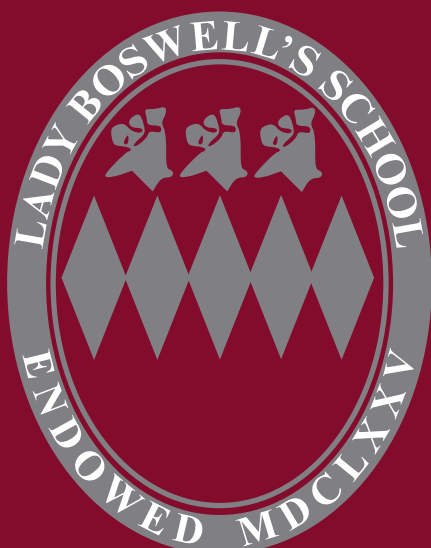


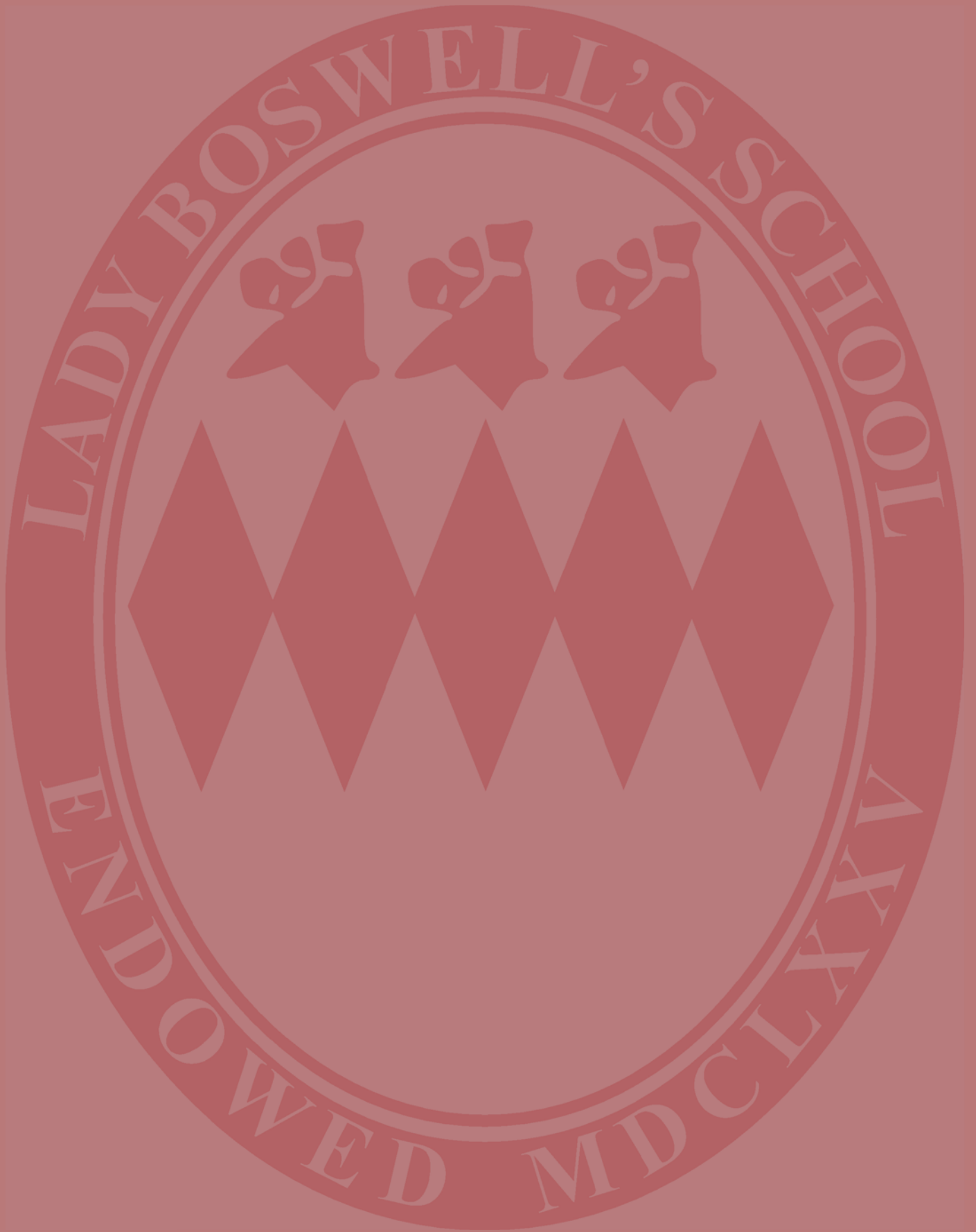


Lady Boswell's

Church of England Primary School Prospectus



Founded 1675



Our Vision Statement

We value every member of our community as a unique child of God and seek to demonstrate His love through our words and actions. We enable every child to achieve their full potential so that they leave us with their heads inspired and their hearts enriched.

