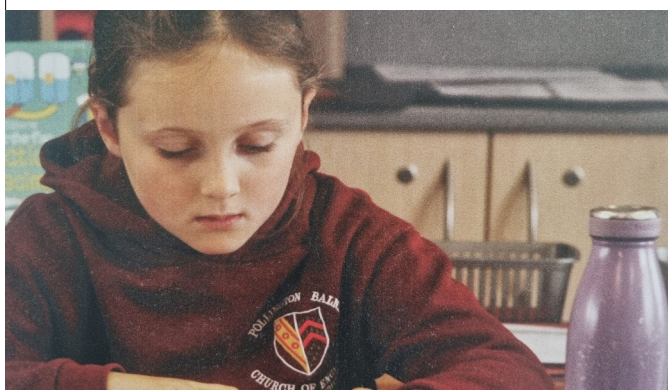
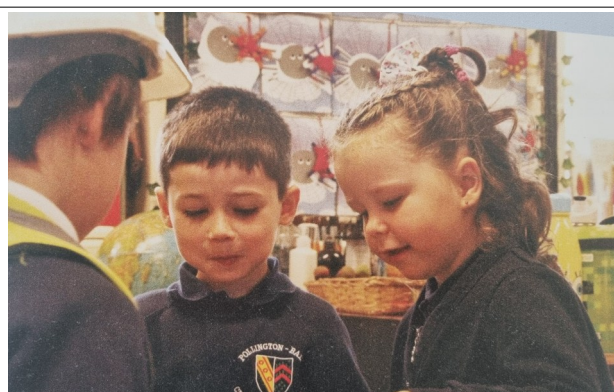
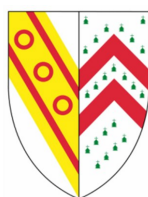

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Prospectus 2025-26



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Welcome



As the Executive Headteacher of the federation of Pollington-Balne CE Primary school & Cowick CE Primary School, I am delighted to be working with hardworking enthusiastic and dedicated staff, who are eager to achieve in everything that they do.

Although academic success is important to us, we are keen to develop the whole pupil, and support pupils' emotional and social development. We provide a fully rounded education for pupils with opportunities for all pupils to shine, and promote our strong values of respect and inclusivity through our Christian ethos.

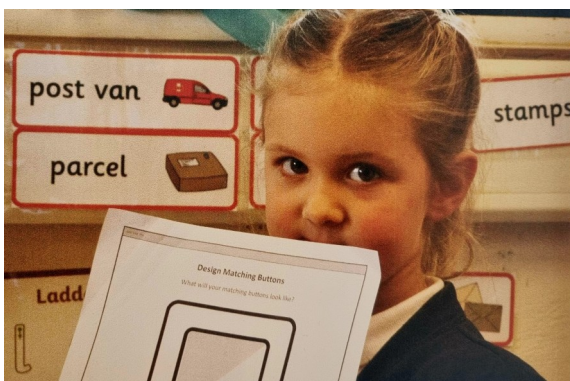
We work closely with the on-site pre-school provision and local secondary schools to ensure smooth transition for pupils. We also work hard to involve families in their child's learning.

Please take a look at what our fantastic school has to offer by visiting us and seeing first hand what a wonderful school we have here at Pollington-Balne.

Mrs Katherine Rawes



What Makes Pollington-Balne Special



"Pollington School has a caring, community feel with each member of staff knowing the name and specific needs of all the children. Being a small school, my son enjoys mixing with children from all year groups and already has good relationships with older children which has been excellent for his confidence."

Parent Yr 2 Pupil





Our Community

Our school community is open, welcoming and caring. We have mixed age classes. Number and class size vary year on year but teachers are skilled at providing individual learning experiences for each pupil.

Throughout the school pupils are encouraged to get involved with our student council, supporting each other, both academically and socially, to develop strong positive characteristics. Our school ethos is underpinned by our core Christian values.

School performances, church services and concerts provide opportunities for parents to join in our creativity and for pupils to express themselves artistically.

Working closely with Reverend Eleanor Robertshaw and the Church of St John the Baptist, we use the buildings and grounds to provide enhanced learning experiences for pupils. Involvement with the congregation places the school and the Church within the local community, helping pupils to feel they belong.





