

Meet... Mabel!



My name is Mabel and I am a golden Cocker Spaniel. I am 13 months old and I was born on January 30th 2024. I love to go on long walks and play with my ball! I especially love my treats and making friends with new dogs!

I am being trained to be your school dog!

I am very excited to meet everyone. I have visited school when the children are at home and have met some staff. With me as your school dog, I will be able to assist with-

- children developing empathy skills, encourage them to act respectfully and improve relationships between children
- reading to me. This can be beneficial for reluctant readers.
- having a calming effect on children
- helping children develop emotional literacy

- encouraging children who are typically more withdrawn, to engage with and participate in school life
- helping children to regulate their own behaviour
- reducing stress and improve wellbeing for both children and staff
- improving self-esteem for children

Please don't worry if your child is afraid of dogs or allergic- Mrs. Wood will be able to sort all of this out in my very own 'Risk Assessment' and special 'Dogs in School' policy.

All the children will be trained in how to behave around me by the Dog's Trust.

I know Mrs. Wood will send all parents information about how to behave around me as a grown up as well.

I will be based at the office with my very own crate and toys, and if I am walking around school, I will be kept on a lead.

I will start to come to school after Easter for a few hours to begin with so I can get used to my new environment, and will hopefully be able to see you at the gate in the mornings or afternoons!

Love

Mabel