As a result our children will:

- Develop a positive sense of self and well-being; confident to make the right choices and keep themselves safe in an ever-changing society.
- Become effective communicators, collaborators and leaders.
- Be resilient, resourceful and courageous.
- Be curious, creative individuals and confident problem solvers.
- Grow in spiritual awareness and develop a strong moral compass and a deepening understanding of the Christian faith in a multi-faith British society.
- Become responsible and tolerant global citizens who value diversity, forgive readily, and have concern for the needs of each other, the school, the wider community, and the planet.

Learning Together, Christ at the Centre, Learning for Life

Our Christian Values underpin and surround our vision which places Christ at the centre of all our decisions, policy and practice. Each Month, we focus on a different Christian Value. This is done explicitly through our Collective Worship time but also throughout our curriculum. Children have regular opportunities to reflect on each value and to develop an understanding of the Value in action and how it reflects on the teachings of the Gospels.

Values, integral to our Ethos, are:

LOVE Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. **1 John 3 v16-18**

RESPECT Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers. **1 Peter 2 v17**

FAITH Now faith is confidence on what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **Hebrews 11 v1**

KINDNESS But the fruit of the spirit is kindness. **Galatians 5 v22**

FORGIVENESS Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgive each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4 v 32**

HONESTY Full of grace and truth. **John 1 v 14**



The Headteachers' Welcome

Thank you for taking an interest in Lady Boswell's. This is a forward-looking and caring school which celebrates its long history and its reputation for high academic standards within a dynamic extra-curricular programme.

Lady Boswell's provides a secure and stimulating environment in which our children can make the very best of their talents to achieve success in all that they do. This is a happy and busy school where you will find the highest standards of work, commitment, respect and courtesy. We aim, above all, to be an inclusive, caring and successful learning community.

We educate and nurture our children in an open and exciting environment, both inside the school and throughout our wonderful extended grounds. We believe in learning together, learning for life and preparing the children in our care for the 21st century workplace. We want every child to leave us with their heads inspired and their hearts enriched.

Each child is special to us, and we appreciate that every child is an individual. We seek to provide personalised academic, emotional, social and spiritual support for each one. We want our children to be strong individuals who embrace challenge, think creatively, value achievement and strive to be the best they can be. We encourage each child to take time to actively contribute to our community and to support others.

Details of our Admissions Policy can be found on our website: www.ladyboswells.kent.sch.uk under 'About us' tab, 'Admissions' or 'Policies'. Each year we are oversubscribed. We welcome applications from all prospective parents and our Admissions Criteria can be viewed within the Admissions Policy on our website.

We are extremely proud of Lady Boswell's. Please make an appointment to come and visit our very special school.



**Hannah Pullen and Sharon Saunders,
Co-Headteachers**





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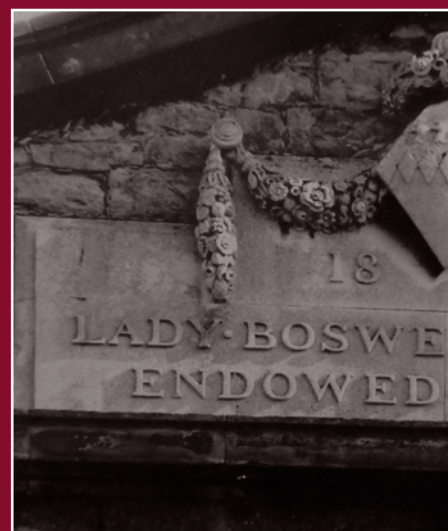
Lady Boswell's is a Church of England school. Christian principles and beliefs are fundamental to the aims, values and attitudes fostered throughout the school and the school's vision statement reflects its Christian family ethos.

We are proud to have a strong link with St Nicholas' Church, the Parish Church of Sevenoaks, and this helps to underpin our ethos, aims and vision for learning. The Rector of St Nicholas is a Foundation Governor of the school.

