

# BACTION PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL GUIDE

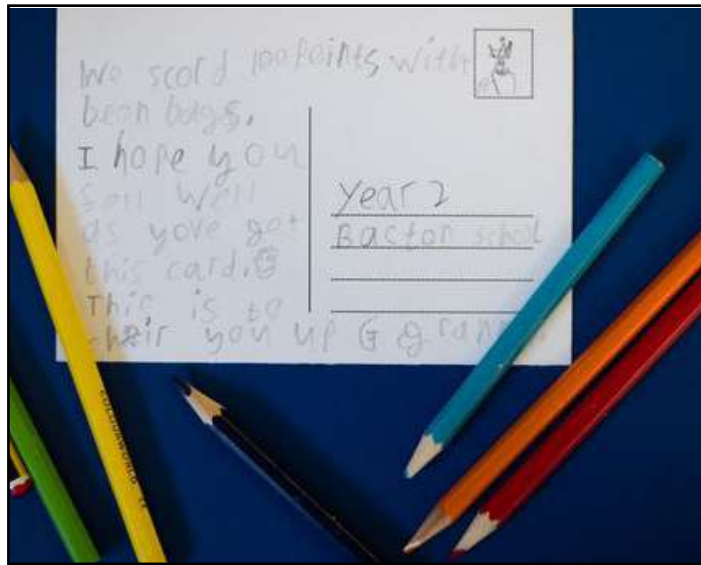
















*Welcome to*



**Bacton**  
**Primary School**

WORKING TOGETHER, AIMING HIGH



**JOHN MILTON**  
**ACADEMY TRUST**

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**Bacton**  
Primary School

**Cedars Park**  
Primary School

**Mendlesham**  
Primary School

**Stowupland**  
High School







## WELCOME!

We are very proud of our school here at Bacton Primary. Step inside the gates and you will find a caring and friendly atmosphere where children approach their learning with confidence and are encouraged to do their best in order to reach their full potential. Our school is a place where kindness and respect are held in high regard. Children are all viewed as individuals and lessons are planned carefully to promote acquisition of knowledge and skills in an engaging and fun way. We like the children to be inquisitive and active learners who are willing to have a go and happy to challenge themselves.

We are proud to be a founding partner of The John Milton Academy Trust along with Cedars Park Primary, Mendlesham Primary and Stowupland High School. The four schools chose to form this rewarding partnership for the benefit of all pupils involved. Since forming this partnership our schools have enjoyed close working relationships and our children benefited from regular visits and specialist teaching experiences with our high school teachers.

Our aim at Bacton Primary is to prepare our children with the skills, attitudes and abilities they will need later in life. We hope that they learn that working hard pays off and that we provide them with a wealth of happy memories and experiences that encourage them to continue on their learning journey until they reach their full potential.

You can come and see our school for yourself. Our fantastic children and staff look forward to welcoming you. Please call the school office to arrange a visit.



Tessa Sait  
Executive Headteacher









## WHERE WE LEARN

Here at Bacton Primary, we have 7 classes ranging from Reception to Year 6. Tucked away behind the local church, our original school building is Victorian in origin and has undergone major improvements and extensions in more recent years.

Our classrooms are bright and modern with state-of-the-art interactive screens to engage and support our pupils. In addition to the seven classrooms, we have a fully stocked library (including new laptops and iPads), a multi-purpose hall, boys and girls changing rooms and our "Rainbow Room" which is used for smaller groups of children to work together. All our own school meals are prepared on site in the school kitchens.

Our vast outside space includes a hard court playground with wooden climbing structure, an astro-turf area, our peaceful extensive meadow and our 'courtyard classroom' which we are developing into a wonderful outdoor learning space.

We have a beautiful wooded area where the children enjoy Forest School lessons, natural shade in summer months and even a picnic lunch when the weather is kind! Our Early Years/ Year 1 outdoor area is an engaging and stimulating learning area for our younger children to explore the world around them in a safe and well resourced environment. We also own one of the local community allotments which our older pupils tend to as part of their outdoor learning experience at our school.









## WHAT WE LEARN

### OUR CURRICULUM

At Bacton primary, we provide a carefully developed rich, engaging curriculum designed to build on knowledge and skills and engage children. There is a focus on developing vocabulary and language skills and pupils are encouraged to be curious and inquisitive learners. We utilise our local environment and build in opportunities for experiences that our pupils may otherwise not encounter living in a rural community.

We have a strong emphasis on reading, writing and maths as a vehicle enabling children to access the wider curriculum and to develop the life skills they need. All curriculum subjects are taught at Bacton and our chosen modern foreign language is French.

All subject planning involves reference to opportunities to promote British values and social, moral, spiritual and cultural aspects of learning where every person is viewed and valued as an important individual regardless of their ability or background.

