



Bells Farm Primary School

Prospectus 2025 – 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to welcome you to Bells Farm Primary School. This is a happy, friendly and caring school, in which every child is encouraged to be their best and do their best. We offer a rich curriculum underpinned by education in values for life, and use every opportunity we can to celebrate all of our children's achievements: academic, sporting, creative and social.

We are very proud of our school and our hard-working children. Our excellent partnerships with parents and the commitment of our teaching and support staff combine, as we strive to ensure our children achieve their full potential. Our core purpose is to support each and every child to make great progress and achieve the success they deserve. We believe that learning should be life-long and empowering, giving children the confidence and means to achieve a healthy, secure and rewarding future. Our school motto is "Enjoying our learning.... aiming for excellence." and we believe this embodies our hopes and aspirations for the children we teach as we strive for the highest standards in all we do.

We hope you find this prospectus informative, as you find out what our school has to offer and how we have planned for success. The school is continually developing and we welcome any suggestions for improvements. Have a look at our website to add to the picture of the work we do here at Bells Farm. We are particularly proud of our class blogs, which will give you a real flavour of the work the children do.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information, or to book an appointment to visit us and find out more for yourself and your child.

Tammy Williams

Head Teacher



School vision

We believe that every pupil in Bells Farm is entitled to:

- *be safe, secure and happy in a school environment which has their welfare, safety and education at the heart of everything it does;*
- *learn in a values - based community, which fosters care and respect for, and acceptance of themselves and others;*
- *quality teaching across a broad and rich curriculum which enables all children to achieve their potential;*
- *support to grow as confident and successful individuals.*

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Safeguarding

The welfare and safety of children who attend our school is our paramount concern.

*All adults who work with children have a duty to promote their welfare and keep them safe.
Our dedicated safeguarding teams consists of:*



*Lead DSL: **Miss Williams**
Head Teacher*



*Deputy DSL: **Miss Hackett**
Family Support Co-ordinator*

DSLs in the absence of the above named persons:



***Mrs Hudson**
Assistant Headteacher*



***Mrs Moore**
Assistant Headteacher*



***Mrs Johnson**
Learning Mentor*

All members of staff promote an environment where children can learn in a safe, caring, stimulating and positive environment and where their social, emotional, physical and moral welfare and development is our highest priority. All children will know they are valued and their concerns will be taken seriously and addressed by the adults who care for them. We want all children to feel safe and know what to do if they ever have concerns about any aspect of their physical or emotional safety.

Every class has a teacher and teaching assistant and we have a number of trained first aiders in school. Mrs Johnson is our Senior Learning mentor who can support children and families with any issues that might impact their emotional well-being in school. Miss Hackett is our Family Support Co-ordinator who can support parents with issues that might impact the whole family such as attendance, punctuality, housing, finances and signposting to family services.

Further information and our Safeguarding and Child protection Policy is available on our school website.

School Site

Bells Farm is a one-form entry Primary School catering for pupils from Reception to Year 6.

The school benefits from a large playing field, MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), an area for Forest School, a woodland walk, trim trail, calm outdoor area and a large playground area with additional playgrounds for Reception and Year 1. We have a large school hall with a separate dining hall. In school, we have additional provision in the form of an ICT suite, a well-stocked library, a sensory room, additional intervention rooms and area which classes visit for DT lessons.



We are also lucky enough to have a chicken coop and an area with our school rabbits which the children are able to access (with parental permission).



Starting School

Children start school in the September of the academic year in which they are five years old.

Children in reception start school initially in smaller groups in the first week. This enables the staff to get to know the children and their parents/carers, establishing those all important relationships. It also helps the children adjust to a new environment, feel secure and settle quickly. All our Early Years staff strive to ensure that every child's needs are met using a personalised learning approach.

During the term prior to your child starting in reception, all parents are invited to a 'Starting School' meeting and 'stay, play and chat' sessions, where you and your child will have the opportunity to meet the Foundation Stage staff, play with your child in their classroom and ask any questions.



School Uniform

Our pupils are asked to wear a uniform:

- dark blue school sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- grey trousers/skirt
- blue/white checked dress/grey shorts for the summer
- black shoes or black boots in the winter months

PE:

- Black shorts
- Plain white round neck t-shirt
- Pumps / trainers



Please ensure that all your child's items of clothing are labelled clearly with their name.
No jewellery is to be worn in school other than stud earrings (one in each ear).



