

# Smiths

## school report

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# Lavender Primary School

Lavender Primary School, founded in 1909, has 75 students in pre-school and nursery, and 415 students in their main school. Between its 60 staff members, the school is passionate about a learning culture which enables lifelong learners. We met with Miss James, who said "we are passionate about our school's learners' mental health and wellbeing. Through the charity Place2Be, we offer our students a counselling service three days a week". This is a small part of how the school generate a growth mindset throughout the school, with Miss James telling us that Lavender reiterates to its students that there is "no ceiling on what you can achieve". Furthermore, the school is proud to have been visited by the Duchess of Cambridge in support of Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week in 2019.

The School's values fit into this same framework. "Our values are respect, responsibility, care, appreciation, determination, and honesty," Miss James told us, "we have a parent support worker who works with individual children who appear to be struggling. Flagged children are given extra attention". Lavender Primary School have put a lot of resources in place for mental health support: the

school's inclusion team, Place2Be manager, and the medical team all work together to create a safe and nurturing environment in the school.

We asked Miss James why Lavender Primary School thought that uniform was important and she replied that uniform "gives a sense of community and our students wear it with pride. Uniform makes our students feel they belong to something. From a different point of view, families of a lower socioeconomic background feel that uniform lessens the divide in our playground and classrooms".

Miss James told us how the school gives its students ample opportunity for responsibility: "we have an eco-committee, one of our teachers runs the committee and children apply for positions on the committee. They do a regular litter pick each week, write eco tips in our newsletter, and are pushing for no single-use plastic in school. Consequently, all children have a reusable water bottle each". The school told us how these small changes can have a huge impact, encouraging children to take responsibility for their environmental decisions from early years.





Miss James has worked at the primary school for ten years and started as a head of year and music lead. "It's such a lovely place to be. Local people talk about the 'Lavender love' in our school. There's something you cannot quite put your finger on, but the school is made extra-special through its values and its ethos. Every curriculum area has equal weighting, so we nurture the arts with the same emphasis as typically academic subjects. Lavender Primary

School is special and unique; we want children to leave being able to function in society and become great people beyond their Lavender years. Our core value of appreciation, introduced a few years ago, teaches our students that they should always be grateful for what they have. By instilling this value in our students, we hope they will continue to live and breathe kindness and appreciation into all they do".



**“Uniform gives a sense of community and belonging; our students wear it with pride.”**



A group of young people, mostly Black and of African descent, are captured in a dynamic dance pose on a stage. They are wearing matching bright blue jackets over dark clothing. Their arms are raised, and they are looking towards the camera with confident expressions. The background is a solid dark purple, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting the performers. In the top right corner, there is a purple speech bubble with a yellow outline containing the text 'SUPER OFFER'.

