



Our children perform 13% higher  
than the national average in Reading,  
Writing and Maths (SATs 2023)



**OLD MILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence...  
Going for Gold

## Open Days

Tuesday 10th October  
Thursday 2nd November  
9.30am - 11am

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2023-2024  

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PROSPECTUS





# Welcome to Our School

Our school’s motto, “Striving for Excellence, Going for Gold,” encapsulates our daily commitment to fostering the best possible achievement among all pupils, regardless of their abilities. The Old Mill team have incredibly high expectations of our pupils and believe in limitless potential.

Old Mill, is a successful primary school and is proud to be a part of the Symphony Learning Trust. We work closely with other schools within the Trust, ensuring we continue to focus on being the best school we can be.

We boast exceptional pupil outcomes, both in terms of academic achievement and the breadth of our curriculum. We emphasise holistic development, valuing both physical and mental well-being.

At Old Mill, our dedicated staff, alongside supportive parents and an effective governing board, work together to help your child not only enjoy their learning journey at Old Mill but to also reach their full potential.

Visitors always comment on our pupils’ exceptional appetite for learning, their commitment to striving for excellence and how our staff only want the best for pupils in our school. Our love of learning permeates through our entire site which is testament to the dedication, teamwork and professionalism of our staff.



Mrs A. Smith-Stewart, Headteacher



# Our Vision

At Old Mill Primary School, we endeavor to provide high quality learning for all our pupils, through being progressive, reflective and always striving to be better.

‘We are committed to enabling children to leave Old Mill as independent, confident learners who believe in their own abilities and are resilient in the face of challenge. We aspire for them to be responsible, well-rounded, polite and respectful citizens who understand that through hard work they can achieve their potential as individuals or as part of a team in the wider world’



# Our Curriculum

Learning at Old Mill is exciting, challenging and inspires our children throughout their learning journey, to be the best they can be.

- ★ Reading is at the heart of our school, so that pupils can read with confidence and foster a love of books.
- ★ We teach using a mastery approach thus enabling limitless potential.
- ★ The design of our curriculum means that children are able to think within the individual academic discipline of each subject, building the skills of a future generation of historians, mathematicians, scientists and writers.
- ★ We have high expectations of character to foster independence, confidence, resilience and respect.
- ★ We believe in rewarding the success of all our pupils. We have a simple behaviour system which focuses on 'expected behaviour' and respect for everyone. Expected behaviour is rewarded consistently throughout the school using Dojo points which link to our four school rules.

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### **SENDco**

Old Mill has a dedicated SENDco, who continuously strives to ensure every child makes the best possible progress. Our quality first teaching approach ensures lessons are inclusive, however when needed, individual SEND provision is planned carefully to ensure each child progresses in their area of need. We achieve this through extensive partnership working with teachers, 1:1 staff, parents and wider services.

### **ELSA**

Mental health and wellbeing is high priority at Old Mill. As a result of this, we place value on continuously developing and growing our pastoral team. Alongside our SENDco, we have one member of staff who holds the 'Emotional Learning Support' qualification and who is experienced in working with children in groups or 1:1 to support with areas such as bereavement, self-esteem, social skills and behaviour. Our pastoral team comprises our SENDco, ELSA and SEMH (Social Emotional & Mental Health) 1:1 staff which is constantly growing.

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# What Makes Us Unique

Explore how we empower students to embrace their passions, cultivate critical thinking, and build a strong sense of self, all within a supportive and inspiring environment.

## Forest School

Our pupils are very lucky to engage in hands-on experiences in the natural environment in our much-loved Forest School, throughout their time at Old Mill. Forest School speaks directly to our core value of being ‘child centred’ and provides pupils with inspiring, creative experiences which improve confidence and a sense of well-being through activities involving problem solving, managing risk and life skills.

## Sport

We pride ourselves in providing a high quality PE curriculum. All pupils at Old Mill engage in at least 2 hours of PE lessons each week which are supplemented with access to sport at lunchtimes by our Sports coaches. Pupils experience a range of traditional sport and we are committed to engaging as many pupils as possible in a wide range of competitive and non-competitive sport and as a result, we are always represented in local leagues including football, running, athletics and cricket by many of our talented pupils. Our in-school provision is complemented by a wide range of after school sports such as basketball, gymnastics and tennis.



## What Makes Us Unique

### Music

Pupils have access to a wealth of musical experiences, alongside their classroom based music curriculum. Pupils all sing as an ensemble as a whole school and as a year group in their annual performances for parents and we have visiting peripatetic teachers who offer lessons in violin, cello, drumming, singing and guitar. Pupils can sing in our ever popular choir – performing every year for the local community, school and at the nationally acclaimed ‘Young Voices’.

