

How We Promote British Values at Great Leighs Primary School

At Great Leighs Primary School, we actively promote the fundamental British Values of:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs

These values are embedded throughout our curriculum, school ethos and daily practice.

Democracy

We teach children the importance of having a voice and making decisions together.

We promote democracy through:

- An active **School Council and Family Captains**, where elected representatives share pupil views.
- A democratic process when creating class rules and expectations.
- Regular **Pupil Voice** discussions and surveys across curriculum areas and aspects of school life (e.g. lunchtime provision).
- Voting for certain activities, events and responsibilities.
- Opportunities for pupils to be involved in staff recruitment processes.

Through these experiences, children learn that their opinions matter and that decisions can be made fairly.

The Rule of Law

We help pupils understand the importance of rules, laws and consequences.

We promote the Rule of Law through:

- Our **School Behaviour Policy**, built around our 6 School Rules.
- A clear Reflection and Behaviour Curriculum embedded across school life.
- Teaching vocabulary such as *“legal”* and *“illegal”* within the RSHE curriculum.
- Assemblies that explore responsibility, fairness and justice.
- Strong links with local community police teams.
- Parent and carer questionnaires that encourage community involvement in school improvement.

Children learn that rules are in place to keep everyone safe and that actions have consequences.

Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We celebrate diversity and promote understanding of different cultures, religions and beliefs.

We promote tolerance through:

- Our school Aims and Values.
- Assemblies that celebrate key events and reflect global themes.
- A broad and balanced **RE curriculum**, including visits and visitors.
- Our Equality Policy.
- The celebration of festivals within the curriculum and assemblies (e.g. Harvest).
- Cluster events with other schools.
- An English curriculum built upon a diverse literature spine.
- A wide and inclusive range of books in our school library.

Children develop an understanding that differences should be respected and celebrated.

Mutual Respect

Respect underpins all relationships within our school community.

We promote mutual respect through:

- Our School Aims and Values.
- The PSHE curriculum.
- Positive relationships that are encouraged and modelled by all staff.
- Curriculum content, including RE and wider learning.
- Pupil leadership roles such as Family Captains, School Council members and Play Leaders.
- Celebration (Achievement) assemblies.
- Participation in charity work and community events.

Children learn to value themselves and others and understand that respect is reciprocal.

Individual Liberty

We support pupils to develop independence and make safe, responsible choices.

We promote individual liberty through:

- Providing choices within a safe and secure environment.
- Teaching our values through the curriculum and assemblies.
- Our Home–School Agreement.
- Safety awareness education (including online safety).
- Encouraging independence through learning challenges.

Children learn that freedom comes with responsibility and that they can make informed choices.