



Prospectus





“Teaching is consistently strong across the school. Teachers are confident and know their subjects well. They make learning interesting for the pupils and challenge their thinking...”

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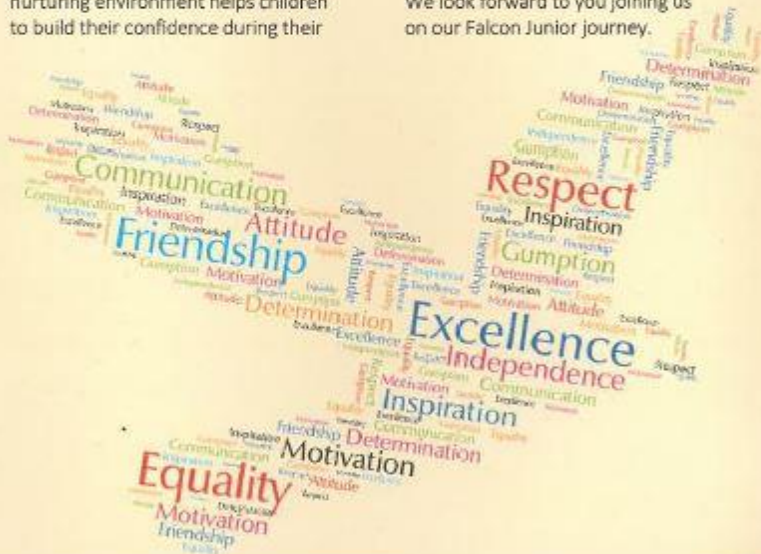
## Welcome to Falcon Junior School

The staff, governors and children warmly welcome you to Falcon Junior School. Falcon Junior was founded 50 years ago, and so we have strong, established partnerships within our local community, as well as with parents and carers.

We are a happy, thriving school and are proud of our excellent record of attainment in developing and supporting children to achieve their own personal and academic success. Our nurturing environment helps children to build their confidence during their

journey through our school, as well as developing their knowledge, skills, behaviour and friendships. Excellent teaching, guidance and support is at the forefront of every child's day at Falcon Junior and the life of our school is driven by enthusiasm and a desire to achieve. Every child really does matter and we provide the foundations and opportunities for children to become well-rounded individuals and reach their full potential.

We look forward to you joining us on our Falcon Junior journey.



## Our Mission Statement

At Falcon Junior School we promise to provide a safe, stimulating and purposeful learning environment. Excellent teaching ensures every child achieves academic and personal success. Our nurturing ethos allows children to develop positive relationships with others and their community, so they can live happy and fulfilling lives, now and in the future.



## The School and Facilities

Falcon Junior caters for children from age 7 to 11 and is located north of the historic city of Norwich, in the community of Sprowston.

### Classes and Classrooms

Our classes and teams are named after birds; a link to the heritage of Sprowston and our motto of 'Soaring to Success'. We have a fully equipped ICT and media suite with tablets, digital recording equipment, programming software and cloud-based resources. In addition to our music room, we also have a well-stocked library with up-to-date titles and popular classics.

### Catering

The school promotes healthy eating and the on-site kitchen prepares and provides a varied and tasty menu with exciting food initiatives throughout the year. Children also have the opportunity to buy healthy snacks from the tuck shop during break.

### Sports Facilities

Children have access to a wide variety of outdoor and indoor sports facilities including a multi-games area. All lower school children receive swimming lessons at a pool in our neighbouring school and we benefit from a large area of playing field space within our grounds. The Falcon Junior Sports Day is a highlight of the school year.

### Parent Pay

At Falcon Junior, we use the Parent Pay online system which means parents and carers have the convenience of paying for school meals, trips and extra-curricular activities through a secure online system.



## School Teams

When children join Falcon Junior, they are assigned to one of four teams named after birds: Merlin (blue), Peregrine (red), Harrier (yellow) and Kestrel (green).

Throughout the year, children have the opportunity to earn points for their team through academic and personal achievements, as well as representing their team in a range of winter and summer activities.

There is a friendly rivalry between the teams; the most successful being awarded a trophy at the end of the school year.



## School Days

The day is divided into lessons with a break mid-morning as well as lunchtime. The school day ends at 3.10pm.

Each child is given a Student Planner which contains useful information about school life, lesson timetables and reading and exercise diaries.

