

Welcome to Gatcombe Park Primary School



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*Primary School*



## **Gatcombe Park – A Small School with a Big Heart**

We're proud of our children who live our values every day:  
**Teamwork, Respect, and Aiming High.**

These guide everything we do — in learning, play, and supporting each other.

At Gatcombe Park, we work together to create a safe, happy, and inspiring place for children to thrive.

This year, we're excited to develop our fantastic school grounds to make them even better for learning and play.

# Things you need to know:

- We have a PAN (Published Admission Number) of 30 children per year group
- Children are organised into 7 classes - Year R to Year 6
- We have a mastery curriculum which aims for depth across all curriculum areas. Carefully sequenced learning develops knowledge and skills that are revisited within year groups, across subjects and are built on throughout the school.
- We run a breakfast club (Gatcombe Crew) from 7:45 am and an after-school club (Gatcombe Crew) until 5.30pm .
- We are part of HAMWIC education trust- The Trust celebrates the uniqueness of pupils, staff and schools, and aims for everyone to achieve their full potential through the pathways of opportunities available.



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# Our Values and Rules



## Teamwork

- We keep each other safe.
- We help each other to learn and succeed.
- We listen and share ideas respectfully.
- We include everyone and celebrate our differences.
- We work together to solve problems calmly & respectfully.



## Respect

- We speak kindly to everyone.
- We treat others how we want to be treated.
- We look after our school environment.
- We follow instructions the first time.
- We allow each other the opportunity to learn.



## Aim High

- We try our best, even when things are a struggle.
- We take pride in our work, behaviour and our school environment.
- We learn from mistakes and are resilient.
- Set ambitious goals (go above and beyond).
- Take risks with our learning and push ourselves.

# EYFS Curriculum

What are the key areas of learning?

Areas of Learning and Development	Birth to 5 Matters Aspects
<b>Prime Areas</b>	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Making Relationships
	Sense of Self
	Understanding Feelings
Physical Development	Moving and handling
	Health and Self-care
Communication and Language	Listening and Attention
	Understanding
	Speaking
<b>Specific Areas</b>	
Literacy	Reading
	Writing
Mathematics	Mathematics
Understanding the World	People and Communities
	The World
	Technology
Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials
	Being Imaginative and Expressive



# Learning for life



***“Children will learn half of what they will learn in a lifetime before they are 5....”***

# What does this learning look like ?

“Play is the  
highest form of  
research”  
Einstein



**Discovery time sessions**



Message Centre

Make and do area



Number station



How does the environment support learning?



Outdoor kitchen

Role play



Building area



How does the environment support learning?

# What are the opportunities for children ?

**Bread making**



**Pirate day**



**Welly walk**



**Farm visit**



**Tadpoles in class**

**Supermarket visit**

# The Admissions Process

- Application process open: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025
- Application process closes: Thursday 15 January 2026
- Notification of places: 16th April 2026
- For more information go to [Apply to start school - Portsmouth City Council](#)
- Once the application is submitted, all goes quiet until your child's school place in a school is offered in April.
  - In April we contact all parents whose child has been offered a place. This gives details of our induction process that includes:
    - Parents' Information meeting
    - Inviting parents and children to 'Make and Do' sessions in school to meet other children and key staff
    - Children's unaccompanied visits
    - Staff contacting pre-schools to arrange for a visit to meet your child in the setting
    - Invitations to new families to attend Summer Fair
    - Home Visits in September