

Welcome to Sawtry Junior Academy



Moving into Key stage 2

- Welcome
- Year 6 are looking forward to giving you a tour of the school.
- In the Summer we will provide a more detailed meeting to go through everything in more detail – hopefully by then we will be able to do this face to face.
- Our website should provide you with all the information about us you need

www.sawtryjunior.org





About us

- In November 2016 Sawtry Junior Academy was opened. Sawtry Junior School was closed and converted to an Academy by joining CMAT (Cambridgeshire Meridian Academies Trust). In April 2022 CMAT merged with another trust CPET (Cambridgeshire Primary Education Trust) to form Meridian Trust which consists of 14 Primaries, 8 secondaries and a growing number of Special schools. Mostly based around the Cambridgeshire area.
- The school is focused on developing a rich, engaging and innovative curriculum. It is our intention that all children should leave year 6 having enough key knowledge to help them understand Britain's place in the world. They will be able to make links between knowledge strands to inform and articulate their opinions, views and plans for the future.



Recent developments

- Meridian Primary curriculum – all subjects timetabled every week. Clear progression through the school with a 2 year cycle.
- Improved learning environment – playground markings, lighting, interior redecoration and furniture, lockers, carpeting and replacement doors and windows. Further investment include new play equipment and a dedicated music and art and DT room (this should be ready to view by the Summer).
- Significant investment in IT – Latest interactive screens in all classrooms. In 2019 we replaced all of the student laptops in years 3 and 4. From this year, all pupils in Upper school now have their **own dedicated school device**
- 2 Dedicated 1 hour PE lessons each week, sport specialists on our staff. All year groups swim every year.
- We have achieved Arts mark silver. Participation in the CALSA Arts project, Trust and Community links. Prior to lockdown, year there was a Trust-wide arts event at Peterborough theatre.
- Secure strong and permanent leadership structure that will drive forward change and improvement that makes use of the expertise and specialist knowledge from within the Trust.
- Modernised library and new reading books.
- Primary Science Quality Mark achieved ensuring high quality science is delivered in all year groups.
- Wellbeing and mental health a priority, achieved the Carnegie Mental Health award (silver) and working with locality partners to promote good Mental Health, wellbeing and Healthy lifestyles.
- Achieved Modeshift stars bronze accreditation for our travel plans and initiatives for sustainable travel.

ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Vivacity

Peterborough
Culture and Leisure



Whole
Education
NETWORK SCHOOL

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY
CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

CARNEGIE CENTRE
OF EXCELLENCE FOR
MENTAL HEALTH IN
SCHOOLS

Minds
Ahead



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- In October 2019 we were inspected under the new Ofsted framework.
- The outcomes of this inspection were that we were judged to be **good** in all areas.
- Here are some of the key findings from the inspection
- *“staff morale is high and pupils are happy”*
- *“Pupils behave well...Pupils are safe”*
- *“Leaders and staff want every pupil to do as well as they can...By the time they reach the end of year 6, pupils are ready for the next stage in their educational journey”*
- *“Pupils learn well, especially in English Mathematics and science.”*
- Copies of the full report are available [here](#).



Welcome to lower School

Currently we have 3 classes in year 3 and 2 classes in year 4.



All pupils follow a 2-year cycle – shared planning across the year groups.



Staffing 2024-25

Executive Head teacher– Shelley Fynn

Head teacher- Mrs Flack , Rhys Thrower and Jonathan Clarke from January 2025

Assistant Head teacher / SENCO – Mrs Rebecca Cruise

Assistant Head teacher (Upper school) Mrs Georgia Berry

Assistant Head teacher (Lower School) Mr Julian Goodrum

SEND / Inclusion – Miss Warren

- Y3 Lynx – Miss Strange
- Y3 Pegasus – Miss Warren and Mrs Butler
- Y3 Corvus – Mrs McIntyre
- Y4 Phoenix – Miss Croxall / Mr Goodrum
- Y4 Cygnus –Mrs Cruise / Mis Ballentine
- Y5 Delphinus – Miss Scott
- Y5 Aquila –Miss Watson
- Y6 Draco – Mrs Berry / Mrs Bruce
- Y6 6 Columba – Miss Prout
- Teaching assistants: Mrs Newson, Mrs Folkes, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Ward, Mrs Baker, Mrs Bissett, Mrs Lodge , Mrs Richards, Mrs Hutton, Miss Winfrow, Mrs Drage and Mrs Boon
- Lunch time staff. The lunch time staff team is co-ordinated by Mrs Newson.
- Caretaker – Mr D Phillips
- Office: Mrs Matthews, Mrs Kilbey and Miss Laycock
- Our 4 designated officers for safeguarding and child protection are: Mrs Flack (Designated safeguarding lead), Mr Goodrum (Deputy Safeguarding lead) Mrs Cruise, Mrs Berry and Miss Warren



