

UK Parliament Week 2025

“UK Parliament: Step-by-Step”

UK Parliament Week 2025 gave our pupils the chance to explore this year’s national theme: “UK Parliament: Step-by-Step”, which focused on helping young people understand *how Parliament works and why it matters*. The nationwide campaign also foregrounded the Power of Petitions, showing how ordinary citizens can raise issues and influence decisions.

Across the school, children deepened their understanding of democracy, representation, law-making and active citizenship. Activities strengthened British Values - particularly democracy, the rule of law and individual liberty - and helped pupils recognise how their voices can help shape the country they live in.

Hedgehog Class (EYFS) – “Little Voters”

Children explored the idea of making choices by taking part in a class vote about simple daily decisions (story choice, snack choice, outdoor activity). They learned that voting is a fair way to make group decisions and that every voice counts.

Squirrel Class (Y1/2) – “Who Helps Us?”

Pupils learned about the roles of MPs and Parliament through an interactive story session using the UKPW Primary booklet. They then wrote or drew a message for an MP about something they think could improve life for children. This helped them understand that elected representatives speak up for others.

Fox Class (Y3/4) – Forming Parties & Holding Elections

In PSHE, pupils created their own political parties, debated priorities, wrote manifestos, and held a formal election process. They even selected a class Prime Minister. This hands-on experience helped pupils understand representation, persuasion and democratic choice.

Owl Class (Y5/6) – Writing Bills for Parliament

Year 5/6 pupils drafted their own bills on issues they care deeply about - including poverty, food standards, animal welfare and charities - mirroring the real process used in Parliament. They discovered how laws begin, how proposals are debated and how ideas become change.

Impact

Children across the school demonstrated increased confidence in debating, voting and expressing opinions respectfully - key competencies highlighted by UK Parliament’s national outreach programme. UK Parliament Week continues to help pupils see themselves not just as learners, but as future changemakers.