### Outside Space

The grounds at Old Mill are a real asset with space for our children to explore and enjoy nature. Activities including gardening club give our children the opportunity to grow and enjoy both food and flowers and our active ‘Eco Council’ are always on hand to make sure the playground is a clean and tidy space.

### Trips and Residential

Our pupils benefit from experiencing a wide range of trips outside of school and specialist workshops in school to bring learning to life. In Year 5, pupils participate in an overnight camping experience focusing on team building and life skills and in Year 6, pupils are very lucky to participate in a longer residential to an outdoor adventure centre where they demonstrate confidence, bravery and resilience when participating in activities such as abseiling, canoeing and climbing.



# Our Wrap around Care

We care about your child’s education and well-being, not just during school hours, but also before and after. Our Wrap Around Care is designed to create a safe, fun, and enriching environment for your child outside of regular school hours. We understand that learning happens all the time, and we’re here to support your family.

## **Breakfast Club:**

7:30-8:40am, including breakfast.

Our Breakfast Club offers children a fun start to the school day, with a variety of activities and a range of healthy breakfast options to enjoy. Regular and one off bookings are welcome.

## **After School Club:**

Open until 5.45pm everyday. Our After School Club provides high quality, fun childcare. Run in the school building, children are offered a range of activities in a safe and familiar environment. A light snack and drink is included.

## **After School Activity Clubs:**

From football to gymnastics, dance to running, our After School Activity Clubs offer a range of paid and free clubs throughout the year.

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# Our Commitment to You

We have an extensive and positive record of working in partnership with parents and carers to help their children achieve their very best both academically and socially. We extend this support to parents and carers who need extra support or help. Our doors are always open to our community!

Communication is exceptional at Old Mill. We want to make sure you always know what's going on and can share your thoughts too.

### **Communication:**

We use Ping, an online app, which enables us to keep parents and carers up to date in a paperless way. We use Ping for all communication, trip/club/parent meeting bookings and school calendar dates. This is supplemented by the Schoolmoney app for payments.

We hold half termly 'parent forums' – an opportunity to share views on how we can make Old Mill even better and seek parental views through our annual 'Parent Questionnaire'.

Teachers are available to speak with parents at the end of the school day. Our Twitter page (@Oldmillps) give updates on life at Old Mill and monthly newsletters and website updates, provide further information.

### **Pupil Progress – Parent Updates:**

- ★ Two formal parents' meetings per year alongside two short reports detailing areas for you to assist your child at home.
- ★ An end-of-year progress report sent to parents.



# Join our Helping Family

We are privileged to have a fabulous team of parents, carers and grandparents that strive to help our school.

## **Our Partnership with our Parents:**

We have strong and positive partnership between pupils, parents, and the school. We are friendly and welcoming and offer the opportunity for parents to volunteer, join in on class trips and share skills or read with children.

## **OMSA:**

Join our strong Old Mill School Association to help raise much needed funds for the school in fun activities that benefit all of the children.

## **Annual highlights include:**

- ★ Winter craft fayre
- ★ Discos
- ★ Easter egg hunt
- ★ Film nights

## **Pre Loved Uniform**

Our team are committed to helping the environment. We sell our pre loved uniform at the end of each term and anything left is donated to a local uniform shop in the village.






# Why Choose a Symphony Learning Trust School

The Trust is dedicated to upholding elevated standards and sparking the imaginations of young individuals.

In an ever-evolving world, the Senior Leadership Team is resolute in delivering well-rounded, motivating, and captivating learning encounters for our students. Our core values of ambition, diligence, acceptance, and honesty serve as the foundation for this endeavour.

Symphony Learning Trust boasts a proven history of formulating and spearheading nationwide initiatives, along with highly effective inter-school support. We take pride in our student outcomes across our schools, and our unwavering commitment

to enhancing standards and augmenting the calibre of education accessible to all our students.

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# Open mornings

We are hosting two open mornings so that you can see our wonderful school in action!

**Tuesday 10th October: 9:30am & 10:30am**

**Thursday 2nd November: 9:30am & 10:30am**

During the morning you can:

- ★ Meet senior leaders for an official welcome and find out what makes us special.
- ★ See our EYFS base 'in action' and allow your child to join in with activities.
- ★ Take a tour of our school and meet our Year 6 pupils.

Please book your place or alternatively request a tour of the school.

[Book your place >>](#)

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## How to apply

For applications to our Foundation class you must apply through Leicestershire County Council. Applications for entry in Autumn 2024 should be made by **15th January 2024**.

**Applications are welcome from families who live in and out of our catchment area.**

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We have a few places available in different year groups. Please contact the school to see if we can accommodate your child.

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