The School Day & Attendance

The school hours are as follows:

	AM	PM
Reception	9.00 – 12.00	12.45 – 3.25
Y1 – Y2	9.00 – 12.00	12.45 – 3.30
Y3	9.00 – 12.15	1.00 – 3.30
Year 4 – 6	9.00 – 12.30	1.15 – 3.30

At Bells Farm, we work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that children are at school on time every day. Poor attendance and punctuality has a detrimental effect on children's education - both in terms of missed learning, and socially and emotionally for children if they regularly join their classmates after morning routines have begun.

Requesting leave of absence during term time

The amended Education Regulations do not allow Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted. In order to request leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances, you will be required to fill out a form obtained from the school office.

Attendance – miss it and miss out!

Minutes late each day	Education they will miss
5 minutes	3 days and 4 hours
10 minutes	7 days and 2 hours
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	14 days and 4 hours
30 minutes	20 days



Our school target is 96% for the whole school....please help us to meet or exceed that target by ensuring your child attends school every day.

Wraparound Care

We operate Breakfast and After School Clubs to assist parents and carers with childcare. The Breakfast Club is open from 7:45 until the children are taken to their classrooms at 9am. The After School Club is available from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. The schedules and pricing for are shown below:

Club	Option	Session	Charge
Breakfast	1	7:45 – 8:50	£3.50

Afterschool Club	1	3:30 - 4:30	£3.50
	2	3:30 – 5:00	£7.00
	3 (following a club)	4:15 – 5:15	£3.50
	4 (following a club)	4:15 – 5:30	£5.00
	5	3:30 – 5:30	£10.00

Parents will be charged for late collection.



Extra-Curricular Activities

At Bells Farm we are committed to providing a range of opportunities for all our pupils. We provide a range of extra-curricular activities for children of all ages before, during and after school. Details of clubs on offer are sent out at the beginning of each term.

Activities include art, basketball, computing, drawing, eco-warriors, football, homework club, sports and choir. A full and current list is posted on our website.



Lunch Time

Parents book their child's lunch on the school app. Children have a choice of cooked meals or sandwiches served in school. Hot school meals cost £2.50 (at the time of writing – this may be subject to a small increase) and all tastes and allergies are catered for. Children may bring a packed lunch from home. The children eat in the hall in two sittings: Reception - Y2 have lunch at 12:00, Y3 at 12:15 and Y4 – Y6 at 12:30. Playtime is on the playground.

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to receive a free school meal for your child. Please contact the school office and we will support you to complete the relevant paperwork. **Even if you do not wish to take up your entitlement**, please let us know that you are entitled, as a major component of our budget is based on the number of families entitled to free school meals



Contacts

The office is open daily from 8:15am to 3.45pm and staff are available to take phone calls/email messages between these times. Please note that on a Monday the school office will be closed between 8:30am - 8:50am. You can still leave a voicemail during this time.

Telephone: 0121 675 8666

Email: enquiry@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk

Website: www.bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk

The Curriculum

At Bells Farm we deliver the full National Curriculum along with Religious Education (RE) and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). Children engage in daily collective reflection time through assembly time and circle time. It is our aim that every child develops their full potential and the curriculum is delivered with these aims in mind. Our planning ensures that pupils have a wide range of experiences that inform, excite and prepare them for the next stage of their schooling and which provide a foundation for life-long learning. Curriculum newsletters are sent home each term, informing parents of the work their child will be doing and explaining how you can help. They are also available on the school web site. We teach the following subjects:

Core subjects

- English (Reading, Writing and Spoken language)
- Mathematics
- Science

Foundation subjects

- History
- Computing
- Geography
- Art
- Design and Technology
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)
- Religious Education (RE)
- Personal, Social Health and Economic Education (PSHE)
- Relationship Education
- French (Year 1-6)

When children reach Year 3 they are taken swimming. This currently takes place at University of Birmingham Swimming Pool.

At Bells Farm, we believe that everyone should have a voice. Our School Council meetings involve 2 class representatives from each class from Year 1 to Year 6. The children have been nominated and voted for by their peers, and everyone has an opportunity to share their thoughts and views.

Our current curriculum maps can be viewed on the school website.



