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**INSPIRE ● CREATE ● ACHIEVE**

**2026-2027 PROSPECTUS**

Castle Donington, Leicestershire

We strive to nurture confident, enthusiastic learners who respect others, and recognise and appreciate both their own strengths and those of their peers.

**Forest School ★ Creative Curriculum ★ Character Education ★ Enrichment Opportunities ★ Wraparound Care**



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Over the past 3 years,  
our students have achieved  
**20% higher**  
than the national average in Reading,  
Writing and Maths – 2025 SAT results

[See our Performance data >](#)

# Welcome

Welcome to our happy, vibrant and inclusive school.

At Orchard, we have the highest of standards, and pride ourselves on the creation of a stimulating, caring and well-organised learning environment.

Our exciting and challenging curriculum, full of creative arts, sports and personal/social development, brings learning to life through a wide-range of inspiring experiences and enrichment opportunities, enabling pupils to reach their potential and achieve excellence in both their academic achievements and personal growth.

As well as their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes, Orchard pupils are also known for their kindness. We place a strong emphasis on developing character; fostering a community where everybody is made to feel valued and respected.

Going the ‘extra-mile’ to help children and their families, we are determined that our children move onto the next stage of their education with the skills, knowledge and understanding that will enable them to thrive.

We warmly invite all prospective parents to visit us and meet our dedicated team. Please contact the school office to arrange a tour.

Fiona Shields  
Headteacher



## Forest School



Wraparound Care 7:45am - 5:45pm

Come and see our school and find out more.

[Book Now >](#)

# The School

Orchard is a well-maintained, modern school nestled in the beautiful village of Castle Donington. Our school is home to around 330 wonderful pupils aged 4 to 11.

Our extensive grounds feature a spacious playing field, trim trail and a delightful wildlife area, all designed to support learning and provide a safe, enjoyable environment for our children. We also have an outdoor classroom that's perfect for lessons during warm weather and provides shelter during breaks.

The school is exceptionally well-resourced with multiple sets of Chromebooks, iPads and laptops, along with a fantastic range of fiction and non-fiction books to support our Accelerated Reader program.

We also offer a studio, music room, a kitchen for cookery lessons and a radio broadcasting pod.

At Orchard School, we are deeply connected to our community and highly value the relationships we build with our pupils, parents and community members. We look forward to welcoming you to our school family.



## Our Happy, Vibrant and Inclusive School

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## Our Vision

At Orchard, we believe every child has limitless potential and it's our mission to unlock their talents and confidence in partnership with you. Our vision is to help every child achieve their true potential.

Our vision focuses on six key areas:

1. Orchard will be a welcoming, happy place where children feel safe, enjoy learning and develop resilience, empathy, aspiration and honesty.
2. We offer a challenging, broad and exciting curriculum that encourages and develops everyone's talents.
3. Orchard will be an inclusive school, valuing the learning, achievements, attitudes and well-being of all.
4. We aim for well-rounded personal development, ensuring our children become confident, lifelong learners and responsible citizens.
5. By celebrating diversity, we help pupils develop strong global awareness.
6. We work with the Symphony Trust, other schools, parents/carers, and the wider community to secure the best outcomes for our children.

Our pupils' happiness and success are at the heart of everything we do.



**Our Early Years**  
pupils achieved a good level of development  
across all areas of learning  
**14% above**  
the national average - 2025 result

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## EYFS

Children begin their Orchard journey in our well-equipped Foundation Stage classroom, with a purpose-built outdoor learning environment.