Our Values

At Pollington-Balne we conduct an act of collective worship each day. Worship takes place predominantly in the school hall, as well as St John the Baptist Church for special services. We see this as an important time for reflection on the key values that we have in school. Pupils have the opportunity to experience and develop their skills and ideas in these areas. As part of our broad and balanced curriculum we follow the locally agreed syllabus for RE along side understanding Christianity. Our programme of study is fully inclusive and children learn about Christianity and other world religions. Parents have the right to remove pupils from statutory religious education, and if wishing to do so, should contact the Headteacher.

 COURAGE "We try new things every day"		 GENEROSITY "We share with others"	
	 THANKFULNESS "We are thankful for the opportunities we have"		 PERSEVERANCE "We try our best all the time"
"We look out for others and they look out for us"  FRIENDSHIP	 TRUTHFULNESS "We always tell the truth"	 SERVICE "We enjoy helping others in the community"	 RESPECT "We treat everyone with respect"
	 FORGIVENESS "We start every day anew"		 TRUST "We build good relationships"
 COMPASSION "We care about others"		 JUSTICE "We know right from wrong"	



Admissions

Admissions Policy 2025—26

Published Admission Number: 20

This school is a Church of England School in the Parish of Great Snaith within the Diocese of Sheffield. The school provides an environment in which faith is respected and honoured in a way that respects the beliefs and integrity of everyone in the school community.

Applications must be submitted in accordance with the admission arrangements in the local authority in which the pupil lives. Applications should be made through the relevant local authority, either as a 'normal' school application for Reception pupils, or an 'in-year' application. We are happy to support parents with this application process.

Over subscription criteria

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:-

1. Pupils who are looked after by a local authority and pupils who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Pupils normally resident within the civil parishes of Pollington and Balne.
3. Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half and step siblings) who will be a registered pupil of the school at the proposed date of admission.
4. Pupils who have social or medical needs that the school is able to meet.
5. Pupils of families in *regular attendance at a Church of England place of worship within the parish of Great Snaith.
6. Other pupils Where the above criteria are inadequate to distinguish between requests for admission, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured by the shortest distance by road.

The Local authority coordinate admissions on our behalf. The Governing board has overall responsibility for admissions.



Delayed and Deferred Admission to Reception

Pupils normally start in Reception (Foundation Stage 2) at the beginning of the autumn term in the school year in which the pupil reaches five years of age. Parents can delay the date of admission into the Reception year group at a school until the date on which the pupil reaches compulsory school age or until the beginning of the final term of the school year for which they have applied, whichever is the earlier date. Any parent wanting to delay admission in this way should make the relevant arrangements with the Headteacher after the parent's application for a place has been determined and notification of the allocation of a school place has been received by the parent.

Applications 'In-year'

'In-year' applications should be made through the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and will be dependent upon the number of spaces available in that year group. The school will happily provide a tour of the school and further information on making this application. Please contact the main reception for more details.



Uniform



Uniform helps to provide pupils with a sense of belonging. It should be worn with pride, for the school and for the pupils own appearance. Uniform should be comfortable and not inhibitive to work or play and affordable for parents. Our uniform is simple and easy to purchase, please see the website theschooluniformshop.co.uk or visit clothes for little people in Goole.

PE kit is to be worn on PE days.

Warm coats and a change of footwear should be provided in winter & a sun hat in summer.

Skirt-Based Uniform	Trouser-Based Uniform
• Dark grey skirt or pinafore • White shirt or polo shirt • Navy blue jumper or sweatshirt • Blue and white summer dress • Black smart school shoes • Navy shorts and white dri-fit t-shirt • Burgundy 'Sports Academy' hoodie • Navy blue/black tracksuit bottoms • Trainers/football boots as appropriate	• Dark grey short or long trousers • White shirt or polo shirt • Navy blue jumper or sweatshirt • Black smart school shoes • Navy shorts and white dri-fit t-shirt • Burgundy 'Sports Academy' hoodie • Navy blue/black tracksuit bottoms • Trainers/football boots as appropriate



Shoes should be flat-heeled and have a fastening that the pupils can manage unaided. These should be black and sturdy.

