



STONEGATE

Church of England Primary School

PROSPECTUS 2026–2027



“Let your light shine before others...”

Matthew 5:16

A small school with a big heart

Thank you for considering Stonegate Church of England Primary School for your child.

Stonegate is a warm, welcoming village school where children are known well, encouraged to be curious and supported to grow in confidence. Our beautiful rural setting gives children space to learn, play and explore.

We want every child to enjoy coming to school, to be challenged in their learning and to know that they belong. Our Christian vision, "Let your light shine", sits at the heart of school life and is lived through our values of Compassion, Respect, Courage and Trust.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of Stonegate, but the best way to understand our school is to come and see us. You are always very welcome.

Philippa Seymour
Head of School



Our school

Our Victorian school sits in the heart of Stonegate village, surrounded by countryside and generous outdoor space. We are proud of the close relationships across our school community and the way children of different ages learn, play and grow together. Last academic year, we joined the Pioneer Federation, giving our small school the benefits of working closely with a wider family of local schools, while preserving the individual character and community that make Stonegate special.



OUR VISION

Let your light shine

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds.” Matthew 5:16

Our vision is rooted in Christian values and welcomes every child and family. We aim to provide a safe, nurturing place where a love of learning is fostered, the whole child is supported and every individual is encouraged to thrive.

COMPASSION

We notice others and care for them.

COURAGE

We try, persevere and speak up when it matters.

RESPECT

We value ourselves, each other and our world.

TRUST

We build honest, dependable relationships.

Our Church School



Stonegate is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School with a close relationship with St Peter's Church. Rev. Andrew visits our school every week for collective worship.

The whole school gathers at church for important celebrations including Harvest, Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year. Daily collective worship gives us time to gather, reflect, pray and think about how our values shape the way we live together.

Our Golden Rules

Be Kind • Be Safe • Be Positive

Curious minds. High expectations. Plenty of adventure.

We offer a broad and engaging curriculum that builds knowledge, develops skills and encourages children to think for themselves. Strong teaching in reading, writing and maths sits alongside science, humanities, the arts, sport, computing and wider opportunities.



Learning beyond the classroom



Forest School is an important part of life at Stonegate. Children have regular opportunities to learn outdoors, work together, take appropriate risks and develop confidence and independence.



Trips, visitors, performances and sporting opportunities bring learning to life. Recent experiences have included PGL at Bawdsey Manor, the Natural History Museum, Shakespeare's Globe, Battle Abbey, Newhaven Fort and theatre visits.

Pupils as Leaders

Our older pupils are encouraged to take responsibility and have a genuine voice in school life through our Pupils as Leaders (PaLs) programme. Children across the school are encouraged to see themselves as ambassadors for Stonegate.

BELONGING

Known, supported and included

Because we are a small school, relationships matter. We work closely with families and want parents and carers to feel able to talk to us. We celebrate children's successes, notice when they need support and work together to help them flourish.



Additional needs

Children may need additional support at different points in their school journey. Our SENCo works with class teachers and families to identify needs, put appropriate support in place and seek advice from external professionals where needed.

Starting school

We know that starting school is a big step. We help children become familiar with the adults, spaces and routines before they begin, and work closely with families so that transition feels as smooth and reassuring as possible. Our buddy system also helps younger children build relationships with older pupils.



Behaviour

Our expectations are simple and consistent: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Positive. We use a shared approach that helps children make positive choices, receive support when they need it, reflect and repair when things go wrong.

Making family life work

Wraparound care

Breakfast Club from 7:45am and After School Club until 6:00pm, five days a week.

School meals

Our school meals provider is Relish – we are working with them to reduce ultra-processed foods and their ingredients are always local when possible. Children can choose a school meal prepared in our kitchen or bring a packed lunch. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Clubs & sport

Children take part in a range of clubs and sporting opportunities, with teams representing Stonegate in local events. Jumping Juniors are our fantastic PE providers.

Little Acorns

Our pre-school is a valued part of the Stonegate community, helping children build familiar relationships before Reception.

Come and see us

A prospectus can only tell you so much. We would love to welcome you to Stonegate so you can meet the children and staff, see the school in action and ask the questions that matter to your family.



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We can't wait to meet you!