



## Our School

Rivington Foundation Primary School has a long and fine tradition of offering education to the local community of Rivington and district. The school stands on the site first occupied by Rivington Free Grammar School, founded in 1566 with a Charter granted and signed by Queen Elizabeth I. This was requested by James Pilkington, Bishop of Durham who was born and brought up in Rivington.

2016 sees the 450th Anniversary of the founding of our School!

The main portion of the school was rebuilt in 1714 through the support of the Governing Body; the building had become very run down, nearly then being destroyed by fire..

The present building became an elementary school in 1882 when the Grammar School was re-housed in what is now Rivington and Blackrod High School. The building has been owned by Shaws Educational Endowment Trust since the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century; supporting School with a book gift for each child at Christmas.

In 1941 the school became a primary school when the last child of secondary age transferred to a secondary modern school and in 1951 the school was granted Voluntary Aided status (through the Shaws' Charitable Trust). It then became a Foundation Primary School in January 2009, continuing to offer Primary education for children from 4 to 11.

Our EYFS classroom (Foundation Stage for Reception & Pre-School children) was opened in 2005 by Mrs J Williams, the retiring Headteacher at this time. This provided the opportunity to offer education to children from the ages of 3 (pre-school year) to 11. In 2010 a Sure Start grant allowed an extensive and exciting outdoor play area to be added. The EYFS provision continues to be visited by other schools and nurseries, as an example of excellence in the learning environment.

In Sept 2014, Rivington Childcare opened the Acorns nursery for 2 yr olds in the new purpose-built 'log cabin' in the school grounds. This was the vision of Mrs L Case, the retiring Headteacher and Mrs How, our bursar at the time.

All other classrooms have been completely refurbished on a rolling (and continuous) programme to provide modern and exciting working environments. Since Sept 2014 lighting upgrades have been completed with Y3/4 being completed this summer. Each classroom now has Touchscreen technology, laptops are available for use throughout the curriculum, with ipads being planned for 2016. The Entry system has been updated for staff and visitors.

In Sept.2015 the Bursar's office moved to the ground floor, with the School Library moving upstairs. With space always at a premium, we continually seek to address the limitations of our beautiful and unique building whilst being part of the 21st Century.

Our aim is to give our children the best; an appreciation of the old, together with the advances available in the world today.

