

Grateley Primary School News

Grateley Primary is one of the two schools that serve these four parishes. We have 96 pupils on roll this academic year, coming from a mixed demographic, from the village and surroundings as well as further afield like Andover or Bulford. A percentage of military families attend the school and we have developed effective support for the needs of these children, whatever point of their schooling they come to us.

The school is a community of learners, teachers and families who share a common vision: to realise our children's potential through teamwork, respect, enthusiasm and excellence.

The Governors would like to thank Rachel Dance and her team very much for the hard work put in over many years for our 'Good' Ofsted rating. The inspectors came in the last week summer term and praised the inclusive atmosphere, enthusiastic children and committed teachers who plan tasks meticulously to enable pupils of all academic abilities to learn and progress. Also highlighted were the pupils' strong understanding of inclusion, equalities and diversity; both staff and children should be very proud.



As the school moves from strength to strength, so our reputation continues to grow, largely through word of mouth. It is immensely gratifying to see families, who have moved away, come back to Grateley Primary when living close by once more. There has already been a lot of interest for reception 2024.



Grateley Primary doesn't focus solely on academic attainment; it's also about nurturing the whole child and providing a wide and varied curriculum that sparks their curiosity and creativity. Our dedicated PTA have aided this by providing an e-safety show, a travelling panto, author visits, a magic show, CGP books and more in the last year, as well as donating 16 Chromebooks and contributing towards school trips and our leavers' hoodies.

As we start a new school year, we are excited to see our pupils flourish in their learning journey. Our new school council and eco-council are carrying on the good work from their predecessors and the Year 6 cohort has

a new Health and Safety ambassador. Budding runners have already been involved in the Test Valley Schools cross country with some fantastic results. The school has held a well-received phonics evening for parents earlier this month and plan to do more like this to show parents what their children are learning at school and why as well as how to help them at home.

Our wonderful head teacher, Mrs Dance, is moving on to new challenges, having provided strong leadership and guided the school brilliantly through a pivotal period and we are looking to appoint her successor over the next few months. We are looking for inspirational, hands on leader with the vision to continue the School's journey to excellence.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to Rachel Dance for her own inspirational leadership over her time at Grateley Primary and wish her all the best.

We are currently looking to fill one governor vacancy and welcome interest in applying, to help plan the strategic direction of the school. The candidate would be joining a strong and dedicated team and it is a great opportunity to support children in our community.

Theresa Trisolino, School Governor

Grateley Primary School, 'Realising our Children's Potential – through Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm and Excellence'.

