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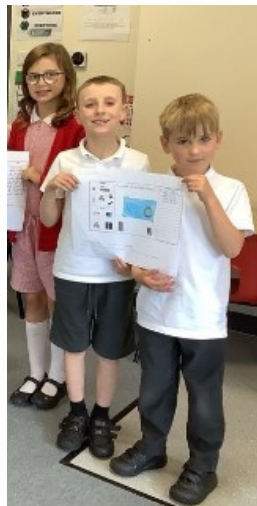
Executive Headteacher's Welcome



We are a small village school set in a rural community, surrounded by the beautiful Vale of Belvoir countryside. We are proud of our school and its long heritage, serving and educating the children of the village of Waltham and its surrounding areas since at least 1844.

We were delighted to become an Academy within Rise Multi-Academy Trust on October 1st 2014. We enjoy very close links with our partner schools: Croxton Kerral CE Primary School, Redmile CE Primary School, Wymondham CE Primary School and St Mary's, as well as with other Vale and Rise schools.

We provide a high standard of teaching and learning within a caring, Christian environment. We aim to nurture and encourage children to be confident and happy individuals who love life and love learning with their friends. We offer a wide and varied education delivered by dedicated staff, who will do all they can to help each child reach their full potential and prepare them well for each new step of their school journey.



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Mr Neil Bardsley
Executive Headteacher

Chair of Governors



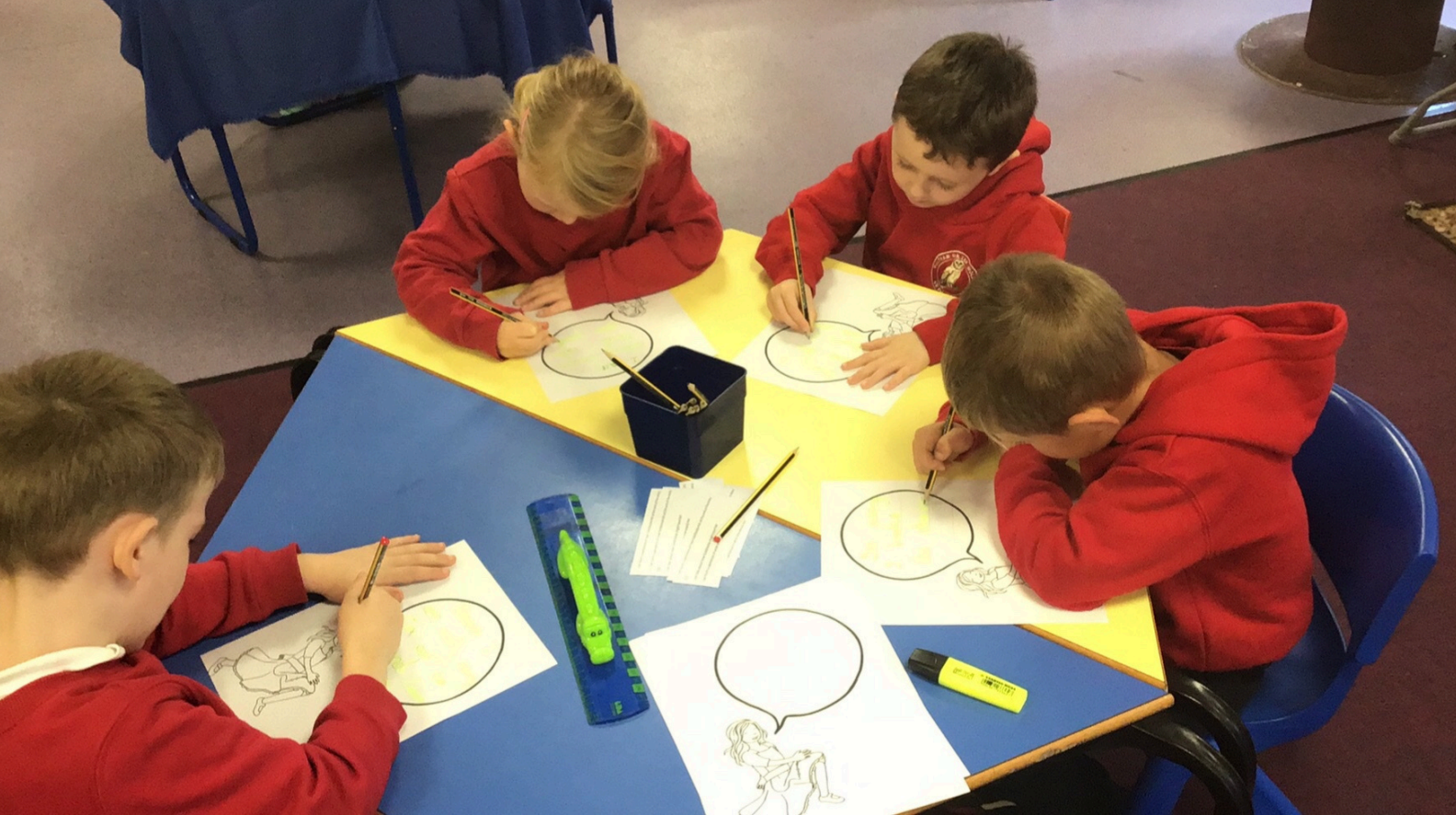
Our school is an Academy within Rise Multi-Academy Trust, whose Board of Trustees are ultimately responsible for the school. All local governance committees are de facto committees of the Board of Directors. The members of each local governing committee are referred to as 'Governors'. Their key responsibilities are to:

