



# Open Evening

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm

An opportunity for parents of children due to start in our Reception Class in September 2024 to find out lots about our caring and nurturing 2-9 school. You will meet our staff, have a tour of our school and get an insight into the fantastic learning opportunities we provide for our children at The Firs.

Parent quote: "We are very thankful for the loving and nurturing community at The Firs, it feels like family"

We help children to develop a positive 'growth mind-set', so they feel confident as a learner, to take on challenges and always aspire to achieve their very best.



Please contact the school office on 01525 402735 or email [office@firslower.org](mailto:office@firslower.org) to book your place.

We look forward to meeting you!

## Care

At The Firs we believe that the care we give our children is our highest responsibility. We are very passionate about creating a nurturing and happy atmosphere where children thrive.

## Beautiful Environment

The School is very proud to be part of the supportive Ampthill community and our children very much enjoy learning and playing in our beautiful woodland setting.

## High Quality Early Years Provision

We have created stimulating and exciting play environments in our settings, which follow the principles of best early years practice very carefully, to develop young learners, ensure they have a successful start to their time in school and make rapid progress.

## Read Write Inc.

As a Read, Write Inc. (RWI) school, we are passionate about children becoming fluent and successful readers. With assessments every 6 weeks and lessons taught at pace in small groups, we have achieved consistent success, with a 96% pass mark in the Y1 phonics test, in 2018 and 2019, placing us in the top 7% of primary schools in the country. In 2022 our children still achieved 91% despite covid disruption and were very proud that our children achieved 98% in 2023.

## Engaging Curriculum

Whether it be learning a musical instrument, studying and emulating the style of an artist or learning about the Romans, our children enjoy a rich and diverse curriculum.

We are proud to be a Forest School and as well as the dedicated FS sessions pupils have each year, teachers use every opportunity to take the learning outside!

We offer a range of engaging extra curricular opportunities, such as music lessons in a number of instruments through Inspiring music, a diverse programme of after and before school clubs led by organisations such as Premier Sport and our hugely popular Saturday Morning Football, run by our dedicated parents.

## PTFA

We have a very active and supportive Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, who work tirelessly to organise events for our children and the whole school community to enjoy. They also raise much needed additional funds for the school that greatly benefit all our children.

## Kids' Club

Our ever popular Kids' Club provides childcare between the hours of 7:50 and 8:55am and 3:30 - 6:00pm Monday to Friday. With the Saplings Pre-School building, Hollows annex and ICT suite, we can offer a care setting that meets the needs of all children from 3-9 years.

We also offer a Holiday Club provision in the summer holidays. Details and costings etc. on request.



If you are unable to attend our Open Evening but would like to arrange a visit, please telephone the school office 01525 402735 [office@firslower.org](mailto:office@firslower.org)