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Our Curriculum

- Adopted The Meridian Primary Curriculum in September 2022
- **Statement of Intent**
- At Meridian Trust, we understand the importance of a well-rounded, fulfilling curriculum to prepare our children for the next stage of education, and for their future as citizens of the United Kingdom (U.K.) This document outlines the subjects we teach and some key information about what we do.
- **Mission Statement**
- We aim to:
 - Ensure that all children have the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge that create active, interested and lifelong learners.
 - Provide a knowledge-rich curriculum for our children
 - Provide a variety of exciting, flexible, enjoyable and engaging learning experiences for all children whilst fully implementing the National Curriculum.
 - Enable depth of coverage and effective sequencing in order to build progression of skills.
 - Ensure that all children make at least good progress.
 - Actively seek and plan for creative links between subjects to further understanding.
 - Plan for opportunities to write for real and experienced purposes across the curriculum.
- With a new curriculum this year, our focus has been to ensure that each curriculum area is well resourced in order to deliver it as well as we possibly can. Includes purchasing books, materials, learning platforms and improving teaching spaces.

Reading and the library



Each of these films will tell you about...

- Clubs, trips and PE
- Lockers
- Our playground and playtimes
- Lunchtimes



Click here to watch a film about our uniform

Uniform



Communication

Newsletters

We aim to keep parents informed of events at the school through regular newsletters that are sent home via email. Newsletters are in the form of a SWAY.

Website

Our website contains all useful information about the school and is updated regularly. All key policies and procedures are available on our website. Paper copies of policies can be made available upon request.

Consultation evenings

A consultation evening each term for parents to meet with the class teacher to discuss the academic and social progress of their children. In most instances this provides an adequate amount of consultation time but we would encourage parents who have any concerns to contact the school at any time throughout the year. Where children are recognised as having Special Educational Needs there will be additional meetings time allocated with parents to review progress.

Reports

A full written report is provided at the end of the summer term.

School Facebook page

We post regular updates and news. Most useful when children are on trips, snow days etc...

Face to face

Should you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's schooling, please contact the class teacher in the first instance. Should you require further support contact the office to make an appointment with the Assistant Principal, Inclusion lead or the Principal.



Our ethos

We aim to promote our values through our stars awards

- S – Supportive
- T- Thoughtful
- A-Ambitious
- R – Resilient
- S- Successful

[Click here to find out about our STARS awards](#)

[Click here to find out about our House system](#)

Successful means <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making the most of my skills and abilities• Making the most of every opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reaching or achieving a personal target• Being proud of my achievements
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Learning 5 star certificate	Community 5 star certificate	Behaviour 5 star certificate

all three stars will receive a head teachers award badge to

What does our ethos look like?



- All children work towards their STARS, and are extremely proud of their achievements. The true purpose is to ensure that our children are decent, motivated, caring individuals who have the skills and the education to make the most of their talents and abilities – whatever they happen to be.
- This is achieved not only through being good role models ourselves, but by creating opportunities to develop these qualities and then capture them and celebrate them.



Behaviour Code

- Positive rewards for good behaviour and to encourage collaboration, teamwork and pupils taking individual responsibility for their actions.
- Rewards include - house points, class rewards, certificates and Superstars (specific actions that require a special mention).
- Clear consequences for behaviour that falls short of our expectations. Recognition that behaviour is a choice.
- Bullying, racism, homophobia and any other forms of prejudice are not acceptable and tolerated at Sawtry Junior Academy. We will always involve parents.



SEND

Our School offer is on our website

SEND team - Mrs Cruise and Miss Warren



Meridian core values

As part Meridian Trust, we uphold these values



Pursuit Of Excellence



Value Our People



Achievement For All



High-Quality Learning Environment



Extending The Boundaries Of Learning

Our Vision: High-quality educational provision for all at the heart of local communities

Our Mission: To deliver, promote and inspire high quality educational provision in schools at the heart of their local communities so that:

- Every child is a successful learner, confident individual and responsible and employable citizen
- Every school is a hub for community activities, a centre for extended services and a source of immense pride for students, their families and other local stakeholders

•Click [here](#) for the Meridian website

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Governance

As part of Meridian Trust, governance is devolved to our Academy Council.

Currently we are recruiting for more Academy councillors from the parents and wider community.



How to apply: Key dates and links

- All applications are via the Citizens Portal on the Cambridgeshire Admissions Webpage. They are open now for applications.
- The deadline for applications is **15th January 2025**, you will get an offer for a place on **16th April 2025**.
- [Cambridgeshire admissions website](#)
- [First Steps booklet](#) – our details are on page 116-117.

Thank you for
coming

- We hope you have enjoyed the tour and / or films showing you our academy.
- We look forward to welcoming your child in September 2025.