



Gillingstool Primary

School Brochure

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Welcome to Gillingstool Primary

There has been a school at Gillingstool educating the young people of Thornbury and the surrounding area for over 150 years.

At Gillingstool Primary we are proud to continue the work of our predecessors, offering mainstream primary-level education for boys and girls from ages four to eleven.

Staff and adults in the early years have created an environment that is safe and nurturing. Children respond positively to adults and interact well with each other. (Ofsted 2018)



Leaders ensure that there is a suitable blend of curriculum activities to support pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding across all areas of learning.
(Ofsted 2018)

Gillingstool is an inclusive and ambitious school where we say with conviction, every child really does matter!

Everyone is valued and our pupils will tell you that the most important aspect of our school is that everybody is welcome!

Our school creates an ethos that promotes high standards in learning and behaviour. The development of the whole child takes place within an enjoyable, broad and balanced curriculum that builds understanding and respect for life in modern Britain.

We are immensely proud of Gillingstool and would be delighted to meet you in person, to show you around and answer any queries you may have.

Caroline Carter
Headteacher



'...the teachers are so nice and kind and help me learn lots. Gillingstool is a really great place.' | Pupil



What makes Gillingstool so special?



At Gillingstool we pride ourselves in offering a warm, nurturing and safe environment for children to grow into happy, healthy and motivated young people.

We embrace individuality and the uniqueness of each and every child and truly believe that every child matters.

Our inspiring and unique ethos of Inspire, Believe, Achieve creates a positive learning ethos that runs throughout the school, enabling children to flourish and become courageous and thoughtful learners.

Whether it's sending a balloon into space during science day or taking the plunge in our indoor pool – there are a wealth of creative and exciting opportunities available to all our children.

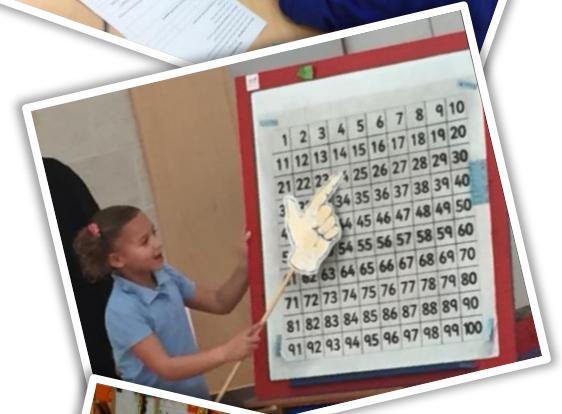
'It never ceases to amaze me how enthusiastic my children are about coming to school ever morning...' | Parent

At Gillingstool we value:

- Inclusivity
- Ambition
- Resilience
- Curiosity
- Creativity
- Integrity

Our School Vision

At Gillingstool, integrity and inclusivity are at the heart of everything we do for our children. In partnership with our parents and the wider community, we provide a unique environment within a vibrant and caring school - inspiring our children's passion for ambitious, life-long learning. This is delivered through consistently high standards in teaching, learning and behaviour. By working together with respect, enthusiasm and care towards all others, we at Gillingstool promote happiness, kindness and honesty.



'I can't speak highly enough of the dedicated staff and the caring learning environment they have helped to create.' | Governor

There is no such thing as an average day at Gillingstool Primary...



When the first bell rings our children are **immersed in a balanced and creative school experience**. Learning is geared to meeting national curriculum requirements, but within a **Cohesive Curriculum** designed with our children and locality in mind.

Across our curriculum, we encourage interested listeners and articulate, confident speakers.

Through English opportunities we create inspired readers, who have a love of literature, and expressive writers with good levels of spelling, grammar and clear handwriting. **Book Week** and our **story time assemblies** boost the joy of reading and are special events not to be missed! In maths, **practical, problem solving is promoted** with handling and computing of numbers, measuring, knowledge of shapes; and tackling algebra.

Our science and humanities curriculums offer children the chance to develop understanding of the world, locally and globally. Using information technologies **safely and securely**; observing and investigating the world around us and how others live their lives; looking at the past; **being creative**; and tackling **sporting, musical, drama and culinary challenges** all contribute to the wide variety of opportunities on offer before its time to finish up and return home at 3:15pm.





Our school environment is **truly outstanding** – a national award finalist. **British Council for School Environments**

'Inspiring School' Award

National Finalist 2011



It is **safe, modern, light and spacious...**

- Water coolers and a quiet breakout room in **every classroom**;
- Exciting outdoor learning spaces for **every class**;
- An **innovative indoor-outdoor** classroom for reception;
- Large well-stocked library;
- **Spacious halls** for drama and sport, and further breakout areas for music and creative learning;
- Early years access to a sensory room;
- **Indoor heated swimming pool**;
- **Fully secure site** with controlled day time access by security card or intercom;
- **Large school field**, numerous playgrounds, and woods for adventuring and Forest Skills.

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Gillingstool Primary is located off Gillingstool. **It is just a short walk from Thornbury town centre** (about 5 mins) and the main Rock Street public car park (367 spaces in total – 20 of which are disabled bays).

The main vehicular and pedestrian entrance is off Gillingstool, opposite St. David's Road. However, additional pedestrian access is available via Bath Road and the underpass by Oakleaze Road during drop-off (8:45am to 9:15am) and collection (3:10pm to 3:45pm)

Thinking of choosing Gillingstool...?

Choosing the right school for your child is a **really important decision**. To help make the right choice, we welcome you to come and look round our school. We would be delighted to include you on one of our **organised parent tours** or we can make arrangements for an alternative time. **Please contact the School Office** by phone or via email (see above). For local primary school admission details please refer to South Gloucestershire Council's website at: - www.southglos.gov.uk

