

# OUR SCHOOL

The original Trust Deed to open a school in Horsington was signed in 1855 and Horsington School was officially opened in 1857 as a school for children up to the age of thirteen. Since 1958 it has been a Primary School for children aged from four to eleven years. As a Voluntary Controlled school it was originally built, financed and administrated by the Church of England. These functions have largely been taken over by Somerset Education Authority but the School's character and ethos remain firmly based on its Christian origins, traditions and principles.

The school enjoys strong links with the villages of Horsington and South Cheriton and, although many pupils come from further afield, we aim to play an active part in the life of the local area.

Our attractive main building maintains its original Victorian look from the outside but inside houses teaching units, a library, an ICT suite, a hall, kitchen, toilets and a school office. In October 2001 an extension was built onto the school and provides a modern, purpose built classroom for children in the first year at our school. At the same time a new entrance for pupils was built to link our extension to the original building. In 2002/3 our playground was extended and our hall was refurbished. In 2005 a new mobile classroom replaced an existing mobile classroom and a disabled toilet was installed. The playground was again extended. In 2007 a second mobile classroom was replaced and a new outside playspace built.

The school site has two mobile classrooms, an adventure playground, a quiet area, an environmental area, and a school orchard. We have a playing field, adventure play equipment as well as a hard-surfaced playground.

We are surrounded by open farmland and have a stream, which runs through the school grounds. We are in the process of developing a messy play area adjacent to the school. Our rural situation is used to the best effect with much stimulating environmental work taking place.