

Grendon Underwood Parish Council  
Grendon Underwood School Overview May 2025

Achievements

We converted to an academy on the 1st of September 2024. We are now part of the Warriner Multi Academy Trust. This has led to us being supported in terms of career progression, learning groups and our site being rigorously challenged to make sure we meet Health and Safety standards.

The school has grown considerably in the last year, with 39 in-year transfers. This is due to Westcott Primary School closing and our good reputation. Currently, with the nursery, we have 215 children on roll.

We also managed to secure funding for additional children as funding is 12-18 months behind actual school numbers.

We reached our fundraising goal and purchased 30 iPads and sourced two charging cabinets from local schools. This means our ratio of tech per child is 1:2. We have also spent £5,000 updating our firewall, filtering and wifi.

The school hosted the first village fayre, run by the school, church and scouts, this month and was deemed to be a great success and plan to facilitate and run the event again next year.

Challenges

Incidents of dog mess being left on the field has continued to improve.

Like a lot of schools, parking and speeding is an ongoing issue but regular updates and reminders are placed in our weekly newsletters.

With some smaller class sizes in lower school, the financial security for the school is something that we are mindful about and continue to promote the school in our local area.

Fundraising

This year we are fundraising for a canopy and to landscape the courtyard area. This will give us the opportunity for children to learn outside under a shelter, eat lunch outside in all weathers and create a shaded area during playtime in the summer months. The total cost will be about £40,000

We have secured funding to update our toilets (staff and children) in lower school and are replacing the old and tired flooring in the lower school building.