

Prospectus

Farsley Farfield Primary School



2023-4



Welcome to our school...



Farsley Farfield
Primary School



We are very proud of our school. Farsley Farfield Primary School has a huge amount to offer your child: unique qualities will combine to offer an engaging, rich and varied education for your child.

We are a popular, inclusive, diverse 'good' school with strong academic standards and a very broad curriculum. We were declared **national** 'Healthy School of the Year' in 2017 thanks to our fantastic provision in PE, horticulture and cooking. Our grounds are amazing!

There is no substitute for coming to the school and seeing for yourself – schools have changed since we were children! Please contact us and we will be delighted to show you around and discuss your child's future at Farfield.

Very best wishes,

Peter Harris
Headteacher

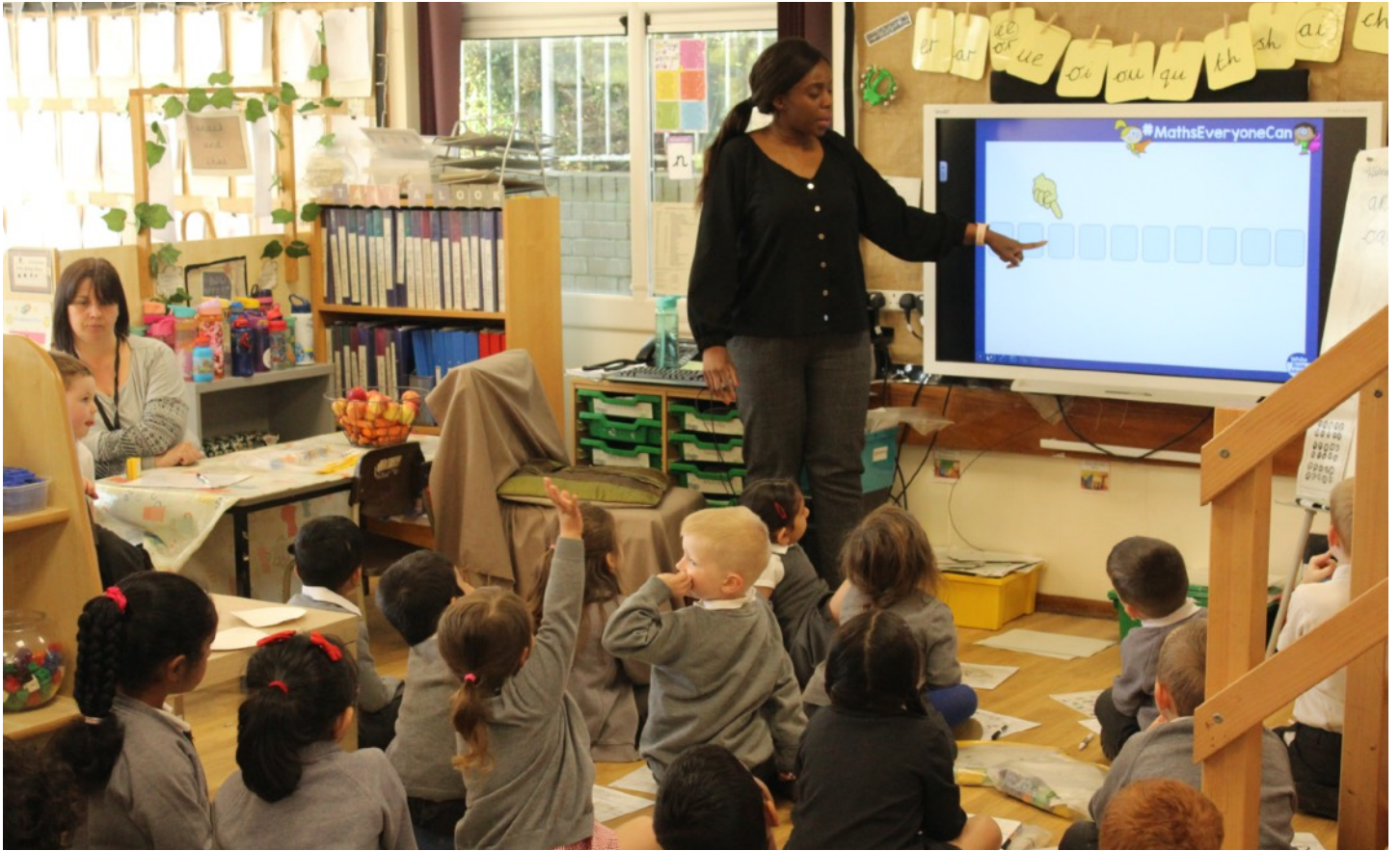


Key reasons to choose Farsley Farfield

- Highly skilled, committed, caring staff;
- Happy, well-mannered, motivated children;
- A rich cultural mix and inclusive ethos;
- Strong academic standards;
- Outstanding school grounds including a locally unique 'farm' project;
- Wonderful extra-curricular opportunities;
- A wide range of sporting activities and teams;
- A firm commitment to the arts;
- Strong IT throughout the school, 1:1 Chromebooks in Y3-6 and outstanding website/blogs;
- A love of 'school trips' and three of our own school minibuses to get out and about;
- A strong culture of safeguarding;
- A close working relationship with our Children's Centre, private nursery, 'Fun Club' and local childminders;
- National Healthy School of the Year 2017;
- A superb PTA.



Foundation Stage



Our Foundation Stage is a fabulous place for any child to start their education. Consisting of spacious Nursery and Reception classrooms, the Foundation Stage has a very creative and play-based curriculum. Areas of provision are carefully planned to provide your child with a broad range of experiences; some of these are adult-led, many of these are self-directed. Much of the planning in Foundation Stage is 'in the moment': focussing on the interests of the child and developing their ideas with them. This is supplemented by teacher-planned input, group phonics and sessions teaching early number skills.

We have a 26 place Nursery for 3-year-olds with children typically attending either 15 or 30 hours per week. A child might attend the morning session, 8.45am-11.45am or the afternoon session, 12.30pm-3.30 pm or stay all day. You can arrange with our on-site private nursery 'Little People' (or a childminder) for your child to be taken to Nursery (or any other year group) and be collected as necessary.

"Such an amazing school and teachers. I'm very proud my child is part of this fantastic school."

Parent of Reception child 2023

"The staff in Nursery are incredibly knowledgeable and make you feel at ease."