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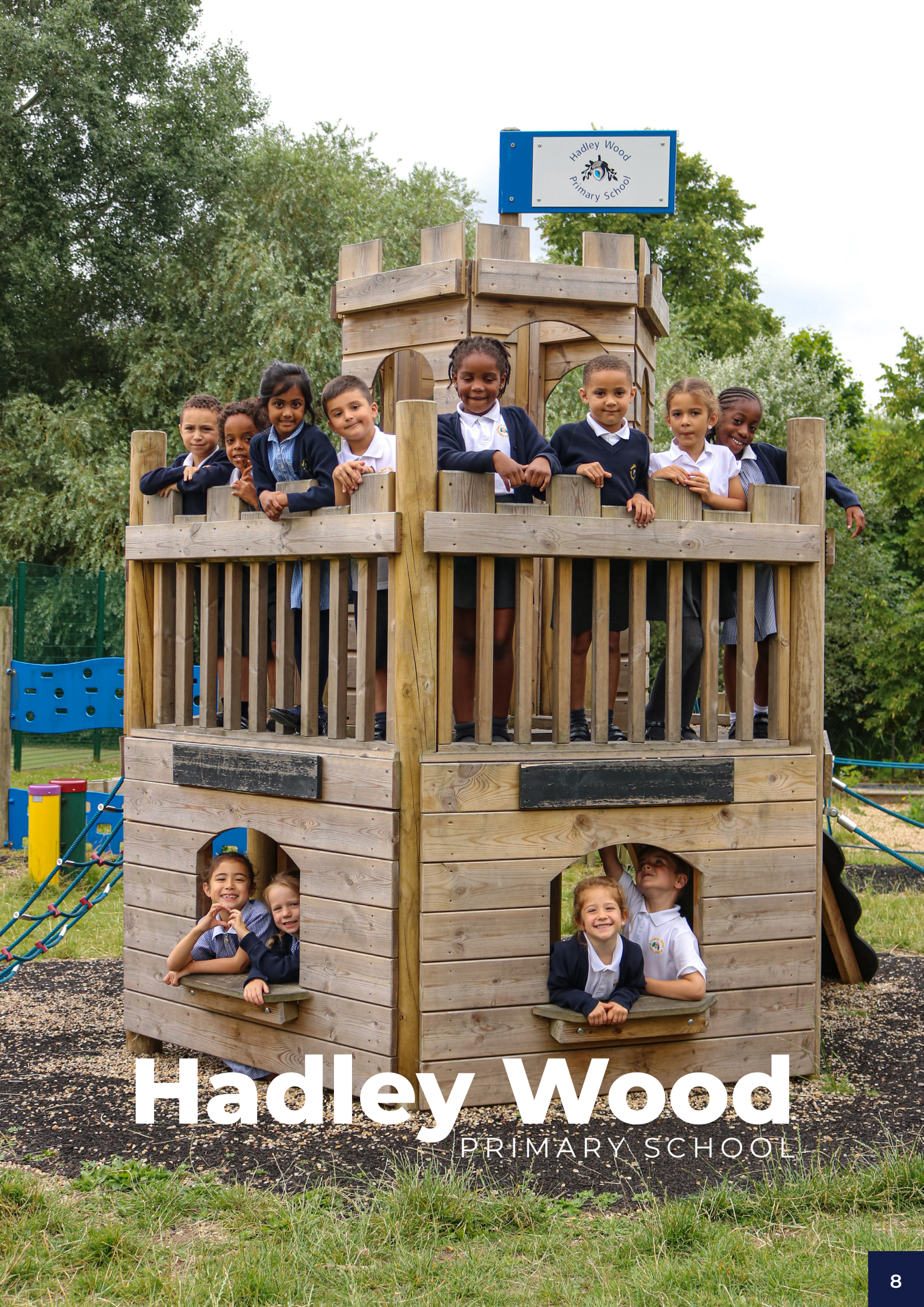
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# Hadley Wood

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Hadley Wood Primary School was built over 50 years ago, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015. Back then, the school comprised a small site serving the local catchment and developing a close-knit community within the school. "Every child knows everyone, even across different year groups, due to our peer mentoring scheme," Deputy Headteacher Mrs Jennings told us. The school's office manager, Mrs Obeika, added that "we help each other and look out for one another".

Today, the school comprises 209 children and 24 staff members and is a values-based school. "Each year students vote on the values for the next academic year," Mrs Jennings told us when we asked more about this. The school felt it integral that their students are key players in developing the school's culture. Hadley Wood Primary School's parliament encourages students to be confident, capable, and caring individuals who go out into the world and make a difference.

The school nurtures a growth mindset within its students and instils the values of independence. Every year, the school partakes in forest school. Through this, the children gain at least four weeks of forest school experience and skills through outdoor learning. Activities include den building, pond dipping, and fire lighting. By encouraging children to be more independent and confident, Mrs Jennings told us that the school equips students with the "creativity and freedom to build resilience". Every detail about the school, including the walls decorated with beautiful infographics, resonates with the curriculum in some capacity.

Mrs Jennings continued that the school has the "most amazing learning mentor, Mrs Davies, that supports the children whenever they need. All children have to do is write their name on the board

in our well-being room then she checks in on them. We have a lovely team here which makes Hadley Wood a great environment. On top of this, we have trust boxes where children can confide any worries". We went to look at the well-being room and were astounded at the lovely environment the school have created for students to process emotions and talk openly about their feelings.

We wanted to know what environmental action the school were taking, and Mrs Obeika told us that "the children choose to litter pick and ask to do it. They want to help and be part of the community and it gives them more pride in and ownership of their school. We can see

our teamwork ethos is shining through our children". Mrs Jennings added that the school's uniform made their children proud: "our uniform helps to promote a sense of community when everyone comes from a different background. Our students can put on their uniforms every day and not worry about what they are wearing". Mrs Jennings

reiterated that equal representation is an important part of the school.

Finally, we asked Mrs Jennings why she enjoyed working at the school. Mrs Jennings said that the "school is magical, there's something about the team, the parents, and the community that comes together. It's truly inspirational to work here; no day is the same. Our children are trying to be more independent, confident, and eloquent. They are the drivers for change in our school. Our team are here to make sure they get the best start and education by being at Hadley Wood Primary School. We are fortunate to have great support mechanisms in place to nurture the growth of our children throughout their time at our school".

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# Do you know about our Pre-Loved Scheme?



*\*We are so pleased that our Pre-Loved scheme has been such a success. Unfortunately, because of this, there may be times where we need to pause donations to allow our team to run down remaining Pre-Loved stock.*



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