Jewellery/makeup/nail varnish must not be worn to school. Pupils may wear a watch, which must be removed for PE lessons. If ears are pierced then a single pair of studs may be worn. These must be removed for PE lessons due to safety. The school is not held responsible for loss of earrings / watches and suggest that pupils should leave it at home on days when PE takes place. Pupils should come to school in their PE uniform on PE days, this means that pupils do not need to change at school on these days.

Pupils are encouraged to wear an overall/old shirt for art lessons. The school is not held responsible for damage to uniform if an overall is not worn.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts and hoodies with the school logo on can be purchased at Clothes For Little People in Goole. <https://www.theschooluniformshop.co.uk/>
The PTA also keeps a range of pre-loved uniform for a very reasonable price.

Please make sure that all items of uniform are labelled. Pupils have a peg on which they can keep any items of clothing and we would recommend that parents provide a drawstring bag to hang on this peg so pupils can place items of clothing/personal items into it to take home. We do not have a lost property box and any unattended items without names will be placed on the wall outside school for collection. At the end of each term all unclaimed items will be given to the PTA.



Timings of the School Day

Pupils are welcomed into school from 08.40 and formal learning finishes at 15.10. Pupils are encouraged to attend after school activities.

Time	Activity
08.40	Doors Open
08.50	Morning Learning
10.30 (approx.)	Morning Break
11.50-1.15	Each class has 45 minutes lunch break
15.10	End of School

Wrap Around Care

Wrap around care can be provided through Pollington Pre-School. The Pollington Pre-School is situated on site. Please speak to the school office for further information.

School Terms

We follow the term dates provided by East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn Term	Tuesday 2nd Sept 2025 Tues 3rd Nov 2025	Thurs 23rd Oct 2025 Fri 19th Dec 2025
Spring Term	Tues 6th Jan 2026 Mon 23rd Feb 2026	Fri 13th Feb 2026 Fri 26th March 2026
Summer Term	Tues 13th Apr 2026 Mon 1st Jun 2026	Fri 22nd May 2026 Fri 17th Jul 2026
Inset days	Mon 1st Sept 2025 Fri 24th Oct 2025 Mon 5th Jan 2026 Mon 27th April 2026 Mon 20th July 2026	



Meet Our Staff– (2025-2026 classes)

Executive Headteacher

Mrs K Rawes

Birch Class teacher

Mrs C M Habbishaw

Willow Class teacher

Mrs B Jones

Maple Class teachers

Mrs P Blades / Miss B Yates

Ash Class teacher

Mrs K de Bethel

Oak Class teacher

Mrs M Batty

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)/TA

Mrs T Poskitt

Senco

Mrs E Carpenter

Teaching Assistants (TAs)

Ms S Burton

Mrs K Bodle

Mrs T Poskitt

Mrs L Brett

School Business Manager

Ms H Warren

Receptionist/Administrator

Ms J Bainbridge

Cook

Ms D Davock

Assistant Cook

Ms B Scott

Kitchen Assistant

Mrs A Cook

Lunchtime Supervisor

Miss M Rainier

Mrs A Cook

School Caretaker

Mr A Scruton

Cleaning Staff

Mrs E Taylor

Miss M Rainier



School Lunches

School Lunches

School lunches are made on site at the school by our wonderful kitchen staff. A menu from East Riding Yorkshire council will be sent home for children's school meal choices.

Packed Lunches

Packed lunches can be brought in from home. Please refer to our packed lunch policy.

Snacks and Water

All pupils must bring in a named water bottle which can be filled up during the school day. Squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. This is due to healthy eating requirements but also because spillages in class can be messy and cause pupils' work to be spoiled, as well as encouraging ants and wasps.

Pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable each day, which they can eat at break time. Pupils in other years are permitted to bring a healthy snack in to school.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Free school meals are available for families who receive the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Universal Credit
- Pupil Tax Credit (not receiving Working Tax Credit), with an annual income of below £16,190

To apply online please go to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council website at:

<http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>



Entitlement to free school meals is kept confidential. The free school meal will remain in place for as long as your pupil continues to attend an East Riding of Yorkshire school and you continue to be entitled to one of the qualifying benefits.

The pupil premium funding is an allocation of money from central government to support pupils who may be vulnerable to under-achievement.

This additional funding is aimed at addressing the underlying inequalities which exist between pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers.

