Aspull Church Primary School

School Prospectus 2027-2028

‘Excellence in caring, sharing & learning within a Christian community’

“We shine like stars to achieve and make a difference in the world, knowing that with God, all things are possible.”

A message to parents from our Headteacher

Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Aspull Church Primary School. We hope that this prospectus will give you some of the information you need when making the decision of choosing which school is right for your child.

Our children are at the heart of every decision we make at Aspull to ensure that they are happy and confident, knowing that with God, all things are possible. We offer a high-quality curriculum and a plethora of opportunities, to ensure that everyone can achieve and have a positive impact on the world, now and in the future.

At Aspull Church Primary School, we believe that children should be curious about and enthused by their learning. Through our curriculum and broad and vast range of enrichments, we ensure that children can foster a passion for learning that will help them to develop high aspirations and a lifetime of memories. We strive to ensure that all children receive a broad and balanced curriculum; where individual talents can flourish and where all children can experience success in reaching their full potential.

I am proud of our excellent relationships with our children, families, churches, local schools and community. I firmly believe that education is a partnership between home and school and regard you as an active partner in your child's education and value your interest and support.

I believe that school should be a happy, caring, spiritual, respectful and hardworking environment. As a Christian community, we endeavor to celebrate the successes of our children in all areas of school life. We respect and believe in every child at Aspull Church Primary School.

Thank you



Mr H Smout
Headteacher

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About Aspull Church Primary School

Our School

Our school is a Voluntary Aided Anglican/Methodist school for children aged four to eleven years. The school was formed in 1982 from an amalgamation of three primary schools.

Our Vision

“We shine like stars to achieve and make a difference in the world, knowing that with God, all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

We live out our school vision in all that we do at Aspull Church Primary School. We are passionate about providing an outstanding educational experience for all our children, with Christianity at the heart.

At Aspull Church Primary School, we strive to work together as a team to provide an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. The moment children join our school family, they are encouraged to develop positive attitudes to learning and to treat others with the understanding and respect they wish for themselves. Staff, children and families are encouraged to achieve the highest standards in all that they do, knowing that all possibilities are endless, and they can all make a positive impact on the world now and in the future. All staff, children and families know that respect is at the core of our vision and ethos in and out of school.

Our three core values are:

Faith, Hope and Love

“Pupils are proud to be part of this caring and welcoming school. A Christian ethos pervades the school and is central to the firm sense of family and community that pupils experience” Ofsted June 2026

Who we are

HEADTEACHER: Mr H Smout
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: Mrs J Lynch

The Governors have a vital part to play in the life of our school. They are closely involved in many aspects of school life including finance, curriculum, personnel and building issues.

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: Mrs S Sutton
VICE CHAIR: Mrs H Power

Our clerk to the Governors is Amy Appleton. She can be contacted in writing via the school.

Additional information about our school staff and school governors can be found on our website at: www.aspullchurch.wigan.sch.uk

"Pupils behave especially well throughout the school. The environment is calm and harmonious" Ofsted June 2026



Putting our Vision into Action

Our experienced staff work together to provide an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. Children are encouraged from the beginning to develop positive attitudes to learning and to treat others with understanding and respect. Staff, parents and pupils work together to achieve the highest standards in a stimulating and caring environment.

Our well behaved children respond to the school's golden rule:

'Treat others as you wish to be treated'









We expect the highest standard of behaviour at Aspull Church. We adhere to a robust behaviour policy and antibullying policy to support this and promote positive praise, rewards, communication with home and sanctions where necessary.

Play leaders, reading buddies, Eco Committee, Worship Team, Aspull Ambassadors, Wellbeing Warriors and Pupil Parliament display a caring and respectful attitude while making a positive impact on school life.

We are extremely proud of our children and their achievements. It is a joy to see and experience the wonderful impact and change they make in the community and the world, shining like stars.

Our Curriculum

Our aim is to provide opportunities for all children to learn and to achieve. We provide quality experiences in all aspects of school life ensuring that children are happy, successful and inspired to learn.

We ensure that our curriculum builds on progress from EYFS to the end of Key Stage Two. Children are encouraged to play an active part in their learning and are provided with a rich, stimulating curriculum, enhanced by 'Wow Factor' trips and visitors, special themed days, shared learning with parents as well as extra-curricular activities that go beyond the school day.



