

Grendon Underwood Parish Council
Grendon Underwood Primary School Overview

Achievements

Over the last 18 months, we have been in the process of converting to joining the Warriner Multi Academy Trust. Conversion is due on the 1st of September 2024. On the 1st of February OFSTED inspected our school and was graded as 'Good'. The report was very complimentary and shows how hard the staff and governors have worked together to give our children the best start in education. I suggest that everyone to read it. It can be found on our school website.

Children from the choir have performed at an intermit gathering in school Young Voices for and at The Royal Albert Hall with lots of other local schools.

Cross country team competed at Ascott House with other local schools

Our well-being garden and sensory room positively impact, particularly with our vulnerable and SEND children.

The school ambassadors have helped raise money for MacMillian, Children In Need, Comic Relief and Cancer Research.

Children have had the opportunity to visit places to support their learning and knowledge such as visiting:

The three faiths tour in Bedford (Gurdwara, Mosque, Church), The Akemann Inn to make Bannock bread, Waddesdon Manor, RAF Hendon, Cogges Farm to name but a few.

Supporting community events

Challenges

Due to several children being driven in from neighboring villages, parking in the village at drop off and pick up times is significant and has an impact on traffic driving through the village. We have had a few children run out onto the road and luckily no one has been injured but urge the Parish Council to place railings around the bus layby to help prevent further incidents. This would also stop parents from parking in the layby as this is also dangerous with car doors being opened on pedestrians as they walk along the narrow footpath.

Fundraising for 30 iPads and a cabinet to charge them

Incidents of dog mess being left on the field but this has improved

Numbers

Growing role at a considerable rate. End summer 2023 with 149 children, as of 29/4/24 we have 186 on role. The 37 in-year transfer is astonishing. We have 15 children from Westcott due to the consultation to close. We are now trying to negotiate with the local authority for lag funding so that we have the financial resources to support the new children.

Garden

Well-being garden will be officially opened on the 7th June. This will be open to the general public on the 13th July as part of the villages open garden programme.