It is invaluable to us as a school and really does make a difference for eligible pupils so please check to see whether your child is entitled to this funding under the following:

- Pupils who are currently eligible for free school meals or have been eligible for free school meals over the last six years (see above)
- Pupils who are Looked After or pupils who were looked after immediately before being adopted after 30 December 2005
- Pupils who were placed on a special guardianship or residence order immediately after being looked after
- Pupils whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces or who are in receipt of pupil pension from the Ministry of Defence

More information about pupil premium is available on the East Riding Council Website, and a statement of how the school uses the funding it receives and the outcomes of this is available on the school website.





Absence and Holidays

Absence

The school has an obligation to provide 190 days of schooling for all pupils.

In the event of sickness, please inform the school office as soon as possible. If this lasts more than one day the office will need to be informed **on each day** of absence.

In the case of sickness and/or diarrhoea pupils **MUST** remain off school for 48hours.

Holidays

In the event of exceptional circumstances, please contact the office. The school does not authorise holiday during term time but will look at exceptional cases in accordance with the DfE and East Riding Council policy.

Medical Appointments

Please inform the school office of any medical appointments as soon as possible and provide copies of letters to appointments if they will cause an absence from school.

In the case of ongoing treatments, and/or extended hospital stays, the school will be able to provide work (under medical supervision) for pupils Please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Lateness to School

The school day starts at 08.40am.

Register officially closes at 08.50am, after which a pupil will be marked as late after the registers close (U). A 'U' mark is classed as an unauthorised absence. Continued late arrival to school may result in a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

Please inform the school of any exceptional circumstances as soon as possible.





Physical Education



Fitness

Every Thursday is Fitness at Pollington-Balne! Pupils' fitness is important to us and keeping fit and healthy is a big part of the wider curriculum.

Examples of sporting activities:

- Football
- Rugby
- Athletics
- Tri Golf
- Hockey
- Gymnastics
- Yoga
- Netball

A great outdoor space for sports that can be enjoyed by all.

Parent Yr 2 Pupil

We take part in local competitions and leagues, as well as special events. Every year there is a Sports Day which parents are able to attend.

Pupils in KS2 take part in swimming lessons for a 12 single week course.





Curriculum

We have developed our own curriculum in-line with the National Curriculum as set by the Department for Education. This includes a wide range of subjects and offers pupils a broad and balanced curriculum.



Key Stage 1 and 2

Reading, including Phonics (Read Write Inc), writing and GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) are taught as English lessons. English, Religious Education, Physical Education and Mathematics are taught separately. Other subjects are sometimes taught through cross-curricular projects and enable pupils to draw links in their learning across subjects. Learning is fun, but challenge enables pupils to make progress.

We use Read Write Inc as our phonics programme.

Pupil Progress and Reporting

Reporting to parents takes place through paper based reports and through parental meetings.

There are two parent meetings each year. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment to meet their pupil's class teacher at this time to discuss their progress in school and their social and emotional development. However, staff welcome contact from parents and will be able to make appointments at other times during the school year. This can be done via the school office.

In the summer, a full paper based report will be provided from teachers, sharing information on a pupils progress and attainment.



Extra-Curricula Activities & Enrichment



Throughout the year there are a range of clubs and extra-curricula activities that children can be involved with. Pupils take part in sports clubs such as multi sports and dance, working with outside providers.

We also offer a range of other clubs over the year such as Sport and Forest School.

Children in KS2 receive whole class ensemble teaching in music. Children across the whole primary age range experience 'Music for Wellbeing'. The school offers pupils the opportunity to take part in specialist music lessons also. Please speak to the school office to ask what is currently available.

Pupils are encouraged to share their interests with school and they are especially involved in charity work, to support pupils understanding of courageous advocacy.

Pollington-Balne seeks out opportunities to enrich the pupils education. Educational visits are an important part of widening pupils' understanding of the world.

We are keen to develop our links with the local community and encourage parents and friends to work alongside the pupils in learning activities.

The school makes a particularly effective contribution to the pupils' personal development as well as their Education through the range of enrichment activities such as after school clubs and visits. The school has nice balance between academic achievement and fun!

Parent Yr 3 Pupil



Special Educational Needs

At Pollington-Balne C of E Primary School we are committed to providing support and opportunities to enable all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), to be included in all aspects of school life and ensure they are helped to reach their full potential.