At Aspull Church Primary School, our subject leaders work hard to ensure that all subjects are progressive, challenging and packed with outstanding educational opportunities.



We provide a curriculum with our children and their wellbeing at the heart of the intent, implementation and impact of all subject areas. A curriculum that has meaning for our children and enriches their knowledge, skills and enthusiasm.

Our school values of faith, hope and love are embedded in all aspects of school life, including our curriculum design. Progression and continuity are carefully planned for, focusing on key knowledge and skills for each subject. The staff at Aspull Church Primary School developed three curriculum drivers that shape the curriculum for our children.

Aspirations- to have high aspirations for the future and feel empowered to achieve their full potential with a comprehensive knowledge of the world.

Diversity- to have respect and knowledge of other cultures and environments, including their own. Using this to make a positive contribution to the school, local and wider community.

Resilience- to be happy, confident learners with a growth mindset that can deal with challenges and barriers in a positive way.

These key aspects shape and drive our broad and balanced curriculum that gives our children the opportunity to learn and thrive. We want our children to be happy, kind,

responsible and respectful citizens that make a positive contribution to their community and the world.



"Pupils make positive progress through the curriculum. They are enthusiastic when speaking about what they have learned, including mathematical concepts, their artwork and the books they have enjoyed" Ofsted June 2026

Religious Education & Collective Worship

As a Church School, we place great emphasis on the teaching of Religious Education - in the main this is provided within guidelines from Liverpool Diocese and Methodist Units of work.

Spiritually and morally, we strive to promote our Christian values in all we do. Focused values are timetabled throughout the year for each half term. We have a daily act of Collective Worship where religious and moral stories and themes are explored, many of which are further developed in class time. Acts of Collective Worship are Christian but non-denominational in character.

We are privileged to be a joint Anglican/Methodist school so we promote ecumenism. Local clergy and Lay preachers lead Collective Worship regularly. We attend St. Elizabeth's or Aspull Methodist Church for significant events in the Church Year.

We value Collective Worship and the benefits that these acts of daily worship can have on our pupils morally and spiritually.



"The revised Christian vision, 'We shine like stars to achieve and make a difference in the world knowing that, with God, all things are possible.' (Matthew 19:26), is a vibrant thread that weaves through the daily life of the school. It is highly effective in enabling both adults and pupils to thrive." SIAMS, 2024

Celebrations

A weekly celebration assembly is held each Friday afternoon for approximately 30 minutes. During this time your child's achievements both at school and outside school, are celebrated. Your child may wish to bring certificates, awards and trophies to this celebration and these will be celebrated in front of the whole school.

Each week a 'Shining Star', a 'Maths Magician', a 'Reader of the Week' and a 'Writer of the week' are chosen from each class and parents are invited to attend this celebration to see their child receive their award.

In addition to this, there are a range of events and activities throughout the year that celebrate the successes of school and wider school life.



"Pupils are friendly and polite towards others. Relationships between pupils and staff are nurturing. This contributes to a tranquil and orderly atmosphere across the school. Social times are oases of play" Ofsted June 2026

Beyond The Curriculum

Sport

We are very keen to promote sport both as part of the curriculum and extra-curriculum and understand its benefits physically, mentally and socially.

We are proud of our successes and achievements in Inter-School competitions in the Aspull School Sports Partnership and on a larger level, in the Wigan Borough Competitions. We always involve as many children as possible in our sporting events and place great emphasis on taking part and team spirit.

At Aspull Church, we provide a broad and balanced after school club provision to all year groups across the school.







Music

Throughout the year there are many opportunities for children to take part in a wide variety of musical events, both as part of our curriculum and extracurricular provision. We are proud at the opportunities we provide our pupils both individually and as a group.

All pupils are invited to join our KS2 choir, who participate in a range of local and national events throughout the year.







Theme days and weeks

During the year we have a wide range of activities, themed days and weeks that the children can celebrate as a whole school and wider community. We have regular celebration weeks, some examples include: Maths, English, British Values, Diversity, Anti Bullying, Careers, and Science weeks.

We also enjoy celebrating special days throughout the year for example: World Book Day, Children In Need, Life Education and World Mental Health day.

Our Learning Environment

We are proud of our school and the place where we learn, grow and shine like stars. We constantly look for creative ways to adapt and improve our learning environment so that it is supportive to learning as well as showcasing the wonderful work produced in school.

