Oldbury CEVC Primary School

'Love one another' (John 15:12)

Love, Learn, Flourish

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Our Ofsted Inspection

Dear families,

We are delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 6th and 7th October 2026.

This video explains the new framework to parents. We would encourage you to take a look before reading our report.

New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents

You may have noticed that our report uses the judgement 'Expected Standard'. We wanted to explain what this means, as Ofsted has introduced an entirely new inspection framework and grading system.

Expected Standard is a positive judgement and represents a high standard of education and care. Ofsted itself describes it as a high bar, explaining that it ensures children are receiving everything they need and deserve.

We are incredibly proud that Oldbury achieved Expected Standard in every area of inspection. This is independent recognition of the quality of education, care and opportunities we provide for our children every day.

What makes us particularly proud, however, is what inspectors had to say about life at Oldbury. Their report captures so many of the things that we hold dear and work hard to nurture every day.

Inspectors recognised the strength of our vision and the sense of purpose that underpins our school:

"Leaders and governors share a clear commitment to ensuring that pupils in this small village community flourish. Leaders have created a welcoming and inclusive school where every child is known as an individual and where relationships are at the heart of daily life. Leaders maintain high aspirations for pupils, encouraging them to approach the future with confidence, curiosity and ambition."

They placed particular emphasis on the relationships and sense of belonging that make Oldbury such a special place:

"Staff place warm and trusting relationships at the heart of the provision. Children feel safe, valued and understood."

They also recognised the impact of this on our children:

"Pupils are proud to attend this small village Church of England school. It is a place where pupils are valued, cared for and known well. Warm relationships with staff help pupils feel safe and secure. As a result, pupils develop a deep sense of belonging and are proud to be part of the school community."

Our approach to learning, particularly the importance we place on play, outdoor exploration and first-hand experiences, was also celebrated:

"Learning is enriched through play, exploration and first-hand experiences. The school's rural setting provides a rich backdrop for discovery, and leaders encourage pupils to look closely at the world around them. Outdoor experiences bring learning to life."

Inspectors also recognised the importance of getting the very best start to school life:

"Leaders help children to make a joyful start to their education in Reception. Children quickly become part of this warm and welcoming school community and eagerly immerse themselves in an environment that sparks curiosity, creativity and discovery."

And, something we are particularly delighted to see recognised:

"Reading is treasured throughout the school and is a strength."

Perhaps one of the most meaningful statements in the report describes what we ultimately hope for every child who comes through our doors:

"Pupils leave the school as confident, thoughtful and considerate young people who are well prepared for the next stage of their education."

These words mean a great deal to us. They reflect the relationships, the care, the ambition and the sense of community that make Oldbury such a special place.

Of course, we are always looking to learn, develop and improve. The report identifies some next steps for us, which will help us continue to strengthen our provision and build on the positive foundations already in place.

We are proud of our school, proud of our children and proud of the wonderful community we share.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, our families, our governors and everyone who plays a part in making Oldbury the school it is.

Together, we will continue to ensure that every child is known, valued, encouraged and given every opportunity to **Love, Learn and Flourish.**

Warm regards,

Laura Horner
Headteacher