

School Development Plan Summary



At Shipbourne, every child is known, valued and supported. Our vision is to nurture lifelong learners who are ambitious, kind and curious, in a warm, family-centred environment.

Where We Are Now:

Ofsted (July 2024): rated *Good* with strengths in behaviour, personal development and inclusive practice.

Children achieve highly: results in reading, writing and maths are above national averages and our curriculum is ambitious across all subjects.

Families tell us they value our “biggest heart in a small school,” excellent staff, and strong sense of care.

What We Are Working On:

Teaching & Support: investing in staff training, mentoring and leadership development.

Core Learning: further raising standards in writing and maths reasoning, making sure all children are confident and secure.

Curriculum Depth: helping children remember and connect their learning across a wide range of different subjects.

Inclusion: adapting learning so pupils with SEND can thrive and achieve ambitious goals.

Pupil Leadership: giving children more opportunities to lead (Reading Ambassadors, Eco-Leaders, Peer Listeners).

Sustainability: careful financial planning to protect small-school strengths for the future.

What This Means for Your Child:

High-quality teaching across all subjects.

Personalised support where needed.

More chances to lead, share opinions, and shape school life.

Continued nurturing ethos where children feel safe, happy and ready to learn.