Our school dates back to 1675 and is reputedly the oldest state primary school in England. Lady Margaret Boswell, a great benefactress of Sevenoaks, left a bequest to pay a schoolmaster to educate 12 poor scholars of the town.

This continued until, almost 150 years later, the first school building was erected in London Road. In the ensuing years, after a series of amalgamations, the school became a mixed infant and junior school and moved to a brand new building, our current site, in 1972. The building has been extended during 2014 to provide greater capacity.

As a result of the foundation of the school, in addition to the Board of Governors, there is also a Board of Trustees, chaired by the Rector of St Nicholas. Their remit is the management of Margaret Boswell's trust fund, responsibility for the school buildings and the overseeing of the Christian ethos of the school.





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Overview

Lady Boswell's is a two-form entry Primary school graded Outstanding by SIAMs in July 2018 and Ofsted in May 2022. The classes range from 30 pupils per class in Key Stage 1 up to a maximum of 32 per class in Key Stage 2. The teaching staff comprises our Co-Headteachers, Assistant Headteachers and class teachers. There are a number of Teaching Assistants (TAs) and Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) and an Inclusion manager.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) assists the Headteachers with the smooth running of the school and meets on a weekly basis. They discuss strategic elements such as curriculum planning, monitoring and delivery, analysis of assessment data, school organisation, the School Improvement plan, policies and up to date pedagogical approaches. The SLT is committed to promoting high standards of teaching, learning and discipline throughout the school.

The National Curriculum requirements are followed throughout and teachers plan to ensure that each child receives a broad and balanced curriculum. High expectations are key if every child is to fulfil their potential.

Our school is housed in a modern, single storey building which comprises of two spacious halls, two well stocked libraries, an ICT suite, 3 class sets of Ipad's and VR Headsets. There are two playgrounds (one for KS1 and one for KS2) both with large activity apparatus. We have extensive and beautiful playing fields backing onto Knole Park on one side and Raley's Field on another side. We have a woodland nature walk and a fully developed Forest School, an enclosed pond, a vegetable area, living willow structures, outdoor gym and a sensory courtyard garden.

The Orchard

We are delighted to offer our families an excellent breakfast and afterschool club facility, The Orchard. This provides both an extended school day for our working parents (7.50am – 6.00pm) and an exciting and enriching environment for our children.

Children are treated to a nutritious breakfast or evening meal and a wide range of fun and engaging activities whilst with us in The Orchard. Our school office can provide further information and details of how to book.





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Learning Together, Christ at the Centre, Learning for Life

At Lady Boswell's we recognise that learning does not take place in isolation but is a continuous and life-long process with many influences and experiences in and beyond school. We provide a broad programme of study which extends beyond National Curriculum requirements and we are proud of our high teaching standards. Our approach to teaching takes into full consideration the variety of learning styles and abilities in any one class.

Children who are identified as having educational needs that are additional or different receive extra provision, usually in the form of extra adult support. The class teachers and Inclusion Manager work together to assess needs at the earliest opportunity and parents are fully involved in this process. For children who show exceptional ability, differentiated work is sometimes provided and we often send pupils to extension workshops and opportunities through our links with secondary schools.

All the children participate in a daily act of collective worship which reflects our Christian ethos and all are taught Religious Education (RE) following the Rochester Diocese Syllabus. Any parent has the right to withdraw their child from RE or collective worship.

Ofsted have graded our school 'outstanding'. You can read our last report in full at www.ofsted.gov.uk. The inspector summarised as follows:

"Pupils thrive at this school. They enjoy learning and know the importance of concentrating in lessons."

"Pupils want what is best for each other."

"Pupils learn an exciting range of subjects through a well-sequenced curriculum."

"Leaders are committed to developing pupils' character, and plan many opportunities for them to be good citizens and leaders."

Periodically, Lady Boswell's School is subject to a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection by The Church of England Education Office to establish its effectiveness as a church school. Following the July 2018 inspection, the School was assessed as Outstanding in all four areas. The report stated *"The school supports pupils to know their worth as children of God by finding and developing their gifts through a well-developed, broad curriculum"*.



There are many different ways of measuring the performance of schools and we are not driven by league tables. However, there is a national assessment process by which schools are currently judged. 'School Attainment Tests' (SATs) are set by the government for all primary school children at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. You can see our latest SATs results on our website www.ladyboswells.kent.sch.uk under the 'About Us' tab, 'Key Information'.