Our Foundation Stage offers:

- A highly skilled and dedicated Foundation Stage team.
- Carefully scaffolded and inclusive curriculum which is centered around each child's unique starting point and interests.
- A play-based curriculum with an emphasis on developing curiosity, fun, independence and a love of learning
- An excellent balance of child-lead and adult-lead learning.
- Direct access to their own large outdoor classroom all year-round where the emphasis is on messy, creative and large-scale play
- A large and modern open-plan learning environment.
- Strong parent relationships and access to digital 'Learning Journeys' on the Tapestry App



## Character Education



### Pupil Leadership Councils & Ambassador Programme

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# Our Curriculum

## Intent of Our Curriculum

The curriculum at Orchard Community Primary School is designed to equip pupils with the knowledge, skills and cultural capital needed for lifelong success. We aim to nurture personal traits and qualities, fostering positive behaviour and attitudes for a strong foundation. Our curriculum focuses on high standards in English and Mathematics, while also providing a broad, inspiring and ambitious education across all subjects to develop well-rounded, confident and independent learners.

## Personal Development and Inclusivity

We prioritise the holistic development of our pupils, integrating values-based education that addresses moral, spiritual, social and cultural growth alongside academic achievements. Our inclusive environment celebrates individuality, promotes respect and kindness and provides a rich array of creative, sporting and cultural opportunities. Through a varied curriculum and enrichment activities, we aim to build confident, lifelong learners who are prepared for future challenges and committed to their communities.

## Positive Behaviour and Lifelong Learning

Orchard Community Primary School fosters positive behaviours and attitudes, teaching pupils to respect themselves and others, and to behave with integrity and safety. Our curriculum encourages resilience, curiosity, critical thinking and effective communication. By integrating 'Character Education' and offering engaging learning experiences, we prepare our students to be ambitious, reflective and imaginative individuals, ready to succeed in modern society and beyond.



## Engaging Outdoor Spaces for Learning and Exploration

Our extensive grounds feature a spacious playing field, trim trail and a wonderful wildlife area, all designed to support learning and provide a safe, enjoyable environment for our children.

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# Wellbeing and Pastoral Support

We are proud to have earned the 'Route to Resilience' accreditation, recognising our commitment to wellbeing.

We support the emotional wellbeing of pupils and staff, recognising that everyone faces challenges and may need support. Positive mental health is a shared responsibility, promoted through a strong sense of belonging, celebration of achievement, and timely support.

We provide a safe, inclusive and inspiring environment where every member of our community is valued. We have high expectations for all pupils and believe every child has the right to a broad and balanced education. We ensure equal opportunities by setting appropriate challenge and removing barriers to learning.

Successful inclusion means every pupil feels they belong, is confident and happy, and can make strong progress. Our SENDCo team ensures pupils with additional needs receive effective support. We offer dedicated spaces for small group work and intervention, including the Rainbow Room and the Bubble Room.

Our experienced SENDCo team (one full-time SENDCo and a Deputy) works closely with staff, parents and external services to support pupils with SEND. We also have a trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) who provides targeted emotional and counselling support during the school day.



# What Makes Us Unique

Explore how we empower students to embrace their passions, cultivate critical thinking, and build a strong sense of self, all within a supportive and inspiring environment.

## Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning nurtures holistic development, promotes health and well-being and fosters environmental awareness. By engaging with nature, children benefit from diverse sensory experiences that stimulate creativity and reduce stress. Our environment offers unique hands-on exploration and experiential learning. Through collaborative outdoor activities, children develop essential social skills and learn to assess and manage risks effectively.

## Character Education

We are hugely committed to teaching and developing character traits and behaviours that underpin achievement. We strive to ensure that character development goes hand in hand with high educational aspirations and success.

## Positive Relationships

Relationships between children and staff are an exceptionally strong feature of the school. Care, guidance and support for all children is outstanding and consistent across the school. The ethos and child-centred approach is modelled from the top and firmly embedded throughout the school.



## What Makes Us Unique

### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Bullying is not tolerated. We prioritise creating a safe, inclusive environment where all learners can thrive. Our Year 2 and Year 6 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are trained to maintain a safe school environment, lead assemblies promoting friendship and tolerance and support students during break and lunchtimes.

### Inclusivity and high expectations for all

We pride ourselves on our inclusive nature and use our deep knowledge of each individual to motivate, encourage and care for them throughout their time at our school.

### Enrichment

As part of our commitment to the personal development of our pupils, we offer a huge range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities both during school hours and after school.