Forest School in Reception

Forest School is a unique way of building independence and self-esteem. It originated in Sweden as a way of teaching children about the natural world. The Forest School ethos focuses on developing emotional and social benefits of education. Learning and teaching strategies are used to raise self-esteem, develop confidence, independence and language and communication skills in a natural environment.



Throughout the year, we take part in Forest School in an area at the base of the playing field. We go out in all weathers, exploring and learning about the seasons and environment changes. Suitable waterproof clothing is provided by the school so that children can get the most out of the messy opportunities!





Computing Curriculum

We are proud to be Computing Quality Mark school. Our outstanding curriculum covers programming and other aspects of computer science. We have a dedicated ICT area used for computing lessons. All classes have access to a range of ICT equipment and staff are also provided regular IT training to ensure that they are update with today's ever changing technological advancements.

Residential and Educational Visits

We carefully plan all our trips and extra experiences in line with our curriculum to ensure children are inspired and motivated to learn. A residential trip is planned for our Year 6 children to celebrate the ending of their journey at Bells Farm Primary School.



Home Learning

We believe that children benefit from home learning. We also believe that this should be offered in a way that doesn't cause stress or difficulties at home. Subjects such as reading, multiplication tables and spelling are areas that home can support at all times. If you have any questions as how to best support your child, your child's class teacher will be able to help. We use Times Table Rock Stars and Ed Shed online to support learning at home and in school.

Library

Our school has a well-stocked library and children are encouraged to take books home. We always foster a love of books and a keen interest in learning, which we hope parents will encourage at home. We regard books as one of the essential tools for learning. We take every opportunity to encourage reading for pleasure.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

At Bells Farm, we aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity. We make provision for pupils with a wide range of individual needs through careful planning of lessons, use of specific resources, and effective deployment of our highly skilled team of teachers and teaching assistants. Our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) works with parents, staff and pupils as well as other agencies to ensure the best possible opportunities are provided for every child with special needs. They are always available to discuss any concerns you may have.

Parents and Carers

Here at Bells Farm, we endeavour to develop good working relationships with parents and carers. We offer regular parent workshops, invite parents to Star Assemblies and Class Assemblies, hold bi-annual parents' evening consultations and have senior leadership available each morning.

At Bells Farm, we use the School Gateway app to communicate with parents. It is important that the school has a telephone number where you can be contacted during the school day in the case of an emergency.



Policies

Copies of all policies are available on request from the school office. There are certain policies which are required by law, and you will find these published on our school website, alongside a selection of other policies relating to the curriculum.

What do our children think of their school? We asked Year 6 for their opinions!

I think you should come to Bells Farm primary school because the teachers are so nice. They are so kind and they always help you when you need help. They keep you safe and look after you and make sure that you have a good environment to work in. If you are worried about having no friends, at Bells Farm you don't need to worry about that because every single child in this school is so kind and caring!.

I think you should come to Bells Farm because it's amazing here! The teachers are amazing as well as the children. We have rabbits and chickens and we also do events like FUNdraising sales. Every year, we go on trips to incredible places. If you're having a bad day, you can talk to the teachers or pupils - it's up to you! Everyone in Bells Farm Primary School is caring and kind. You want to have fun at lunch and break? Don't worry! We have the trim trail, football, basketball and lots of playground equipment.

I like Bells Farm Primary School because we get to go on trips e.g. swimming, residential, going to the zoo and more. Also, there are clubs after school each day that are really fun! Bells farm is SUPER FUN.

I think everyone should come to Bells Farm because it is an amazing school and here is why. There are kind teachers and they will help you with anything you need help with. No one has to struggle – you can just ask your teacher. The most important part of this school is our assemblies! We have singing assembly, star assembly, excellent work assembly and even whole school ERIC! The teachers get people to come and represent where they **work** so we can understand how they earn money or how hard it is to work there. This school really is amazing and I hope others think the same.

At Bells farm primary there is everything you need; great teachers, great food and great students. We have a variety of trips. If you are struggling on something, the teachers at Bells Farm Primary will help you to nail it! We have a variety of clubs and they are all very enjoyable. Bells farm is an AMAZING school and everyone in it is very well taught. You would be surprised by our intelligence! The staff and everybody working here are very kind and very supportive!

Bells Farm is like one big family. Everyone wants everyone else to succeed and works their very hardest to make sure this happens. We believe every child has the right to reach their full potential and we build strong relationships to ensure everyone is given the best opportunities to succeed.

Miss Edwards



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