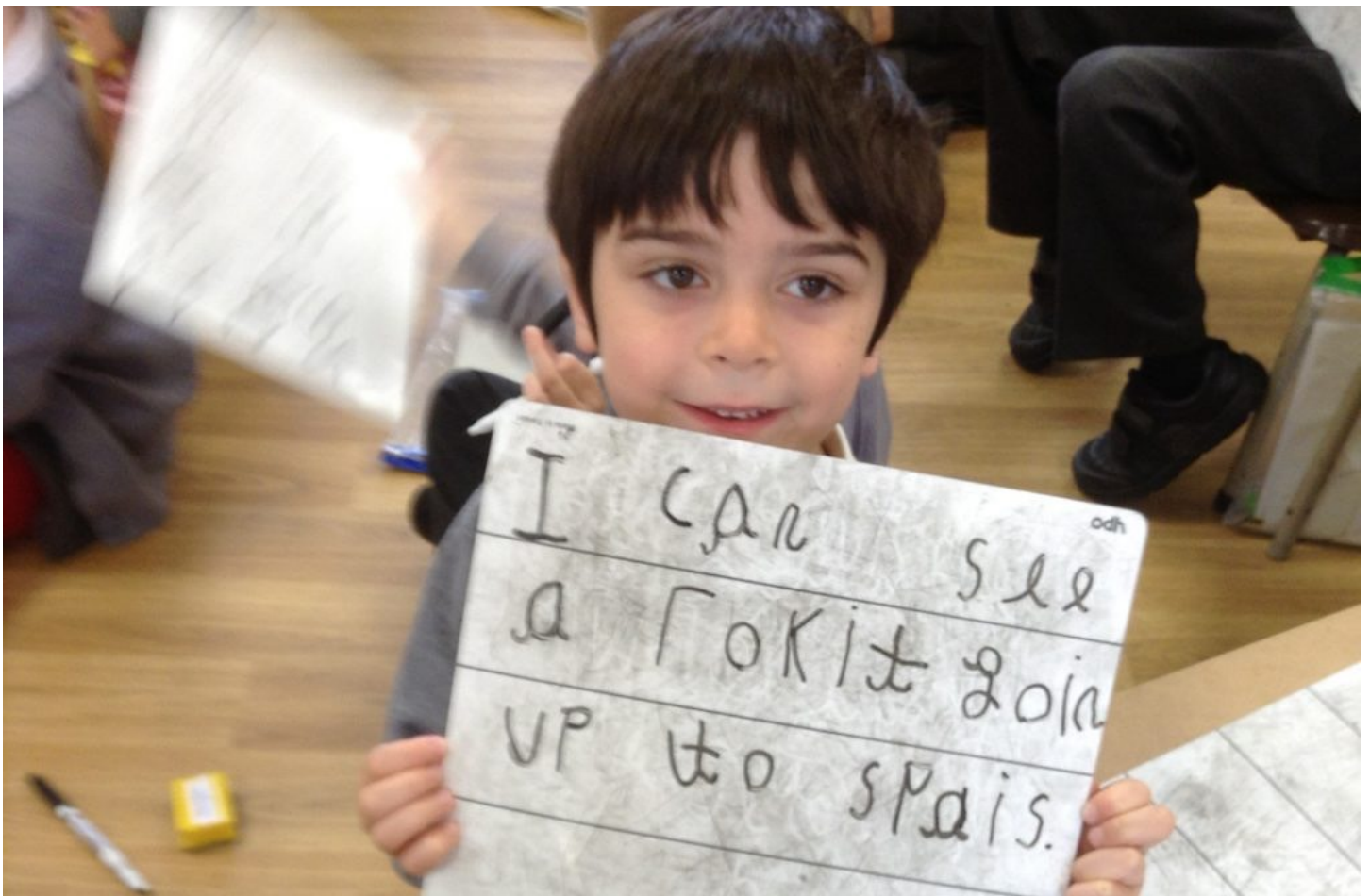
Parent of Nursery child 2023

"... an amazing first year at Farfield for [child]... I cannot fault this school one bit."

Parent of Reception child 2023

"[My child] has loved every minute of Reception! Thank you for providing such a wonderful place to feed her imagination and to learn."

Parent of Reception child 2023



The Reception classes build upon the curriculum as established in the Nursery. By the end of this Reception year, your child should have reached a 'Good Level of Development', and be well prepared for the increasingly demanding curriculum of Key Stage 1. Children have on-going access to a wide range of imaginative outdoor spaces. Fresh air and the stimulation of senses and the enquiring mind are cornerstones of our vision for early years education.

Childcare

Little People Nursery - on our Junior site - provides child care all year round from 0-4, and their 'Fun Club' provision provides before and after school care for school age children as well as holiday provision. Telephone 0113 2566495 (private nursery) or 0113 2559233 (Fun Club) or visit www.littlepeoplenurseries.co.uk for more details. Mrs Walton, the North building administrator, and our Children's Centre staff, also have details of excellent local child-minders. Little People or childminders can provide 'wrap around' services at the start and the end of the day.

