

Whole-School Pupil Voice Overview – 2025

(School Council Survey)

1. What Children Say About Our School

Across EYFS, KS1 and KS2, pupils describe Aston Rowant as *happy, friendly and a great place to learn*. Many say it “feels like a family” because everyone knows each other and follows our motto **Growing Together**. Children talk confidently about our **GROWTH values** and how they help them be kind, resilient and thoughtful in their learning and play.

2. The School Environment

Children across the school were excited about the new gym equipment on the field, which had only recently been installed at the time of the survey. Pupils said it made breaktimes “even more fun” and helped them stay active.

They were also looking forward to improvements planned for summer 2025, including:

- A new perimeter fence to help everyone feel even safer
- A new roof for the school hall
- A larger, smoother EYFS play area for bikes, scooters and outdoor learning

Forest Fridays, the adventure playground, trim trail and the big open field continue to be a huge hit, with many children saying these are their favourite things about school.

3. Learning and Curriculum

Children say lessons are fun, interesting and help them learn “step by step.” They enjoy practical learning, outdoor activities, topic work, and enrichment weeks. Older pupils can explain how learning builds over time, and younger pupils talk about how teachers “help us until we get it.”

Across the school, pupils enjoy:

- Reading
- Maths
- Art
- PE
- Forest School
- Science and exploring new ideas

Visitors, reading volunteers, clubs and trips all help “make learning exciting.”

4. Behaviour and Attitudes

Children say behaviour is good because everyone knows the expectations and wants to follow the values. They describe adults as fair and helpful, saying they support them to “make it right again” if mistakes happen.

5. Feeling Safe

Pupils across the school say they feel safe because:

- Adults look after them
- They know who the trusted adults are
- They practise fire drills and lockdown drills
- They see staff and visitors wearing lanyards

Many mentioned the new fence that was due to be installed and said this would make them feel even safer.

6. Collective Worship and Spiritual Life

Children enjoy worship, singing, reflection time and walking to church. Older pupils value having opportunities to help lead worship and share prayers or themes.

7. Online Safety

Across all phases, children can explain the basics of staying safe online, such as:

- Not sharing personal information
- Telling an adult if something doesn't feel right
- Only using school devices with adult supervision

8. Wellbeing and Support

Pupils feel cared for and know adults will help if they are sad, worried or stuck. They also appreciate having places like the Rainbow Room, quiet areas and worry boxes.

Friendship and kindness were strong themes across all responses.

9. Pupil Voice, Leadership and Responsibility

Children are proud of their roles, including:

- House Captains
- School Council
- Buddies
- Playground leaders
- Reading helpers
- Class jobs

They feel listened to and can give examples of times their ideas have shaped school life — including playground ideas and suggestions for improvements.

10. What Children Value Most

Most common answers in 2025 were:

- Friends and teachers
- The gym equipment and large outdoor spaces
- Forest Fridays
- Biscuit Fridays
- Feeling safe
- Worship and special days
- Learning, especially practical tasks and enrichment

11. What Children Would Like Next

Before the works took place, children most commonly asked for:

- More outdoor equipment
- Different play areas

Many ideas matched the projects already planned by the school, which pupils found exciting.

12. Summary for Governors / Ofsted

Children in 2025 described Aston Rowant as:

- A safe, caring and friendly school
- A place where they enjoy learning
- A community that lives out the **GROWTH values**

- A school where they feel listened to
- A school with excellent outdoor spaces and improving facilities
- A place where they are “Growing Together” every day