

Welcome to Greasby Infant School/



Greasby Infant School is a two-form entry Infant School, which currently has 211 children aged 3-7 years old. The school manages its own Pre-School and is located in Greasby, which is a semi-rural town close to the historic cities of Liverpool and Chester.



The school was opened in 1939 as the local primary school, but in the 1960s, as the population of Greasby grew, the need for another school arose and Greasby Junior School was built, leaving the current school as the Infant School. It is a very popular school which has an excellent reputation in the local community and is consistently oversubscribed.



The school is a single-story brick built school, built around an inner quadrangle. The school has extensive grounds including an outdoor stage, play fort, trim trail, wildlife pond and "enchanted woodland". There is a strong emphasis on outdoor learning using the natural local environment. The school has its own wildlife area with a selection of birds and rabbits, which promotes positive mental health and wellbeing for all members of the school community. The pupils enjoy learning about how to take care of their environment both locally and globally.



The school has been an Eco-school for many years and once again the school was successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award in May 2023. The school was praised for its excellent commitment to eco-causes and the Eco-Councillors were delighted. The curriculum was praised for being imaginative, practical and fun; making environmental education accessible and engaging. Eco activities are built into the cross-curricular themes throughout the year.

At Greasby Infant School we support the development of Global citizens through our Language Strategy. The school was awarded Confucius Classroom status in May 2013 through the Institute of Education at University College London in recognition of the fact that we teach three different languages in school; Mandarin, French and Spanish. This is unique for an Infant School, where MFL is not part of the National Curriculum for KS1. However, all our children have weekly MFL lessons where they learn Mandarin as well as Spanish in Key Stage 1 and French in the Foundation Stage. Our Modern Foreign Language learning is an essential part of our Communication, language and literacy curriculum and is an integral part of our whole school creative approach to teaching and

learning. Our language learning is based around a variety of cross-curricular themes, where whole school opportunities are used to share and celebrate success at all levels.

In one of our regular art exhibitions the children shared their Chinese art work with the school governors, parents and members of the local Chinese community.



Our art exhibitions are always well received by parents and members of the local community, with our last exhibition supported by a local artist. The theme was *Starry Night* by Van Gogh and all the children produced their own versions of the famous picture using a variety of techniques.



Mental health and wellbeing, is another key driver in school improvement and over the last couple of years we have been working towards achieving The Wellbeing Award for Schools; a national standard for positive mental health and emotional wellbeing. I am delighted to be able to say that this was achieved in July 2023.



The wellbeing strategy looks at the areas of wellbeing and mental health that we believe can make the most difference to our staff, pupils and the whole school community. Our aims are to ensure that all stakeholders can maintain positive wellbeing and mental health, for best possible outcomes in life, through developing a positive culture and actively promoting successful emotional wellbeing and mental health activities. We work closely with outside agencies such as Thumbs Up and Flourish to enhance the curriculum and provide additional support for children in order to build confidence, increase self-esteem and develop a positive growth mindset.



The school is proud to have been awarded the Silver Equalities Award for its commitment to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion ensuring that equality and diversity practice flows through all aspects of our school.

The school has excellent links with local schools and community groups and regularly takes part in a variety of activities within the local community, most recently performing for the Tea on Tuesday group at St Nicholas Church and also decorating the Chris Salmon Christmas Tree in Greasby village. Members of the local churches visit school once a fortnight to lead assemblies and also regularly support a wide variety of school activities.



The children enjoy taking part in a wide variety of performance activities, both in school and at other venues. The regular concerts and celebrations that take place throughout the year for parents are always well received, most recently the Christmas performances and our Rocksteady concerts.



Last year some of the Year 2 children took part in A Stage Full of Stars at The Floral Pavilion. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their self-confidence and be able to perform on a professional stage.

Greasby Infant School has an active Parents Association, Friends of Greasby Infant School (FOGIS), which raises money to support school activities through discos, sponsored events, gift shops and fairs. They have recently funded the refurbishment of the Key Stage 1 trim trail and Foundation Stage outdoor learning provision. The school also supports a wide range of charities through events such as a Harvest, where this year, the local charity Forum Housing received the Harvest donations. Regular collections take place throughout the year, supporting local and National charities.

Greasby Infant School is a wonderful school and is very much part of the local community, working with and supporting all our families. The parents are proud to send their children here and have lots of wonderful things to say about school and it's staff:

"Greasby Infant School is fantastic."

"Learning is great fun and interactive."

"The school is very nurturing and my child has been happy and settled in well."

"Staff have been amazing, supporting all of my child's needs, academically, socially and emotionally."

