

# SURREY'S PRIMARY PUPILS ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

**Surrey's Key Stage 2 schoolchildren have performed well in their reading, writing and maths, according to exam results**



Primary pupils in Surrey stood out nationally in their reading, writing and maths by rising above the national average Key Stage 2 results. Seven-year-olds across the county performed well in the exams, showing their development in the last four years.

Nationally, 72% of pupils achieved level four or above in reading, writing and mathematics, compared to 75% in 2012. In Surrey the average was 78%.

Children also excelled when it came to gaining a 'good' level four in reading and maths, as well as level four or above in the writing teacher assessment, exceeding the national average of 63% by 5%. Girls continued to perform slightly better than boys in the county, with 82% gaining a level four in reading, maths and writing, with the boys at 74%.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Dorking was one of the top ranked schools in the county, with 100% reaching level four in all three categories, 93% of which were 'good' results.

Other schools that impressed include Holy Trinity, in Guildford, with 83% gaining level four and up, 75% being 'good', while St Thomas of Canterbury, also in Guildford, achieved 79% of 'good' results from 84%.

Burpham Foundation Primary School also excelled, with 90% of pupils gaining 'good' level four results and 93% achieving level four and above in all areas.

Headteacher Paul Goddard said: "We are absolutely delighted with these results, which are testament to the hard work of pupils and staff.

"We believe good foundations at primary level are important. We say 'start here and go anywhere' and that is an important idea to the school. We want to put these children in the best possible position moving forward. However, it is not just about tests and we make sure that the children will have a well-balanced outlook and opportunities in the future."

A Guildford school that did not fare as well was Weyfield Primary, where results showed that only 22% of Year 6 pupils achieved level four or above, while 14% achieved a 'good' level four.

However, Weyfield's governing body said it was not surprised by the results, considering the 'extremely challenging' educational start experienced by the 36 pupils who had taken the tests, before the arrival of headteacher Simon Wood in 2012. Under his headship, the school has been transformed, in the eyes of Ofsted inspectors, from 'failing' to 'good', with a subsequent change in the school's reputation.

Mr Wood said that its current Year 6 was on track for a successful 2014.

"Learning at Weyfield is about every individual as the whole child," he said. "Given the story of Weyfield and the challenges it has faced, it was always going to take two years to redress the balance. Pupils who left Weyfield last year had been fully reintegrated into school life which, after such cumulative regression and inequitable provision, was, quite simply, the right thing – the only thing – to do."