For all childcare options locally, see: <http://familyinformation.leeds.gov.uk/Pages/default.aspx>

“Parents and carers are also very happy with the school’s work. Many commented extremely positively on the contribution the school makes to the local community and the way in which everyone is valued. One parent said that the school ‘embraces the diversity and different cultures in the community’”

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Key Stages 1 and 2

We are a split site school on one large campus. The North building consists of the Foundation Stage and four Infant Key Stage 1 classes. The South building is made up of eight Junior Key Stage 2 classes. We take 60 children in each cohort, split into two classes of thirty.

The North building has very large classrooms, its own hall and dining room, plus plenty of different playground spaces. There is a conservation area and sensory garden. The infant school day is from 8.45am - 3.15pm.

“Teaching in the school is consistently good, with some teaching being outstanding.”

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“Your curriculum offers a wide range of learning experiences for pupils and as a result is vibrant, rich and engaging.”

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“A fantastic, fun, broad and engaging curriculum that has stimulated and provided great learning experiences! Wish I had been in year one!”

Parent of Y1 girl





The main Key Stage 2 classrooms are large and well resourced. There is a principal school hall, a 'studio' space used for cooking and other lessons, a 'Farm' classroom and large greenhouse. We have a large pastoral space and all-weather courtyard.

The Junior school day runs from 8.40am - 3.20pm.

Academic standards at the end of Key Stage 2 are strong (see Academic Standards).

"Choosing Farfield as primary school is the best decision we made."

Year 6 parent after 7 years

"An outstanding school created by outstanding staff."

Y3 parent

"Fantastic school, full of rich experiences both at school and outside of school."

Y3 parent

Leaders in Learning with IT

Farfield makes the best use of IT to enhance teaching and learning, and to provide our children with crucial skills for the future. To this end, children in Y3-6 are given their own 1:1 Chromebook computers for use **in school and at home**. (Infant children have much less access to IT for personal use. This is a deliberate choice, particularly in Foundation Stage.)

Many of our KS2 teachers are Google Certified Educators.



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Certified Educator

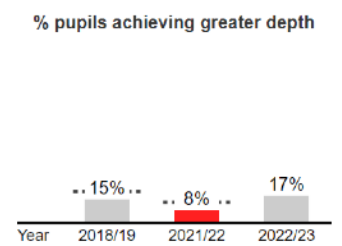
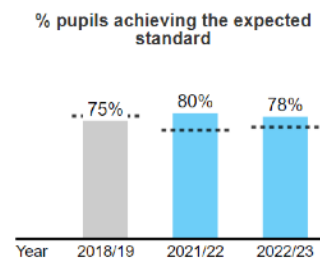
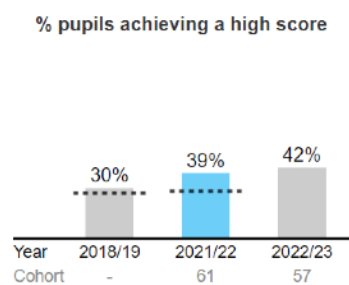
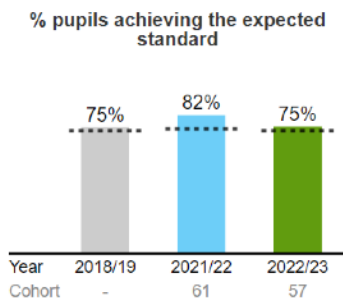


Academic Standards

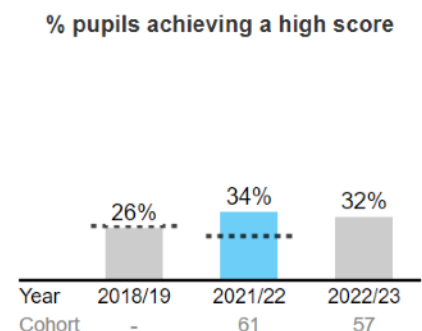
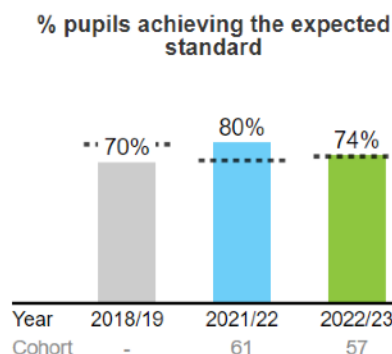
Our academic standards are typically at national averages or above, and we usually have a greater proportion at 'greater depth' standards. Our most recent validated 'progress' grades were excellent.

