



How we promote British values at Great Milton C of E Primary School

The Department for Education has reinforced the need 'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.' The Government set out its definition of British values in 2011, and these values were reiterated in 2014.

At Great Milton Primary C of E Primary School, we aim for our children to become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background. We promote the basic British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs in the following ways:

Democracy

We have a School Council with two representatives from each class. Election campaigns take place and councillors are voted for by the whole school. The council meets regularly and the children's views and ideas on a range of school issues are sought. The children help make decisions and collect class views which they bring to their meetings. They are also involved in fund-raising for the school. We also have an Eco Council which discusses wider environmental issues and looks to bring those into focus on our school site, encouraging us to recycle and look after and respect our spaces. Two children represent each class, again after a short election campaign.

The rule of law

Children are taught from the beginning our school values and the importance of and reasons behind them, the responsibilities that are involved and the consequences when the values are not kept. We have weekly assemblies featuring the values, the children regularly talk about them in class and have created values displays.

Each class agrees its own class rules at the beginning of the academic year. We have a variety of rewards when children keep the values including in-class golden time, the Golden Book, Mathematician of the Week and Writer of the Week. These show children how our values are special and, that in keeping them, they will be rewarded.

Individual Liberty

Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Making choices is a key part of the way we want children to learn and of the school vision, which students learn about through assemblies and PSHE work. Through our work, we discuss different choices that the children can make and encourage them to make good choices. We look at online safety as a key part of the Computing curriculum and the importance of making safe choices when online.

Mutual respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. We are an inclusive school where everyone is valued and has a contribution to make to the school. The children and staff often work with other schools in our partnership and with the local church which develops their respect for others in the wider community. Children learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Although we are a Church of England school, all different faiths and beliefs are explored and celebrated through assemblies, RE sessions and a variety of visitors into school. The children are taught that people have different faiths and beliefs and that these should be accepted. Children within our school with different faiths are encouraged to share their practices and special celebrations. Our school has a link with Reverend Simon, from St. Mary's Church, Great Milton, who leads worship for us on a weekly basis.