

Grayshott CE Primary School



Personal Development Statement

Grayshott CE Primary School offers a remarkably broad and thoughtfully sequenced personal development programme that grows with pupils from Reception to Year 6. Across every year group, children experience a rich blend of **cultural learning, character education, responsibility, wellbeing, safety, creativity and real-world experiences**. The result is a school where pupils develop confidence, empathy, independence and a strong sense of their place in the world.

1. Strong Foundations in Early Years (Year R)

Reception pupils begin with:

- Emotional literacy through stories like *Beeju* and *Bear Hunt*
- Safety education (NSPCC Pantosaurus, online safety)
- Carefully designed continuous provision (turn taking, role play)
- Exposure to diverse cultures (multifaith festival)

These early experiences nurture curiosity, resilience and social awareness.

2. Growing Awareness of the World (Years 1–2)

Children explore:

- Nature, seasons and local area walk
- Significant cultural and historical events (Fire of London workshop)
- Global perspectives (life in Nigeria, "Where in the World?")
- Biodiversity in our oceans and plastic pollution
- Aquarium visit

Trips such as visits to the theatre, the aquarium, Wisley Gardens, and a real-money shopping trip, build independence and real-life skills.

3. Developing Critical Thinking and Responsibility (Years 3–4)

Pupils begin to engage with deeper ideas:

- Helping others without reward
- Food origins and sustainability
- Growing their own food and cooking an Indian meal from produce
- Debates (bird captivity)
- Migration and cultural identity
- Rights of the child

Experiences like campouts, engineering workshops, Roman villa visits, walking to swimming and instrument lessons broaden horizons and build confidence.

4. Becoming Global Citizens (Years 5–6)

Older pupils tackle mature, socially relevant themes:

- Crime and justice (mock trials)
- Civil rights and equality (*Hidden Figures*, biography podcasts)
- Human rights (UN Declaration)
- Environmental responsibility
- Refugee experiences (*The Journey*)
- Ethical debates (cocoa plantations and fast fashion)
- Care home volunteers
- Careers week

World War II immersive residential, conservation and nature residential, Bikeability, heritage workshops, mosque visits, and leadership roles prepare pupils for secondary school and life beyond.

5. Leadership and Responsibility at Every Stage

Every child has opportunities to contribute to school life through roles such as:

- School Council
- Class jobs
- Librarians and Vice Captains (Year 5)
- House Captains, Playleaders, Worship Leaders, House Point Monitors (Year 6)
- Podcast creators (*Shott Stories*)
- Church readers
- Fundraising event organisers

This structured progression builds confidence, teamwork and a sense of belonging.

6. Whole-School Experiences to Enrich Every Child

Across the school, pupils benefit from a vibrant programme including:

- Cultural Celebration Day
- Careers Week
- Safer Internet Day
- Science Week
- Sporting tournaments for all year groups
- Mental health tools (Trick Box and Owl Brain)
- Artist workshops
- Instrument lessons and performances for all in Year 4
- Young Voices at the O2
- Visits from Paralympians
- Spanish lessons and other clubs
- After school clubs
- Lunchtime OTTERS club supporting wellbeing and social skills
- NURTURE club to help those early morning transitions
- Write-out to the world – letter writing

These experiences ensure every child finds something that inspires them.

In Summary

Grayshott CE Primary School offers an exceptional personal development journey. Through a carefully planned blend of curriculum themes, trips, workshops, leadership roles, cultural experiences and wellbeing support; pupils grow into:

- Confident communicators
- Curious learners
- Compassionate citizens
- Critical thinkers
- Responsible leaders
- Resilient and reflective young people

How Personal Development at Grayshott CE Primary School Reflects Our Vision: "Acorns to Mighty Oaks"



At Grayshott CE Primary School, we believe we are all acorns growing into mighty oaks. Everything we do helps us grow strong roots, branches and fruit — in our faith, our character, our learning and the way we live our lives.

Roots: Our Christian Values and Community

Our roots come from our Christian teachings and the love and support we get from our village and church family. We take part in worship, read in church, and think about big ideas like compassion, justice, and helping others. When we become Worship Leaders or help with fundraising, we feel like we really belong and can make a difference.

Branches: Our Character and Learning

As we learn and try new things, our branches grow stronger. We explore topics like human rights, migration, caring for the planet, and fairness in history. These lessons help us become more thoughtful, brave, and understanding. When we take on roles like School Council, Playleaders, or even creating our school podcast, we learn to speak up, take responsibility, and use our voices well.

Fruit: Living Lives That Make a Difference

The fruit we grow is shown in the kind of people we are becoming. Careers Week, cultural celebrations, outdoor learning, music lessons, Young Voices, and our fundraising fete help us discover what we love and what we're good at. These experiences help us become confident, resilient and ready to make a positive difference in the world.

Isaiah 61:3 "They will be called oaks of righteousness."

At Grayshott, we feel like we are growing into those oaks — rooted in faith, standing strong and becoming ready to share our gifts with the world.