Reading at Y6

Writing at Y6



Maths at Y6





PE and Sport

Farsley Farfield is a very strong sporting school. We provide a broad curriculum for all children both through PE lessons during school time and our wide variety of sporting activities out of school hours. We take part in many sporting competitions and run four football league teams - the only school in the area to do so. Our curriculum for outdoor and adventurous activity is outstanding!

In 2016, we were awarded a city-wide prize for innovation in PE and in 2017 we were the national Healthy School of the Year!

Our school grounds are second-to-none locally: we have huge fields, two artificial cricket wickets (and nets), four mini-tennis courts and plenty of space for cycling.





If your child enjoys sports and physical activity, they will enjoy Farfield.

In Key Stage 2, our minibuses allow us to regularly use local specialist sports facilities such as Gym Magic, Rawdon Tennis Club and The Depot Climbing Wall.

We also have two residentials in the Dales including mountain biking, caving, climbing, abseiling and gorge-scrambling.



**“Outstanding”
LCC Health and
Safety Team
assessments of
Farfield Residentials**



The Great Outdoors

The school's huge grounds are magnificent, and a literal breath of fresh air in these days of concrete and congestion. We have a huge number of trees, areas of long grass, sports pitches, a conservation area with a pond and a range of habitats. We have plenty of space for dens and an inexhaustible supply of sticks!

Infants have a fort, 'tyre park' and climbing frame. We have an exciting 'tree house' close to the Junior yard, outdoor gym and willow tunnel.

Whenever possible, children get onto the grass at playtime, thus promoting a healthy, active lifestyle. Some children may, occasionally, come home a little muddy – wellies are essential!



**"Outside provision at this school is outstanding."
External Healthy Schools Inspection Report 2022**





Farfield Farm

Our school's award-winning farm project is an outstanding element of the school's provision - it really is unique and a very special part of the school's offer. We have large areas of fruit and vegetable planting, including a large orchard, two huge polytunnels, an accessible garden and raised beds. We also have chickens and bee hives.

Every child spends time on the farm, joining in with seasonal work such as sowing, planting, weeding, watering and harvesting. Some families have 'Community Garden' plots as part of the farm project.

Children receive regular Food and Cooking lessons as part of our drive to 'Be Healthy'.



"The whole school approach to food and healthy eating is outstanding at this school. There is a very positive culture and ethos around all aspects of food."

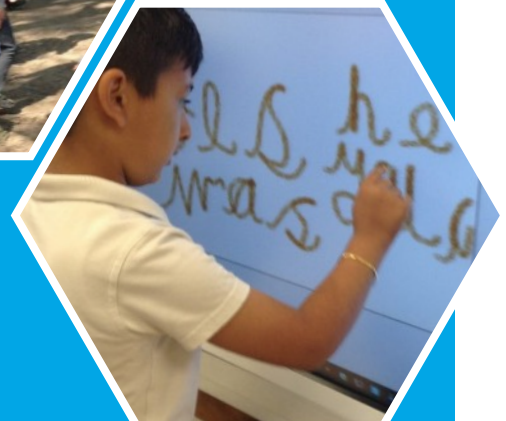
External Healthy Schools
Inspection Report 2022

Admission to School

Attendance at our school can usually begin in Nursery when your child is three. When over-subscribed, the school adopts the same admission criteria for Nursery as Leeds Children's Services uses for older children: siblings and proximity (children with acute special needs, 'Children Looked After' and those referred to us directly through Social Care have priority beyond this).