Pupils may work with experienced support staff on a one to one basis or in small groups. All teachers at Pollington-Balne CE Primary are responsible for meeting the needs of each pupil. This is achieved through differentiated planning and provision, as well as monitoring each pupils progress and achievement within their learning.

At Pollington-Balne we identify pupils with additional needs as early as possible, through regular contact with our feeder early years settings and by assessment at the start of the Foundation Stage, using 'Development Matters'. Throughout the school we monitor and track the progress of all pupils by an on-going process of planning, teaching and assessment.

SEN support plans are written by the class teacher for the pupil. These set out the targets for them to work towards. They also describe the strategies and arrangements needed to help each pupil achieve these targets. The targets are discussed with parents as well as the pupil (in age-appropriate language).

In some cases it may be necessary for the school to consider, in consultation with the parents and any outside agencies involved, whether a statutory assessment may be necessary. We use the local authority guidance to help make any such decisions. If the pupils needs are considered to be complex, an Educational Health Care Plan may be issued by the local authority.

At Pollington-Balne all pupils are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular activities, and the school is committed to making reasonable adjustments to enable all pupils to be involved.



The school provides specialist materials for pupils with disabilities, including modified resources and specialist seating as necessary. We are committed to an inclusive curriculum in which all pupils are able to make progress and work with organisations and professional bodies to ensure there is adequate provision for all of our pupils.

Please contact the school if you would like further advice regarding SEND.

Please contact the school for a copy of the SEND Policy or Equality and Diversity Policy.

Wrap Around Care



Pollington Pre-school offers on-site breakfast club from 7.30am till the start of school. Pupils are brought into school for the beginning of the school day. Evening pick up is from the end of the school day until 6pm. Pollington Pre School Holiday Club runs from 7.30am till 6pm during school holidays. For more information contact Anna Laycock-Brown on 01405 869498.



Fieldside Day Nursery offers pick up and collection from school with care from 7.30am till 6.30pm. The nursery is open 51 weeks of the year, and operates in the school holidays. For more information contact Gail Hope on 01977 661523.



The Governing Board

The governing board is an important part of our school federation. We are proud to have a governing board that takes the time to be involved in each school and supports and challenges the work that we do. The governing board is made up of staff governors, Foundation governors (aligned to our status as a Voluntary Aided Church of England School) and parent governors.

Parent Teacher Association

Pollington-Balne Parent Teacher Association has been set up by parents to support the work of the school. Through fundraising activities, such as a end of year Pub to Pub Bike Ride, School Discos and the ever-popular Balls for Balls raffle, the PTA has been able to provide valuable equipment and resources for the school. This includes the purchase of laptops and ipads for classes, interactive white boards, topic boxes and reading books to name a few.

If you would like to be involved in the PTA please contact them via the school office email.

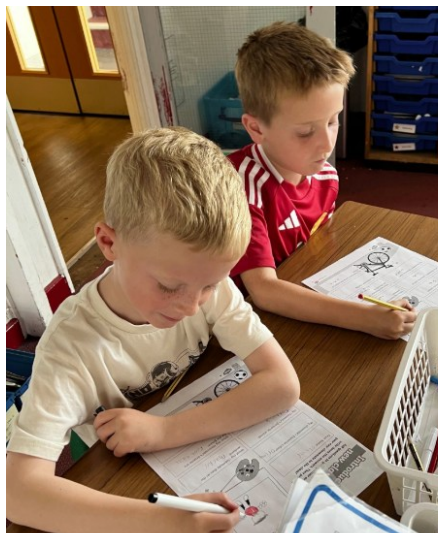




Visiting the School

Choosing a school is a very important decision and can be daunting. We would suggest coming to see the school in action and finding out what happens in the classrooms on a normal working day.

We are happy for prospective parents to visit the school, tour the classrooms and speak to members of staff and the Headteacher. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.



Final Words

No school is perfect, but we do try to provide the best possible education for your child, whatever their interests or abilities.

If you have any concerns regarding your pupils time in school, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please ask to make an appointment via the school office.

If you are satisfied with our school please tell others, if you are not, please discuss it with us in the first instance.

Kind regards,

Katherine Rawes

Executive Headteacher