We prepare children for a number of possible destinations after Lady Boswell's. We enter the majority of our pupils for the 11+ every year and our high academic standards are reflected in their results. Our children move on to a wide range of secondary schools, both in the state and private sector. In recent years these have included:



Grammar Schools:

Judd School, Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys, St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School, Tonbridge Grammar School, Weald of Kent Grammar School, Maidstone Grammar School, Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Girls

Faith Schools:

The Trinity School, Bennett Memorial Diocesan School and St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School

Independent Schools:

Sevenoaks School, Walthamstow Hall School, Radnor House School, Sackville School, Cranbrook School

Comprehensive Schools:

Knole Academy, Hugh Christie Technology College

More detailed information about the numbers of children going to each secondary school over recent years are on our website under the 'About Us' tab, 'Key Information'.





An Ambitious Curriculum

At Lady Boswell's we provide an exciting and enriching global curriculum. We want our children to understand and respect the diverse world in which we live and the contribution that they can make to sustaining its future. Trips and visits are arranged by each teacher to supplement the learning in the classroom. Our local environment is an excellent resource for learning, providing both urban and rural settings. On a regular basis theatre groups, music ensembles and other professionals visit school and they add an extra dimension to the children's education.

Lady Boswell's has a huge range of before and after school clubs and every child from Year 1-6 generally takes part in at least one club. We have a weekly newsletter celebrating our achievements and showcasing the exciting and enriching curriculum our children receive.

Sport

There are many opportunities to develop sporting skills. Children throughout the school have swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre and participate in gymnastics and dance as well as games such as football, netball, rounders, cross country and athletics. The school secures the expertise of local clubs to provide high quality training in tennis, cricket, hockey, rugby and golf. Teams representing Lady Boswell's take part in all the local inter-schools sports fixtures, leagues, tournaments and festivals. Excellence is encouraged at all levels and our teams are generally very successful!

We have before or after school clubs in the following sports: Football, Netball, Cricket, Rugby, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Athletics, Hockey, Tennis, Playball and Archery, Judo and Taekwondo.

Music

Lady Boswell's has a very popular orchestra and all children who play an instrument in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to join. They perform for the school at various events, at St Nicholas Church and in public at concerts and festivals.

Our 2 school choirs rehearse and perform at school and local events. The highlight of the choir's calendar is normally their performance at the O2 Arena, along with 8,000 children in the annual 'Young Voices' concert.

We are fortunate to have a number of peripatetic teachers who visit during the school day to teach various musical instruments. Instrumental lessons are offered (for a fee) to children in Key Stage 2 and at present these include piano, violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, cornet, trumpet and drums.





We also have a Recorders club. Every child in year 1 learns percussion, in year 2 they learn the ocarina, in years 3 & 4 the recorder and in year 5 the ukulele. These lessons are provided for free and we teach every child to learn to read music.

Dance and Drama

For our young performing artists we run a number of dance and drama clubs throughout the year for different age groups. We have two annual school productions – one at Christmas and the other towards the end of the summer term. Our summer production is usually held at the Stag Theatre. Several of our dance troupes perform in ‘Chance to Dance’ at the Stag each year as well as other local dance shows.





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Art and Craft

Lady Boswell's has several art clubs running for different age groups throughout the year, including Sketchbook Art, Textile Art, Sewing and Art and Craft. They also have the opportunity in Key Stage 2 to work with Sevenoaks School art department.

Science

Lady Boswell's has achieved the Primary Science Quality Outreach award. This reflects, and celebrates, a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning across the school. Extra-curricular opportunities, such as our annual 'Science Week' and STEM club, further enhance the pupils' experience of hands-on, investigative science learning.

More Clubs

We recognise that everyone has different interests and talents and our wide variety of more than 30 clubs include: Chess, Lego, Cookery, Computers, Drama, Sewing, Gardening, Choir, Forest School, Language clubs and Glass Painting.

There is also an opportunity for the children to take classes in Judo, Zumba, Gymnastics and Taekwon-Do before and after school. These clubs are run by outside organisations and therefore incur a cost.



Lady Boswell's School Song

Our Father God we come to thank you for Lady Boswell's School,
For the way that you have guided us and for your sovereign rule,
We praise you for your goodness throughout the years gone by.
Please help us now in word and deed your name to glorify.

We praise your name our Father God,
For all your love and care,
May we serve you in all we do,
Your love with those around us share.

Our Father God we come to ask you to bless our school today.
Help us each one to seek to learn in both our work and play.
May all of us be loyal and stand for what is right
So in years to come our lives may be pleasing in your sight.

We praise your name our Father God
For all your love and care,
May we serve you in all we do,
Your love with those around us share.

