



ELM GREEN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Elm Green School is proud of its tradition and its standing within the local community of Little Baddow on the outskirts of Chelmsford. The school is also proud of each and every one of its students and all their achievements.



At Elm Green we take great pleasure in seeing our students develop their own unique personalities and talents, watching them flourish and grow in a setting that aims to keep them safe and independent as well as stimulated and challenged by the experiences available. We take our responsibility to provide an 'education for life' seriously and aim to prepare all of our students to meet their future with confidence.

Each day at Elm Green is packed with lively activity and this brochure offers a tiny glimpse of the energy and enthusiasm of our students and the dedication, professionalism and skill of our staff.

We warmly invite you to visit our school and to meet the wonderful children of Elm Green to see, for yourself, the academic excellence and wider achievement that lies at the heart of the school and experience the friendly, caring and compassionate ethos that pervades the entire community!

"A sense of community, compassion, equality and support of each other is very evident around the school."

Y1 Parent

"My son is very happy at school and is very proud to tell people that he's at Elm Green."

Y1 Parent

"My child's confidence has grown considerably in the time that she has attended Elm Green and she has embraced many new challenges willingly."

Y5 Parent



THE AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

To value each individual child, instilling confidence, independence and building self esteem.

To provide a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment in which each child can be encouraged and challenged academically, creatively, physically and socially to achieve high standards and fulfil their individual and unique potential.

To foster curiosity and a love of learning that will enhance the child's whole education and provide a foundation for life-long learning.

To work with parents enlisting their co-operation and interest in order to create a happy partnership working together with trust and respect.

To provide a caring and compassionate ethos where children can live amicably together and develop values based on Christian principles.

To promote courtesy, good manners and good behaviour in all settings.

*"Staff are highly supportive and caring."
Y1 Parent*

*"Elm Green School is an extremely friendly school which offers much more than excellent teaching."
Y5 Parent*





THE SCHOOL

The school is situated in an idyllic rural location adjacent to National Trust woodland, in the village of Little Baddow, about six miles east of Chelmsford.

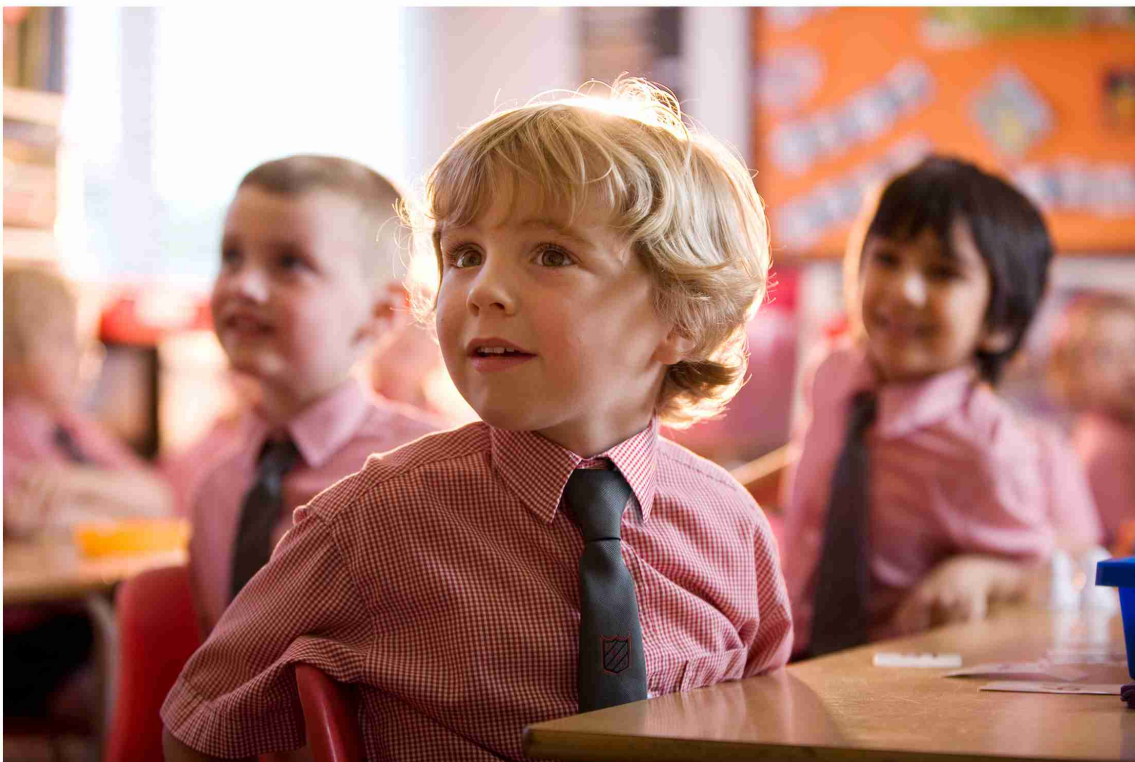
It is set in four acres of grounds with play areas and sports facilities on site, and also has the use of Little Baddow sports field, a two minute walk away, for games and athletics.

Elm Green School was founded in 1944 by Mary Tubbs, who started the school with just five pupils, including her son. The school is a member of IAPS (The Independent Association of Preparatory Schools) and is accredited by ISC (The Independent Schools' Council). The school is subject to inspection by ISI (The Independent Schools' Inspectorate) and the most recent inspection reports can be downloaded from both the school and the ISI website.

