



GRAZELEY

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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At Grazeley Primary School, we motivate and engage children by ensuring our topics are exciting; we not only cover the new National Curriculum requirements, but also address children's interests.

As we are a small school, each class teacher is able to work with the children to plan and deliver a relevant and engaging curriculum. Some of the curriculum is designed by the children and some by the teacher, but all the content is appropriate for the children's age and abilities and also takes into account their learning in previous years.

In keeping with our mission statement, children develop learning behaviours which equip them for lifelong learning. Our 'Great Oaks' leave Grazeley confident, independent and resilient learners.

We love learning outdoors. Our rural setting allows us to enjoy a variety of wildlife and scenery. We have a large playground and field as well as a multi-use games area (MUGA), which can be adapted for many different sports. Our Spiritual garden at the back of our field provides a tranquil space where both children and adults can reflect or pray.



Our unique Christian family atmosphere promotes the acquisition of Christian values which support children's moral and spiritual development, in particular our core values of Love, Hope and Peace.

At Grazeley Primary School we have a daily act of worship. Worship is an opportunity to meet each other and God and a time to grow in these relationships. Parents are invited to join our worship regularly in school and also at special services in our Parish Church, St Michael's, Spencers Wood.



"The Christian ethos and Christian values develop pupils spiritually, morally, socially and culturally (SMSC) resulting in their high self-esteem and an ability to grapple with new and puzzling ideas."

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We are very proud of our caring, family ethos where the older children support the younger ones both within lessons, such as reading and ICT, as well as pairing up as buddies on the playground.

At Grazeley School, we provide additional help for children with special educational needs and, as a consequence, they make good progress. We have a variety of resources for this purpose, and we liaise closely with the appropriate outside agencies, when necessary, in order to provide for the specific needs of individual children. We are very lucky to employ our own family support worker and nurture assistant; to work with families and children who are struggling with social and emotional difficulties.

Charlie, the reading dog, visits Grazeley once a week to listen to our children read to him. He loves hearing the children read and we find that children's confidence and enthusiasm for reading really grows when they read to Charlie.



Grazeley School has strong links with the community, including our local church and cluster schools. We take part in a variety of activities that impact locally, nationally and internationally, helping our children understand the part they play within the wider community.



Children benefit from a wide range of sporting opportunities, both in PE lessons and through extra curricular activities. We take part in many sporting competitions across the borough, in particular with our very successful Grazeley football team.

Children enjoy a broad range of clubs and activities before and after school. We provide wraparound care from 7.45am to 5.30pm through our partnership with an outside provider and with our own Grazeley clubs which children choose each term. These activities range from storytelling to street dance, as well as the more traditional sports activities, such as football, netball and golf.



At Grazeley, children experience specialist music sessions. Every child is encouraged to learn a musical instrument for at least two terms in Key Stage 2 and we provide opportunities for children to perform in school and at the Hexagon Theatre and at the Loddon Valley Carol Concert. We also compete in the Woodley Festival each year.

To support the children's understanding of British values, Grazeley runs a successful school council. The council members are elected by each class and are responsible for helping the headteacher to improve provision for the children.

We actively encourage parents to be involved in school life. They can join our PTA to help fund raise for our school or become part of our parent forum which helps us to keep improving opportunities and provision for the children. Parents are invited to school to discuss their child's progress each term but are also welcome anytime to discuss any worries or concerns with the class teacher. We also love having parents in to help children learn: for example by hearing readers and talking about skills or expertise.





In September 2013, Grazeley was chosen to be part of Wokingham's plans for expansion, increasing our admissions number from 15 to 30 per year group. This enabled us to build three new classrooms and improve school facilities. Class size in the infants will not rise above 30, in line with the government's policy on infant class sizes. Junior class sizes should not rise above 30. Please refer to our admissions policy included in this pack.



Parents considering applying for a place at Grazeley Parochial Primary School for their child, are welcome to attend one of our Open Mornings which are held in October and November. Please see the school website for details: www.grazeley.wokingham.sch.uk





GREAT OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS

We learn and play together in a caring Christian community where everyone feels safe and valued.

We show respect towards ourselves and others, recognising everyone's individuality, culture, faith and values.

We enjoy learning in a stimulating environment, sharing and celebrating our successes.

We are encouraged to persevere and to be resilient and independent, to enable everyone to embrace challenge in an ever-changing world.

We are encouraged to do our best and learn from our mistakes.

We are well-prepared for the next stage in our learning journey.



"Pupils enjoy the caring and supportive environment, engage enthusiastically in learning and make good progress"

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