

British Values Day 2024 – 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings

In June 2024, we came together as a school community to celebrate British Values Day, while also marking a significant moment in history - the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Thank you to everyone who helped create such a proud and reflective atmosphere by dressing in red, white and blue.

A key purpose of education is to ensure children grow into respectful, responsible and fully rounded members of society, who treat others with tolerance and understanding, regardless of background or belief. British Values Day provided a meaningful opportunity to explore and celebrate the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance, helping pupils understand how these values shape life in modern Britain.

Collective Worship and Reflection

The day began with whole-school collective worship, focused on the value of tolerance and the importance of respecting different faiths and beliefs. Pupils reflected on how understanding, empathy and kindness contribute to strong, inclusive communities.

At lunchtime and at the end of the day, the school came together to sing the National Anthem, *We'll Meet Again* and other traditional songs. These shared moments of music strengthened our sense of unity and helped pupils connect emotionally with the historical significance of D-Day and wartime Britain.

Vertical Learning in House Teams

Throughout the day, pupils worked in vertical House teams, giving children the chance to collaborate across age groups. Older pupils supported younger children, modelling leadership, cooperation and mutual respect, while everyone participated confidently in shared learning.

Each House team took part in a carousel of interactive workshops, each linked to a different British Value:

- Rule of Law – pupils designed and played a game to explore why rules exist and how they help keep people safe and treated fairly
- Diversity and Respect – teams worked together to create a *Belonging Quilt*, celebrating inclusion, identity and respect for others
- Democracy – “*If I Were Prime Minister...*” activities encouraged pupils to share ideas, make choices and understand leadership
- D-Day – pupils used coding, mapping and creative design to recreate invasion routes and build 3D boats, connecting historical understanding with modern technology

British Values Through Our Ethos

Alongside this special day, British Values are actively discussed, celebrated and lived out throughout school life.

They are embedded in our ethos through:

- strong links between British Values and our GROWTH values
- a cross-curricular approach to learning
- opportunities to deepen pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development

In particular, we aim to:

- enable pupils to develop self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence
- help children distinguish right from wrong and respect the law of England
- encourage responsibility, initiative and positive contribution to society
- develop understanding and respect for public institutions and services
- promote tolerance and harmony between different cultures and traditions
- encourage respect for others and for democratic processes

Impact on Pupils

British Values Day 2024 helped pupils:

- understand how British Values were upheld during key historical events
- show empathy and respect when learning about wartime experiences
- develop confidence in expressing ideas and listening to others
- strengthen teamwork, leadership and inclusion
- feel pride in contributing to national remembrance

The day reinforced the message that British Values are not taught in isolation, but are woven into daily school life through relationships, learning and shared experiences.

A Day of Reflection and Pride

British Values Day 2024 was both a thoughtful act of remembrance and a celebration of the values that continue to shape our school community today. The pupils’ enthusiastic, respectful and reflective engagement reminded us what a special community we are - growing together and preparing confidently for life in modern Britain.

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Photo Diary of the Week



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