Elm Green is a co-educational school of approximately 220 students aged from 4 to 11 years. Entry to the Pre-Prep (4 to 7 year olds) is non-selective and occurs in the September after a child's fourth birthday. The educational experiences stimulate and extend every child with careful attention to individual needs.

In Year 3 the children move into the Prep continuing until Year 6 when, aged 11, they move on to a range of different schools – Essex grammar, comprehensive or independent schools. Many sit the Essex 11plus examination and students are also prepared for the examinations set by individual independent schools and the 11plus Common Entrance.

The school has an excellent record of success for entry to Essex grammar schools and independent schools where many prestigious scholarships and awards in all subjects are gained.



“I am extremely pleased with my son's academic achievement.”

Y6 Parent

“I am extremely happy with the progress that my daughter has made during her time at Elm Green.”

Y6 Parent



THE CURRICULUM

The school has a strong academic tradition and a purposeful atmosphere permeates each class.

From the outset all children study:-

- n Literacy
- n Numeracy
- n Science
- n History
- n Geography
- n I.C.T.
- n Religious Education
- n French
- n Art and Design
- n Music
- n Physical Education
- n Personal, Social and Health Education

The National Curriculum is enhanced and enriched by the broad range of study with specialist teachers bringing enthusiasm and a detailed knowledge of their subject to the students' learning from the very start of the Kindergarten year.

In Years 3 and 4 an increasing number of subjects including science, history and geography are taught by specialist teachers. By Year 5, all lessons are taught by specialists, whose continuous professional development enables them to keep abreast of developments in their chosen subject. Latin is taught in Years 5 and 6. Particular care is taken to extend the most gifted and to support the less able students. Assessment is dynamic and informs further teaching and learning. Progress is carefully monitored and profiled as children move through the school.

The school provides well resourced classrooms and specialist facilities including a music centre, a well-stocked library, an art room and ICT suite.

"We are delighted with the various opportunities given to our child, the scope of various subjects and the continued enthusiasm demonstrated by the teachers. Through Elm Green we believe our child has developed into a caring and responsible individual."

Y4 Parent





BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The school is non-denominational but it is expected that all students will take part in assemblies that are important times in community life. A clear moral and ethical code is instilled from the outset with all children being taught to respect and value the beliefs of others and to treat everyone with courtesy and good manners.



The pastoral care provided by our staff is described as excellent and permeates the school. All new students have a 'shadow', an older student who aims to help and support new students with the day to day routines and in the playground during their early days at a new school. Some strong, long term friendships have often developed as a consequence of 'shadowing.'

A breadth of sporting opportunities and experiences is provided to enable each student to find enjoyment in physical activities. Students swim all year round with extra lessons provided on-site in the summer months. Individual and team sports are encouraged and teams compete regularly in inter-house and inter-school matches, tournaments, competitions and galas.



"Behaviour is excellent in and around the school."

Y5 Parent

"I have just joined an outing with the school. The children behaved beautifully and met high expectations."

KG Parent

"The values and behaviour that Elm Green encourages give the children a good foundation for life."

Y5 Parent



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Art work is displayed widely around the school and there are music, dance and drama performances to which parents are warmly welcomed.

The children also participate in numerous competitions, quizzes and concerts locally and often at a regional or national level performing to an exceptional standard. The school also offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities throughout the day. There are also facilities for early morning and after-school care as well as some holiday activities.

To enhance their learning, students take part in several educational visits that are linked to their curriculum studies with a residential field trip in Year 6. The school additionally hosts many visitors and workshops throughout the academic year.

Each year the students in Year 6 research and select a number of charities for which they raise funds throughout their final year. The school also supports many other national or local charities and participates in many community events.

The School Council is a thriving group of elected representatives who provide a voice for all students at the school.



“My daughter settled very quickly into an already established class and the pastoral care was and is still excellent.”

Y5 Parent

“Pastoral care is a real strength of Elm Green.”

Y3 Parent

“I know that my child is encouraged to be physically fit as well as receiving a well-rounded academic curriculum.”

Y3 Parent

“Learning is enhanced with enjoyable and informative class outings and visitors.”

Y3 Parent

“There is a great mix of emphasis on the academic curriculum, the creative and extra curricular activities.”

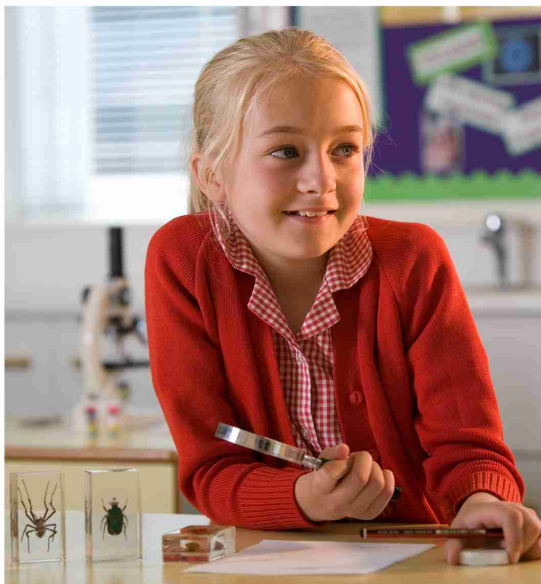
Y4 Parent



THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

There is a flourishing Parents' Association that organizes some very popular social and fund-raising events for parents as well as activities for children.

Members actively support staff at many school events including discos, Christmas and Street Parties for the children as well as running a second hand uniform shop. They also work hard to welcome and support families who are new to the Elm Green Community.



"The school has exceeded our expectations by far."

Y5 Parent

"A great start in life."

Y3 Parent