Lady Boswell's School Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father

This is our school.

Let it be filled with LOVE: love of one another, love of the world, love of ourselves and love of God.

Give us the confidence and FAITH that you know what is in our hearts even when we can't say the words.

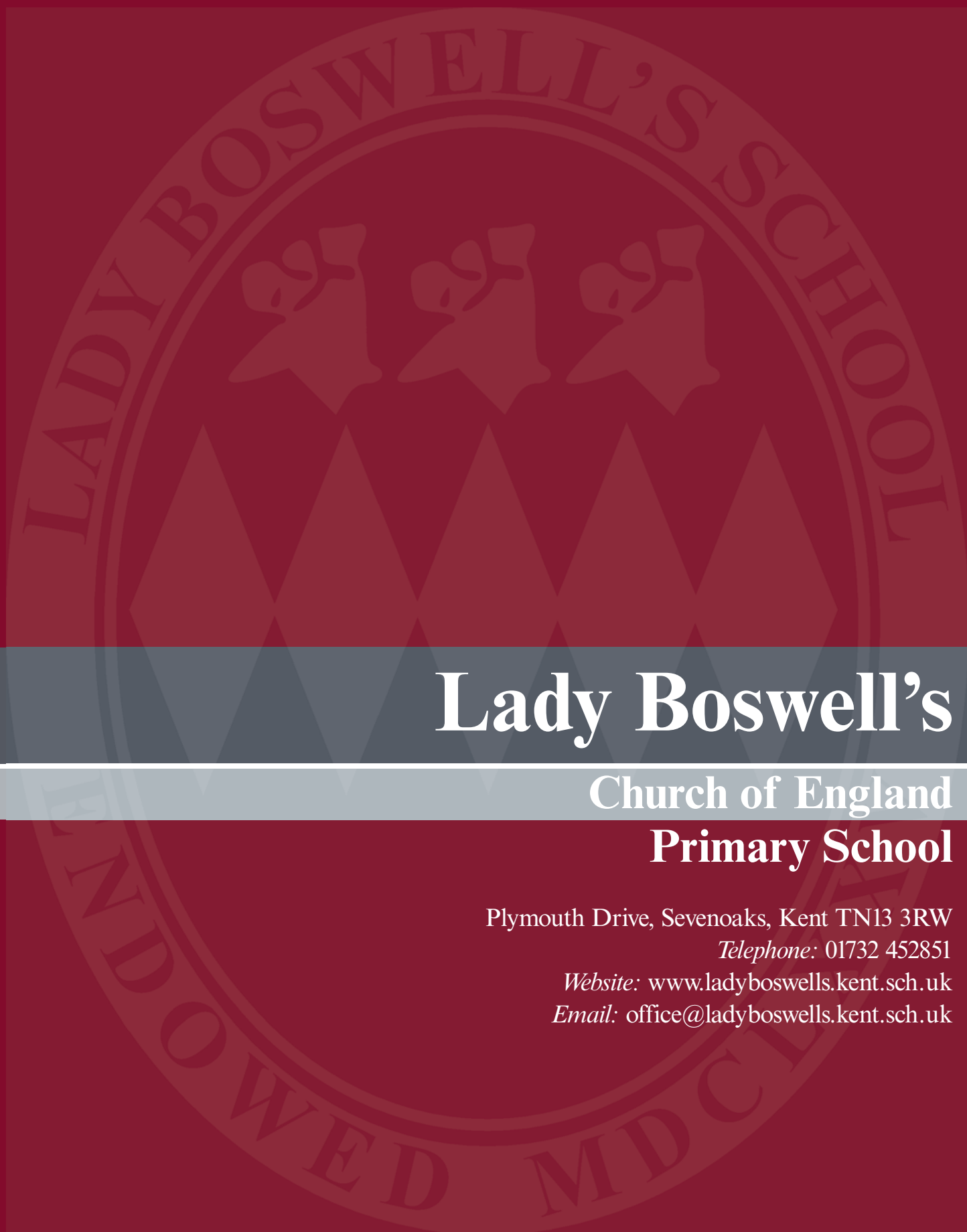
May we always treat ourselves and others with KINDNESS and RESPECT and make our school and our world a place of peace and happiness.

When we make mistakes, help us, Lord, to have the courage and power to apologise and the grace to FORGIVE both ourselves and others.

Help us to live our lives in your light and be HONEST and speak the truth.

Please let us always remember that we are unique children of God.

Amen



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