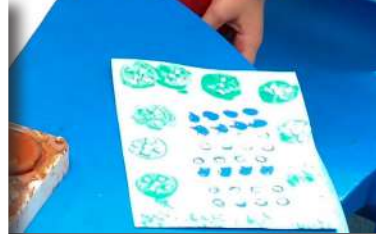
### SPECIALIST TEACHING

Alongside our own amazingly talented and dedicated teaching staff team, we have some teachers who visit us regularly to provide fuller experiences for the children. As well as this, we enjoy on-going visits to our high school and from their specialist subject teachers.

We also have specialist PE coaches to support delivery and development of PE across the school as well as regularly engaging with the County Music Service to ensure our pupils access specialist music teaching on instruments provided. This is an amazing opportunity for pupils to learn to play and often perform on an instrument on loan to them.

We are fully committed to ensuring as many pupils as possible learn to swim during their time with us at Bacton Primary School. Key Stage 2 pupils enjoy lessons at Stowmarket Leisure Centre and are taught by qualified swimming instructors and trained school staff members. Here they build stamina in their swimming as well as learning crucial water safety skills.









## WHO WE LEARN WITH

We like to think of ourselves as a family here at Bacton and that extends beyond our staff and pupils. Of course we have our colleagues and pupils in our academy trust partner schools who we work closely with. We also have an amazing group of local board members who are closely involved with shaping the future of our school. They meet regularly and often visit the school too.

Then we have our PTA – our “Friends of Bacton Primary” - a group of parents, carers and friends who work very hard to raise funds to benefit our pupils. Events in the past have included a Christmas Fair, Summer Fair and regular events throughout the year.

Though not a church school, we have close links with our local vicar who visits us for assemblies and welcomes us to our neighbouring church for special events like Remembrance, Harvest and Christmas. We support the charity work of the church by collecting food for the local foodbank at various times in the year. Bacton Under 5s are our neighbours too, they visit us during transition times and special events such as performances and sports day.

And then there are our parents who are welcomed into our school for workshops, sports days, parents' evenings and as volunteers and helpers. We are keen to build our home school partnerships for the benefit of each child. Events throughout the year such as Christmas and leavers' performances are well supported by parents and our children just love performing for them as an audience.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Let's not forget our pupils who are always helping us to learn new things! Each class has two representatives who make up the School Council. They meet regularly with a staff member and are able to have their say on what happens in their school and how their learning experience will unfold.









## OUT OF SCHOOL PROVISION

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We are in an enviable position because we are located on the same site as Bacton Under 5s, although this is run as a separate organisation. Not only do they provide pre-school provision, they also provide out of school care for primary aged pupils before and after school, for a charge. Breakfast group opens at 7.45am and the children are brought from there to school in time for the morning bell. After school care is available from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. Holiday care is also offered from 8am – 5.30pm with both indoor and outdoor activities available.

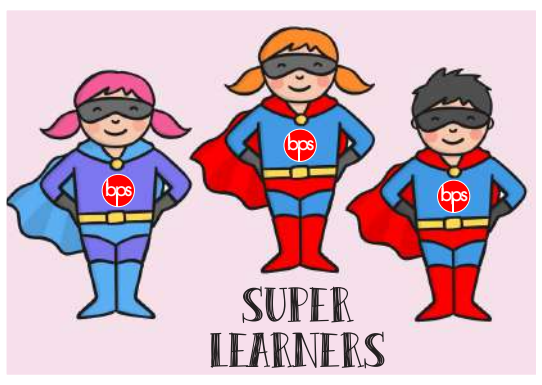
### CLUBS

We believe in offering a wide range of experiences and opportunities beyond the curriculum. We run a variety of sports clubs in partnership with qualified sports coaches and lunch time clubs for children to enjoy. Our older pupils train as play leaders and work at lunch times to support younger children to play and learn new games.

### TRIPS

Each class will experience the thrill of learning off site during the year to enhance their education experience. In the past we have utilised a variety of local venues to support learning including Duxford Imperial War Museum and Lopham Fen. Our oldest pupils also have the opportunity to enjoy the experience of residential trips where they are able to take part in some more adventurous outdoor activities.







## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We believe that our school is the warm and welcoming place that it is because of our brilliant pupils. We have high expectations of them and they are often praised for their polite manners, friendliness and respectfulness, both inside and out of school. This is promoted in school via a clear behaviour policy adhered to by everyone and our School House Point system.

Pupils are rewarded with a house token for excellent effort, achievement and behaviour. There are four house teams and the winning team at the end of each term is rewarded with a non-uniform day when they can wear their team colours with pride for all to see their success!

Pupils strive to achieve both Super Learner stickers and certificates. Super Learner stickers are given to individuals when their teacher believes that they have worked to the best of their ability, or beyond, on a piece of learning.

Super Learner certificates are awarded at the end of each week – one per class from the class teacher – for the pupil who has stood out for fantastic work, behaviour or attitude.

Our pupils are a talented bunch but specific talents are celebrated in assembly each Friday. Any pupil who has received a medal, trophy, certificate, rosette or anything similar for any reason is invited to bring it in and share with their friends.











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