

Parent Testimonials

I like to drop my children off at John Hampden School because I know the children will enjoy every part of the beautiful surroundings throughout their day. The staff are enthusiastic, and approach learning in a variety of ways to engage the children's attention. The stimulating classroom environments are brought to life with the children's work. To top this off the school's vibrant atmosphere can be illustrated through their participation in the carnival parade, the school fete, music evenings, arts week and a variety of great social events.

My children have had a fantastic education at John Hampden School. They have gained so much from all the extra things the school does – arts week, science week and trips to outside places.

John Hampden School has been a great school for my 9 year old daughter and 7 year old son. They have been attending JHPS for the past 3 years. It has amazed me that the teachers teach the curriculum that's necessary, but as well fit in so many extra-curricular activities that fire the children's imagination. For example "Mexican Dance" workshops, visits to a museum where they meet 'live' Vikings, Science week, Arts week, Book week, taking part in Dance festivals and sports tournaments. The school feels so much like a community, where all are expected to treat others with politeness and respect, the House and 'buddy' systems are a huge success. JHPS has a great history and is destined to have a great future too.

I am particularly impressed with the way the school encourages participation, regardless of whether or not a child is 'the best' at something. At recent events such as the Thame 'Festival of Dance' and the 'Thame in Bloom' art exhibition, the school was overwhelmingly well represented – it felt like all the children had a chance to have a go and participate in community events, whereas other schools seemed to offer this opportunity to only a small number of the most able.

Our son has always been happy at John Hampden. The enthusiasm and dedication of all staff, both in and out of the classroom, is clearly adding to his experience.

We have been delighted with our experience of John Hampden Primary School. The school community fosters an environment of mutual respect and consideration, and we feel that the school offers a continuation of the values that we encourage at home. The staff encourage individual children in a positive and supportive way, and the children's achievements are recognised and celebrated.

Alan Haigh is the most reassuring of Head teachers. When he first showed my wife and I round the school it was clear to us that he embodied a really positive ethos at the school. His focus was on the children and the quality of their learning, not on giving us the 'hard sell'. His experience and leadership is a real asset to the school, and as a parent I have always felt my children are being supported, encouraged and inspired in the best possible way.