Pupils and staff are celebrating after a government inspection found their work was "outstanding." William Gilbert Endowed Primary was awarded the highest possible mark following a one-day visit from Ofsted during June.

In a letter to pupils, lead inspector Alison Cogher said: "I was very impressed by how polite, friendly and caring you were. You behave extremely well and work very hard."

When William Gilbert School was last inspected four years ago it was declared to be "good, with outstanding features." Since then it has worked hard at promoting the use of ICT to impact on learning.

The latest report says: "The school's success is a reflection of very effective teamwork and the extremely high expectations of staff, governors and parents."

It currently has 274 pupils, from the age of three in its nursery, to 11 years old in Year 6.

Head teacher Sue Whyld, said: "We work together, learn together and have got a strong leadership team completely committed to driving standards forward.

"I have got a dedicated team of staff who want the best for children in their care. The children have a thirst for learning motivated by an inspiring and creative curriculum."

A full copy of the inspection report is available on the Ofsted website, but parents have been provided with one.

Currently the school has a small number of places available for the 2008 intake in Reception, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6.

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