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William Stukeley CofE Primary School
Deeping St Nicholas Primary School

Executive Head Teacher: Mr P Bellamy
Chair of Governors: Mr R Nicholas

17th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outcomes of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place during the last week of term in July 2026, and to celebrate the many strengths that the inspectors recognised across our school community.

We are incredibly proud that our report highlights a school where children are happy, safe, valued and supported to succeed. Inspectors judged several key areas of our provision as 'Strong Standard', including Attendance and Behaviour, Early Years, and Personal Development and Wellbeing, with Safeguarding also fully meeting all required standards.

The report paints a wonderful picture of our school community:

"Pupils are proud to attend Deeping St Nicholas Primary School. They are known as individuals and valued as members of a close-knit community."

"Pupils thrive as a result of the school's extensive personal development programme that prepares them well for life beyond primary school."

"Children make a strong start to their education and settle quickly into school life."

As with any inspection, there are areas identified for further improvement. The area receiving a 'Needs Attention' judgement relates to curriculum implementation and ensuring that the strongest teaching practices are consistently evident across all year groups and subjects.

Importantly, inspectors recognised that school leaders already have an accurate understanding of these areas and that significant work is already underway. The report states:

"Leaders have an accurate understanding of curriculum and teaching strengths and areas needing development."

and acknowledges that:

"Recent actions to strengthen the curriculum and improve teaching are having a positive impact."

The next steps identified by Ofsted align closely with our existing school improvement priorities. Over the past year, we have implemented new systems, strengthened curriculum planning, increased quality assurance processes and worked collaboratively across the Stukeley Federation to further improve consistency. We are pleased that inspectors recognised these developments, whilst also acknowledging that it is too early for the full impact to be seen consistently across the school.



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The report also recognises our strong leadership and the positive direction of travel at Deeping St Nicholas. Inspectors stated that:

"Leaders have a clear understanding of the school's strengths and the areas requiring further development."

and noted that:

"Collaborative work across the Federation is contributing positively to the school's ongoing development."

Perhaps most importantly, inspectors recognised that our families have confidence in the school, reporting that children are:

"...happy, secure and well supported."

This is something we are immensely proud of.

I would like to thank our wonderful pupils, who represented the school so positively throughout the inspection; our dedicated staff team for their tireless commitment to our children; our governors for their support and challenge; and our parents and carers for your continued partnership and encouragement.

This report reflects a school with many significant strengths, a caring and inclusive ethos, and a clear commitment to continuous improvement. We are proud of what has been achieved and excited about the next stage of our journey as we continue striving to provide the very best education, opportunities and experiences for every child.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Peter Bellamy
Executive Headteacher

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