In addition to regular class and year group assemblies, a special celebration assembly is held each week where children and staff have the chance to come together to celebrate and share success.



“  
The transition from infant school to Falcon Junior School was excellent. The teachers are brilliant and made our child feel welcome and at ease when joining the school.  
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YEAR THREE PARENT



## Curriculum

The curriculum we offer at Falcon Junior is broad, balanced and exciting, providing opportunities for inspirational and purposeful learning.

We ensure high quality teaching is relevant and engaging, as well as being adapted to meet the needs of each individual child and class. Teaching is brought to life through rich first-hand purposeful experiences including a wide range of field-based trips.

Core subjects run through every lesson so that children can embed essential knowledge and skills.



## Achieving Potential

At Falcon Junior, we value all pupils and strive to ensure that every child achieves their full potential through personal success. We have a dedicated Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and a team of teaching assistants who work alongside children in classrooms.

We regularly monitor the progress of each child, providing smaller intervention groups to challenge and support children at every level of their learning.

We find that happy, confident children become independent learners and we provide frequent opportunities for children to investigate their own emotions and relationships by engaging with others in a safe learning environment.

Celebrating success is key to encouraging children to continue to strive and flourish, therefore we recognise achievement and hard-work through regular praise and reward.

*Falcon Junior School is a great school! All teaching staff, and all who work there, should be proud of providing a great and supportive environment for the children.*

*My child will look back on his time at Falcon with nothing but fantastic memories.*

YEAR FIVE PARENT



## Extra-Curricular Activities

The school runs a wide and varied range of extra-curricular activities offering children opportunities to enjoy and experience art, music, sports, outdoor activities and traditional games at after-school clubs.

We enjoy regular opportunities to take part in many inter-school sporting events, allowing children to experience competitive activities and achieve sporting success.

Furthermore, children have the option of learning to play a wide range of instruments including violin, cello, guitar, drums, and keyboards. The school participates in the Norfolk County Music Festival and the Falcon concerts and plays are entertainment highlights of the school year.

A varied and exciting range of educational school trips take place throughout the year, including residential.

*We are pleased with how far our child has come, especially with her confidence. She is happy to try new things such as the after-school clubs and discos. Our child always talks very fondly about Falcon, and as parents, we couldn't ask for more. Thank you.* YEAR FOUR PARENT



## Pupil Leadership

We recognise and encourage the role children play in leading our school and our children's opinions are incredibly important. Pupils act as ambassadors for the school, being involved in the recruitment of staff and running guided tours for new pupils, parents and staff.

We encourage all our children to recognise and embrace their role as active school citizens and leaders. The school council body is made up of two members from each class, who have been democratically elected by their class peers. The council debate matters important to school life and provides an ideal opportunity for children to use their powers of persuasiveness, reasoning and argument.

Every year, each class chooses two Eco Council representatives who meet to discuss matters relating to environmental issues within the school as well as performing regular Eco Council inspections of classrooms.

Year six children are given the opportunity to become team captains, which carries the responsibility of becoming a role model for other children. Two children are voted in from each team in and take on practical duties including collating and providing reports on team points as well as representing the school during open evenings and being responsible for running transition activities for new year three children.



## Our Community

Children from all backgrounds are welcomed at our school and we take every opportunity to celebrate diversity.

The diversity of pupils at Falcon Junior is reflected in the school's relationship with the wider community. We recognise the multi-cultural, multi-faith nature of the United Kingdom and understand the crucial role our school plays in promoting these values.

Children regularly fundraise for local charities relevant to our school, as well as supporting initiatives from around the world.

Falcon Junior has strong links with local feeder infant schools and high schools, ensuring a smooth transition. We provide a wide range of transition activities which allow children to become familiar with their new school environment. An open evening is also held which provides parents with the chance to meet key members of staff including their child's new teacher.

*Falcon is a wonderful school. Our child has blossomed during Year 3 due to his teachers and the great atmosphere in the school. He has learnt lots and had some great opportunities such as trips to Kew Gardens. I cannot praise the staff enough - everyone has been approachable and eager to help. We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead.*

YEAR THREE PARENT



## Partnership with Parents and Carers

We value an effective partnership between school and home, working together to ensure that all children are supported in their learning. To that end, homework is set to consolidate knowledge and skills learnt during the school day.

