



Gillingstool Primary School

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 a good mainstream primary-level education for boys and girls from ages four to eleven.

"The relationships between staff and pupils at Gillingstool are warm and encouraging. Pupils are confident, curious and respectful in lessons. They enjoy learning in the caring environment adults create." OFSTED 2022

"Leaders are ambitious for all pupils. There is a well-planned and considered curriculum in place. Pupils can recall in detail what they learn and when." OFSTED 2022

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



"Leaders place as much importance on pupils' wider development as they do on academic work. They enjoy a range of experiences that help them learn and broaden their horizons." OFSTED 2022



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 Better Behaviours rewards create a positive learning ethos that runs throughout the school, enabling children to flourish and become caring, courageous and thoughtful learners.

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



"One parent comment, typical of many is, 'Gillingstool is going from strength to strength. I look forward to what next year brings.'" OFSTED 2022



Learning and Behaviour at Gillingstool

Our unique Better Behaviour rewards programme **promotes positive learning and behaviours**. It's a dynamic and powerful tool that helps enrich teaching of the national curriculum and recognises those going over and above.

Children can earn:

Their name on the Class Recognition Board

A Student of the Week award

Hot Choc with The Head

A chance to participate in a class or individual Attendance Award

The programme brings challenge across each year group with goals and rewards to recognise and **celebrate success**. Better Behaviours encourages our children to take ownership of their learning, to **sustain hard work**, strive to achieve and **be the very best** they can socially and academically!



*"There is a strong reading culture in the school. Staff have high expectations of children.
There is a sharp focus in the Early Years on phonics" OFSTED 2022*

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



When the first bell rings at 8.45am our children are **immersed in a balanced and creative school experience**. Learning is geared to meeting national curriculum requirements, but with a strong emphasis on intellectual, personal, social, physical, spiritual, moral and cultural development.

In maths, **practical, problem solving is promoted** with handling and computing of numbers, measuring, knowledge of shapes; and tackling algebra. Children work regularly on their multiplication knowledge with **Times Tables Rockstars**.

Through English, we encourage interested listeners, clear and confident speakers, inspired readers who enjoy books, and expressive writers with good levels of spelling, grammar and clear handwriting. **Book Week** and our **weekly Headteacher's Storytime** boost the joy of reading and are special events not to be missed!

Using information technologies **safely and securely**; observing and investigating the scientific world around us; investigating how others live their lives; looking at the past; **being creative**; and tackling **sporting, musical and dramatic 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...**

- Sink and water facilities and a quiet group 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;
- Access to a **sensory diet** room;
- Access to an **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 (8:35am to 8.50am) and collection (3:10pm to 3:30pm)

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



Is your child starting school in September 2023?

- OPEN DAYS -

Wednesday 5th October 2022
visits at 9.30am and 11.00am

Thursday 13th October 2022
visits at 2.00pm and 4.00pm

Tuesday 8th November 2022
visits at 9.30am and 11.00am

Tuesday 22nd November 2022
Visits at 2.00pm

Monday 5th December 2022
Visits at 4.00pm

Wednesday 11th January 2023
Visits at 2.00pm