### Sport

Maintaining our Platinum School Games Mark underscores our dedication to fostering school sport and competition, with participation in various local sports events ranging from athletics to gymnastics. Plus our Sports Leaders from Years 3-6 actively promote healthy lifestyles, enriching our sports programs further.

### Music

We offer 1:1 or small group peripatetic music lessons for drums, guitar, violin and piano as well as extracurricular clubs including drumming and choir. Small-scale musical performances take place in the community. Music Kids Academy provide whole-class music tuition in the recorder and lead assemblies/workshops.



27% more pupils read  
at a greater depth  
than the national average - 2025 SAT result

[See our Performance data >](#)

## Our Wrap Around Care

At Orchard we offer Breakfast and After School Club. We provide support for our families with a reliable option for childcare beyond school hours, offering peace of mind and flexibility.

### Breakfast Club

7.45am - 8.45am Monday to Friday

Children take part in a variety of activities including sports, crafts and IT, preparing them for the school day.

### After School Club

Operates from 3.15pm – 5.45pm Monday to Thursday, and until 4.15pm on a Friday.

It provides a perfect end to the busy school day and gives children an opportunity to let off steam or relax with friends.

### After School Activity Clubs

There are also a number of other clubs held between 3.15pm - 4.15pm which the children can voluntarily join.



Happiness fosters confidence and focus, enabling greater academic achievement

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# Our Commitment to You

At Orchard Primary School, we value strong partnerships with families. We aim to provide a welcoming environment built on trust and clear communication.

Through meetings, regular updates and opportunities to be involved, we keep you informed about your child's social, emotional and academic development. Working together, we support pupil achievement and promote positive attitudes towards learning and school.

## We provide:

- Termly letters from your child's teacher about curriculum Learning Adventures
- Two parents' evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms for progress discussions, with optional appointments in the Summer
- Annual written reports on progress, with additional SATs information for Y6
- A monthly newsletter and up to date website information
- Classroom Workshops for parental involvement in curriculum areas
- 'How To Help' guides for Reading, Maths, Phonics and Spelling
- Celebration Events like assemblies, presentations, and sports day
- Information on learning experiences via Class Dojo or Tapestry
- Open House Sessions and Meet the Teacher events for informal visits and curriculum discussions
- Termly Progress Checks with reports on Reading, Writing, Maths, attitudes, behaviour, and attendance, including shared targets






# Why Choose a Symphony Learning Trust School

The Trust is dedicated to upholding elevated standards and sparking the imaginations of young individuals.

In an ever-evolving world, the Senior Leadership Team is resolute in delivering well-rounded, motivating, and captivating learning encounters for our students. Our core values of ambition, diligence, acceptance, and honesty serve as the foundation for this endeavour.

Symphony Learning Trust boasts a proven history of formulating and spearheading nationwide initiatives, along with highly effective inter-school support. We take pride in our student outcomes across our

schools, and our unwavering commitment to enhancing standards and augmenting the calibre of education accessible to all our students.


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# 2026 Open Days

Come and see our wonderful school in action. Join us on one of our open days to explore our facilities, meet our staff and experience the warm and welcoming environment we offer.

**Tuesday 27th October** 9.30am

**Wednesday 28th October** 9.30am

**Thursday 29th October** 9.30am

We advise this is for parents rather than children.

**Tuesday 3rd November** 3.30-4.30. **Stay and Play**; for children due to start school in 2027 (parents/carers stay too).

[Book an Open Day >>](#)

## How to Apply

For applications to our Reception class you must apply through Leicestershire County Council. **Applications for entry in Autumn 2027 should be made by 15th January 2027.** Applications are welcome from families who live in and out of our catchment area.

[Apply now >>](#)

We have a few places available in different year groups. Please contact the school to see if we can accommodate your child.

[Contact Orchard >>](#)

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The Symphony Learning Trust and Orchard Community Primary School are committed to safeguarding and safer recruitment. We are committed to promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.