Places in full time Reception classes (from age 4) are allocated by Leeds City Council. Details can be found here: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>.

The Reception 'application window' is November 1st 2023 to January 15th 2024 for a place in September 2024. Don't miss this deadline and make sure that your nearest school is somewhere on your list of preferences.



Our Learning Hive

Our 'Farfield Learning Hive' pulls together key aspects of a child's personal development in our school and forms the basis of many assemblies, rewards and sanctions.



"(My daughter) has had the best school experience at Farfield and has made excellent progress due to the additional provision that had been put in place for her."

Y6 Parent



Special Attention

Every child is special, and every child is welcomed to our school. We aim to meet any child's special needs or disability wherever possible, and we have resources such as large care suites and platform lifts in order to help us to include as many children as practicable. We have a good local reputation for inclusion and a lot of experience and expertise around SEND.

Our staff identify children for whom established educational provision and intervention programmes are insufficient to secure appropriate progress. Where additional support is required, we will devise an Individual Provision Map and provide extra resources and interventions. If a child's special needs or disability are very significant, it may be possible to access further resources from Leeds or Bradford city councils. Regular contact is made with appropriate support services to help us with diagnostic assessments and educational programmes of work, and we have our own Speech and Language therapist in school for one day a week. Our work with children with SEND is led by Mrs Lucy Swindlehurst who can be contacted on lucy.swindlehurst@farsleyfarfield.org.uk

More information about our provision for SEND, and Leeds' 'Local Offer', can be [accessed on our website](#).

"The SEND teachers have been absolutely brilliant!"
Infant parent

"My child is autistic. I am very happy with the support he is getting from the school. The teachers, support staff, SENCO, all are very helpful and accommodating."
Y4 parent

"We wanted to thank you for all the support [child] has received and the progress he has made during his time so far at Farfield. We are particularly grateful after attending a few parent groups sessions (e.g. SENDIASS information event) highlighted to us how proactive you have been with support as a school, whereas other parents and carers have clearly not had the same experience."
Infant parent



“The school’s safeguarding arrangements... evidence some areas of exemplary practice which are to be celebrated.”

External safeguarding audit 2022

“There is a clear culture of safeguarding throughout the school.”

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“It has been a great reception year. The communication from the school is excellent and we have enjoyed being part of the PTA events.”

Reception parent 2023

Partnership with Parents

Any teacher will be glad to meet with parents throughout the year although an appointment may sometimes be necessary for mutual convenience. There are two formal consultation evenings - usually in the autumn and spring terms - a brief mid-year report in March and an end of year report in July. If you have any concerns, please don't wait until a consultation evening - contact us as soon as possible.

Parents can expect weekly updates from class teachers via email and you may get a personalised letter when your child has a special moment...

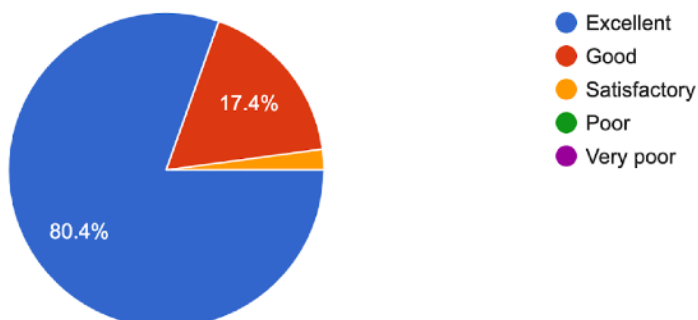
We encourage parents to help in school both in and out of the classroom in a variety of ways. Any help, whether it is a single gesture or a regular occurrence, is valued highly by the staff as there is always something to do in our busy school! Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

We have a **superb** PTA that raises significant sums for the school and puts on amazing events including our famous annual Camp-Over.

Parent Survey July 2023

Q17. Overall, how highly would you rate your child's experience at Farfield?

235 responses



Key Contacts



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