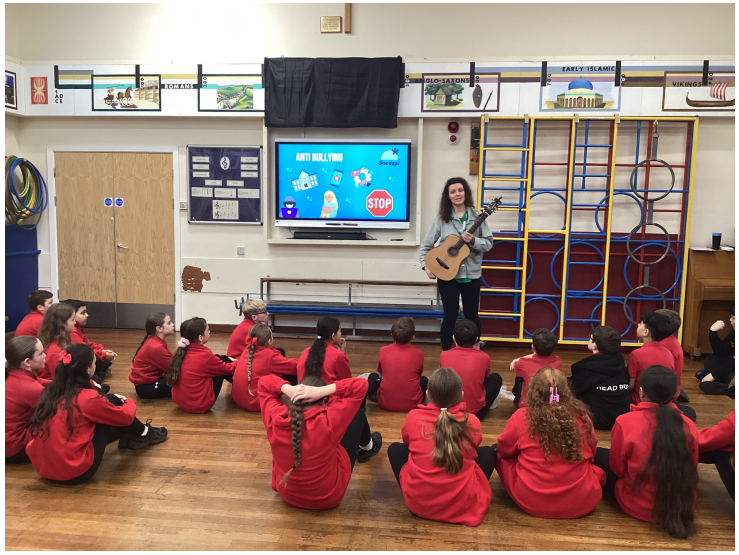
Small school to high school

We understand that families may wonder about the move from a small primary to a larger secondary school. We build confidence gradually, through growing responsibilities and regular experiences with local high schools. Visits include swimming, science experiments, musical and sporting events, and drama performances. These help children become familiar with larger settings and look forward to new opportunities. We work with families and receiving schools to support transition and share what helps each child thrive.

Growing together

Learning, creating and caring for one another.







School life made practical

Clear routines and a close partnership between home and school.



> “Both my children settled in at East Bierley immediately and formed strong bonds with both their peers and teachers.”
>
> **Parent feedback**

The school day

A friendly welcome and familiar routines help children feel ready for the day. Doors open at 8.40am and registers close at 9.00am. The school day ends at 3.25pm. Regular attendance helps children enjoy friendships and make the most of learning. Please contact the office if your family needs support; we are here to work with you.

Before and after school

Breakfast Club runs from 7.40am to 8.40am. After School Club runs from 3.25pm to 5.30pm during term time. Places require pre-registration and are subject to availability. Please contact the office for current fees, booking arrangements and available sessions. Extra Curricular clubs also available.

Lunch and everyday essentials

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for universal infant free school meals. Packed lunches are also welcome. Please tell us about allergies, medical needs or dietary requirements so we can discuss arrangements. Children need a named water bottle and a waterproof coat; Reception children also use wellies for outdoor learning.

Uniform and PE

Our uniform includes a red jumper or cardigan, a white or navy polo shirt, grey or black school bottoms and sensible black shoes. A school logo is optional. Children come in PE kit on their allocated PE day: a red polo shirt, black shorts, leggings or joggers, and black trainers. The school shares full guidance with families.

Keeping in touch

You know your child best, and your insight matters to us. Parents’ evenings, reports and regular conversations help us share learning, celebrate progress and discuss next steps. Arbor supports school information and parent bookings; ParentPay handles payments. In Reception, Tapestry helps families share in their child’s learning. Our active PTFA welcomes family involvement in fundraising and community events, with opportunities to join in and get to know other families.

Come and meet us

The best way to get to know East Bierley is to see it for yourself.



> “My child was so excited to start school and this enthusiasm has remained through to their final year.”
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> **Parent feedback**

Let us show you around

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Arrange your visit

We would love to welcome you and your child to East Bierley. Contact our office to arrange a visit, meet the team and explore the spaces where children learn and play. Bring your questions: we know that choosing a school is an important decision. Please tell us about any access or additional needs when booking. There is on-street parking and step-free access around school.

Applying for Reception

Apply through the local authority where your child lives, even if you are choosing a school in another council area. Families in Kirklees and Bradford should use their own council’s admissions service and check its current timetable and arrangements. Start with the guidance on our website: www.eastbierleyprimary.com. If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, contact your local authority’s SEND team about the appropriate process.

School admissions guidance: www.eastbierleyprimary.com

Kirklees applications: www.kirklees.gov.uk

Bradford applications: www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions

Take the next step

For more information on how to apply, visit www.eastbierleyprimary.com. You can also explore our curriculum, school policies, SEND information and practical guidance online. If you are unsure where to begin, please get in touch. Our office will be happy to point you in the right direction and help you arrange a visit.