Our KS1 areas are spacious with fantastic weatherproof outdoor learning facilities. In addition to this, the updated EYFS area allows pupils to explore and learn in a safe, stimulating and purposeful environment. Both of our playgrounds have engaging, vibrant markings on and these continue onto our Aspull mile track.

Our school grounds are something we are very proud of, with a range of facilities that enhances learning and promotes positive play. Our classrooms are modern, bright and installed with HD learning screens. We also have a large bank of technology that supports teachers and pupils in adapting to the changes of our modern world.

We have an outdoor classroom, multisports ball shooters, trim trail, MUGA (multi use game area), an outdoor prayer space, minibeast hotel and a scooter/bike rack.

Inclusion

Aspull Church Primary School is an inclusive school, where we provide the best possible learning experiences for every individual. We provide a welcoming, supporting environment where our Christian values are woven into all that we do. At Aspull Church Primary School we aim to meet every child's need to make sure that all of our children achieve to the best of their ability. We strive to ensure that all pupils with Special Educational Needs make the best possible progress in school. We know that there are many questions that parents and carers may have about what our school is able to do to meet your child's need when choosing a school for your child. If we have not answered these on your visit, then please telephone our school office and ask to speak with the headteacher.

We are proud of all our children and the successes and progress that they make through their primary life spiritually, morally, socially and academically.

We continually monitor children with Special Educational Needs and provide additional support to children and families where and when necessary.

"Staff know pupils well. This helps pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and those who are disadvantaged, feel that they belong" Ofsted June 2026



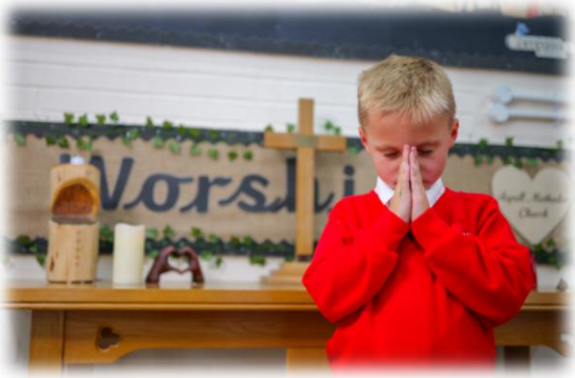
Our Community

We are passionate about the role we play in the wider community of Aspull and beyond. We are proud of the links we have with both Anglican and Methodist churches and the role that church leaders play within school.

There are a variety of events held throughout the year that promote the links between school, parish and the wider community. We have special events such as Christingle services at St Elizabeth's Church and we celebrate the Harvest Festival at Aspull Methodist. In addition to this we have a range of community events that we celebrate and embrace such as Love Your Community Day, Remembrance Day and many more.

During the school year we work closely with our parents and hold regular events with our PTA (Parent & Teacher's Association) to support school fundraising as well as developing our links with parents, families and friends in the local community. This is done through fun-filled events such as Chocolate Bingo, Summer Fun Days, Christmas Fayres, movie nights and others.







School Uniform

Aspull Church Primary School feels that the uniform adds to the school identity and gives the children a sense of belonging.

EYFS

- Plain black tracksuit bottom/leggings
- Charcoal grey trousers or shorts
- Red tartan pinafore or skirt
- White polo shirt
- Red V neck cardigan or V neck jumper, branded with school logo - required
- Grey, white or black socks/tights
- Footwear – plain black velcro trainers/school shoes
- Red/white gingham dress or plain black jersey shorts (summer uniform)

Please note that Reception's PE day is on Wednesday. Therefore, we ask that all children wear leggings/tracksuit bottoms with trainers on this day to partake.

KS1

- Charcoal grey trousers or shorts
- Red tartan pinafore or skirt
- White polo shirt
- Red V neck cardigan or V neck jumper, branded with school logo- required
- Grey, white or black socks/tights
- Footwear – black shoes, no heels, no trainers, no boots
- Red/white gingham dress

KS2

- Charcoal grey trousers or shorts
- Red tartan skirt
- Plain white short sleeved shirt
- Red v neck cardigan or v neck jumper, branded with school logo- required
- Red school tie, branded with school logo- required
- Grey/white or black socks/tights
- Footwear - black shoes, no heels, no trainers, no boots
- Red/White gingham dress

PE Kit (for KS1/KS2)

- Flat black trainers
- Aspull Church School T-shirt (white with red sleeves), branded with school logo- required
- Red Shorts or plain black jogging bottoms
- Aspull Church School PE hoody, branded with school logo- required

PE kits are to be worn to school on the class PE day.