- Ensuring there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors are not expected to be involved in the detail of the day-to-day management of the school – this is the responsibility of the Executive Head teacher and senior leadership team. The Governors work in partnership with them, acting as 'critical friends', to support and challenge the work of the school. In practice this means there is a continual cycle of monitoring and evaluation of the work of the school against agreed targets, actions and policies.

Mrs Anna Butler
Chair of Governors





About Waltham CE Primary School

Our school is very much part of the village and local community as we strongly believe that we can only achieve the best for our children with everyone working in partnership together. Our community benefits from our Pre-school and Before and After School child care facility, which continue to support learning in a happy, safe environment, as well as strong links with the village church, parish council and village hall committee.

We have four full-time class teachers and four learning support assistants. Our pupils also benefit from the expertise of our visiting music teachers, dance teacher and sports coaches, all of whom teach with us on a weekly basis and are very much part of the school. We also have a number of assistants and leaders who run our Pre-school, Breakfast Club and After School child care facility and lunchtime supervision.

Our Vision & Values

Vision

In our small rural, church school our vision is to maximise the potential of all learners and encourage them to become responsible global citizens. Based on our Christian and British values we cherish our community and family partnerships, where we celebrate friendship, diversity and inclusion.

"In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16



Values

Our fundamental values are rooted in Christianity and British moral standards. We are passionate about demonstrating them in our daily lives and we plan lessons and activities that explore deeper thinking to broaden understanding. An example of this is how we teach the following core values through four specific Bible stories that children can relate well to:

- Friendship - Bible Story of 'Ruth and Naomi' (Ruth 11-13 and 14-22)
- Love - (Verses in Corinthians 13:4-8)
- Perseverance - Bible Story of 'Joseph and his Brothers' (Genesis 37-50)
- Respect and compassion - Bible Story of 'The Good Samaritan' (Luke 10:25-37)

Our Vision and Values have been devised in collaboration with staff, pupils, parents and governors and is a reflection of the strength of our partnership as a whole community.



Early Years

The Early Years Foundation Stage spans the period of learning and development from birth to 5 years old. Children who start our school during the academic year they turn 5 years of age, are known as Reception. At Waltham-on-the-Wolds Church of England Primary School we have one Reception Class and our Pre-school. We also work very closely with other feeder pre-schools, child minders and Nurseries in the surrounding area to support transition for our Reception children.



Community

FOWS (Friends of Waltham School)

Friends of Waltham School (FOWS) are a group of parents who volunteer their time and skills to help raise money for our school.

We meet each term to discuss our fundraising ideas, activities and the timetable of events.

In total, over previous years, we have raised over £15,000 for the school which has enriched the children's learning experience.

The committee is open to any parent, relative or carer with children at the school and no minimum commitment is required, even if you can only spare a couple of hours to help at one of our fundraising events or to sell raffle tickets. It all helps.



The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

Every week, when we are able to do so, a member of the Rector's team visits our school to lead an assembly called Open The Bible.

They use the Bible as their inspiration and starting point and they always link to the themes of the week organised by staff and clergy together. Themes have included: 'A Special Promise,' 'Joseph the dreamer, prisoner and ruler' and 'The secret baby (Moses).'

We are very fortunate to work with an extended team of clergy from across our cluster. They visit school when they can, and during lockdown they have join us every week via zoom. This has enabled all children, staff and families to link in and enjoy stories, songs, music, video clips, Bible readings, prayer and aspects of the Eucharist to help celebrate the connection we have as a wider community. This has also included Open the Book.



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