During the year, meetings are set between teachers, parents and carers to discuss progress and view the work produced by children. The partnership between home and school is an open one and we encourage a regular and open dialogue.



*Parents love their school...full of enthusiasm and appreciation for the way the school educates and cares for its children...speaking very highly of the headteacher and staff.*

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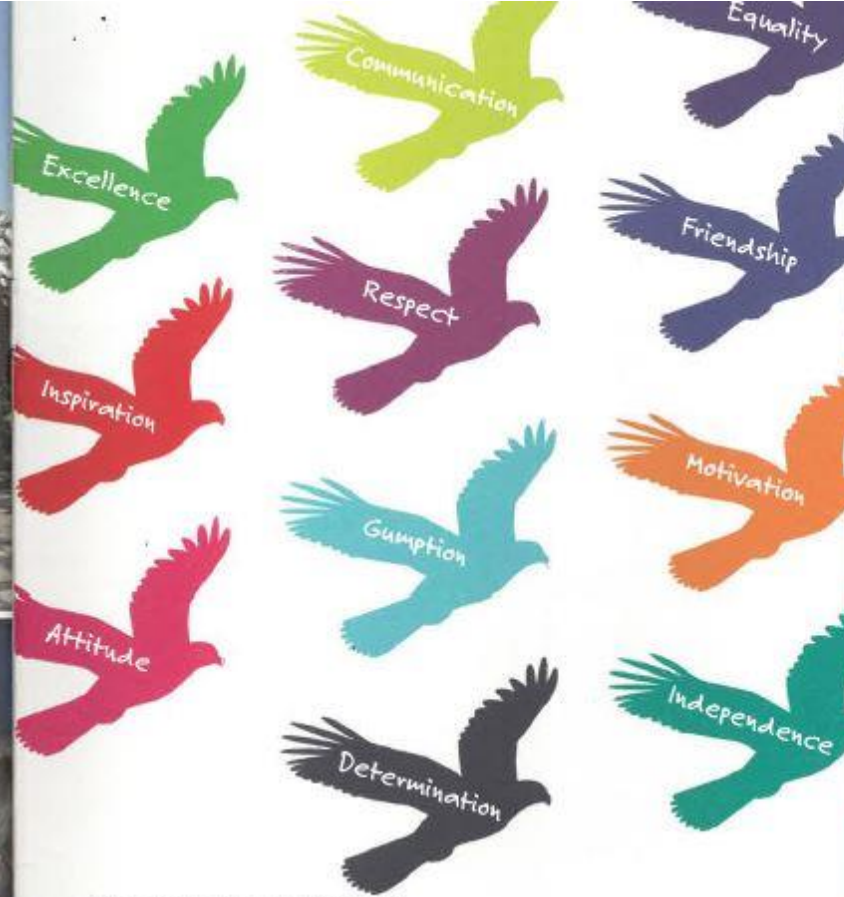
We value and encourage communication between home and school and we pride ourselves on our collaborative approach.

At Falcon Junior we welcome and value the wealth of experience and talent that parents and carers offer our school. We appreciate the time parents and volunteers give, whether it is providing support with reading, helping on school trips or contributing in the role of parent governor.

We are very proud of the support our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) offers in helping to organise community and school events as well as raising vital funds for school equipment and facilities. All parents and carers are welcome to join the PTA.



*Year six has been a fantastic year for our child. He has enjoyed all his lessons and has been enthusiastic about the work he has undertaken. Some great topics! I think the preparation for transition to High School has been great so thank you!* YEAR SIX PARENT



## Soaring to Success

Success is specific to every child and we enjoy celebrating children's progress and achievement. We operate a reward system where children are awarded a credit when they demonstrate one of the school values.

After sets of credits are earned, children are awarded stars which they proudly pin to their ties, with the ultimate goal of

reaching the Falcon Star. Parents and carers are invited to assemblies to celebrate their child's achievement.

Falcon Flyers are nominated by teachers each week and certificates are presented in assembly to recognise and reward children who have demonstrated the school values. In assemblies, we encourage children to share their out-



**100% of parents would recommend Falcon Junior School to another parent\***

\*27 responses on Parent View up to February 2018.

of school achievements and success stories. We love to hear how children have reached a goal or accomplished an ambition whether it's a swimming certificate, musical instrument grade or drama performance.

We look forward to welcoming your child on their journey to success



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