Please do not send large sport bags to school as they cause problems for storage.

Hairstyles and Jewellery

- Extreme hairstyles including No 1 haircut and inappropriate colour are not allowed
- Tram lines cut into the hair are not acceptable
- Makeup/nail varnish is not allowed
- Long hair should be tied back with small, plain/tartan bobbles only
- Plastic headbands can be dangerous, please use material headbands

Due to Health and Safety reasons no jewellery except for watches can be worn for school. This includes all types of earrings. Ear piercing should be done at the beginning of the summer holidays so that children can take earrings out for school.



Our School Day

The compulsory school day runs from 8.55am to 3.25pm, totaling 32.5 hours each week.

Start of the day

The gates open at 8.35am for parents and pupils to come onto school grounds.

Children should not arrive before this time as no supervision is available.

The school bell will sound at 8.45am and children make their own way into their classrooms. All pupils should be in school by 8.55am for the start of the school day. Morning tasks ensure that children make a productive start to their learning from the very beginning of the day.

Morning worship takes place for all pupils during the morning session, and there is a morning break at around 10.30am. We encourage children to eat healthy snacks at morning break. This might be a piece of fruit, a snack of vegetables or toast is available at an additional cost.

We do not allow sweets and chocolate as a break time snack.

Lunch

EYFS and Year 1 have lunch between 11.45am and 1.00pm.
Year 2 and Key Stage 2 have lunch between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.

Children can purchase a hot school lunch which is ordered by parents at home, through the online parent portal, and is provided by Local Kitchen. Alternatively, you may provide a packed lunch from home.

Lunch boxes should be small and clearly marked with your child's name. Fizzy drinks, glass bottles, breakable flasks and cans are not allowed. Due to the increasing number of children with severe allergies, nuts must not be brought into school.

Currently, the government provide all children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 with free school meals.

Children entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a hot meal each day. If you feel that your child may be entitled to free school meals, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who can provide you with the Wigan Council online link to apply for Free School Meals. It may help the schools funding if you register for free school meals even if you do not intend to take up the meal each day.

End of the day

The school day ends at 3.25pm for KS2 (Years 3 to 6) and 3.30pm for EYFS and KS1 (Years R to 2), when children will be dismissed via the exits onto the main playground.

Parents are invited to wait on the playground to collect their children. For children up to Year 4, we ask that an adult is available to collect children every day. From Year 5, parents may choose to let their child walk home unaccompanied. Written permission will be required.

If you need to make changes to your child's collection arrangement, please contact the school office with plenty of notice, and before 3pm at the latest.







Aspull Church Primary School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2027	
Inset Day	Friday 3rd September 2027
Term Begins	Monday 6th September 2027
Half Term	Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2027
Term Ends	Friday 17th December 2027

Spring Term 2027	
Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January 2028
Term Begins	Wednesday 5th January 2028
Half Term	Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2028
Term Ends	Friday 31st March 2028

Summer Term 2027	
Term Begins	Monday 18th April 2028
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2028
Half Term	Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June 2028
Term Ends	Thursday 20th July 2028
Inset Day	Friday 21st July 2028



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Admission Policies and Procedures

By law, parents must arrange for their child to start school at the beginning of their term of their 5th birthday, unless they have made other suitable arrangements, which have been approved by the Local Authority.

In Wigan, there is one admission date for all children at age 4 years' plus, with a closing date for accepting the place. Please follow the link to request a place for your child. https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx

Aspull Church Primary School has provision for 30 Reception age pupils.

Admission Criteria

Admission criteria are used to allocate places when the number of applications for a school exceeds the number of places available.

The admission criteria for schools in this section are:

1. Children is public care and previously looked after children
2. Children with proven special educational, medical or social needs.
3. Children with siblings who attend Aspull Church Primary School at the time of admission.
4. Children who, with their immediate family regularly attend St Elizabeth's Church, Aspull or Aspull Methodist Church.
5. Children who with their immediate family regularly attend other Christian Churches.
6. Children living closest to the school.

Additional Information

For additional information about life at Aspull Church, including our latest polices and practice please follow the link below to our school website.

http://www.aspullchurch.wigan.sch.uk/

