



# Great Bowden Academy

Prospectus



**“Each individual is affirmed as unique and cherished. The vision has a profound impact and enables pupils and adults to grow and learn together.”**

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Inspire – Believe – Learn – Achieve

Great Bowden Academy is a Church of England School at the heart of our vibrant village community. We welcome children aged 4–11 and are proud of our reputation as an innovative, high-achieving school where every child is valued and supported to flourish.

As a small village school, we offer a nurturing environment where pupils can thrive. In recent years, we've invested in exciting developments, including an additional purpose-built two-classroom building, a large forest school, a landscaped sensory garden, and a spacious reading garden — giving us the space to adapt, modernise and enrich our children's learning experiences.

**Our approach to education is: Inspire - Believe - Learn - Achieve.**

This prospectus will give you a glimpse of life at Great Bowden Academy, but the best way to get to know us is to visit. You'll always receive a warm welcome.

To book a tour, call **01858 463216** or email us at **office@gba.learnat.uk**

We look forward to meeting you.



**Mrs R Blagburn**  
Headteacher



# Inspire

We pride ourselves on offering a happy, nurturing environment. We are fortunate to have an outstanding team of highly skilled and dedicated staff, committed to delivering a rich, rounded and creative curriculum. Teaching is engaging and motivating, enabling all children to flourish, both academically and socially.

We work hard to help each and every child reach their full potential. Working as a team with parents, carers, and the wider community, we form successful partnerships to create a fully rounded education.

Children are **inspired** to learn and to form a **lifelong love of learning**.



“Pupils are caring and welcoming towards those around them. They feel safe, enjoy coming to school and attend well... The school has high ambition for pupils’ achievement...Children get off to a strong start in Reception Year... Children are well-prepared for their next stage of education”

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**“Innovative approaches to a rich curriculum excite, enthrall and motivate teachers and pupils.”**

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[www.greatbowden.leics.sch.uk](http://www.greatbowden.leics.sch.uk)

# Believe

**Our vision** is for each member of our school family to **experience life in all its fullness** both now and in the future. We are an outward looking, inclusive school, valuing everyone for who they are and enabling **all to flourish**.

**Life in all its fullness** is about living a varied and full life, full of learning, growing, helping, reward, joy, excitement and caring for each other.

At Great Bowden Academy, we support each other in this journey. We know it's not always easy, and together, with help and encouragement, we overcome challenges. As a Church of England school, we look to Jesus for inspiration and guidance.



We encourage every child to believe - believe in themselves and in others. We want them to aim high, discover their talents, and achieve their potential. Through diverse experiences and opportunities, we expand their horizons and build confidence, communication skills, and independence - qualities that serve them as lifelong learners.

We celebrate diversity and nurture inclusion, recognising each child's unique value. By fostering respect, acceptance, and understanding, we cultivate a community where every child can grow into a compassionate, resilient, confident learner ready to make a positive difference in the world.

# Learn

**Our aim** is by the time children leave Great Bowden Academy they have become confident, articulate individuals who **enjoy learning**, are **proud** of their achievements, and are able to make a **valuable contribution to society**. Teaching is engaging and motivating, enabling all children to flourish.

The curriculum is broad, balanced and relevant to our pupils. A full range of National Curriculum subjects are taught across Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6), based around our curriculum themes, key concepts and 'Big Ideas'. All are firmly rooted in ensuring children develop the basic skills in English and Mathematics, as well as providing opportunities in creative arts and music. There are a wide variety of opportunities for our children so that they are able to experience life in all its fullness. For more information see our website.





**“Everyone is so friendly and the teachers are so helpful. I love it at Great Bowden Academy”**

Pupil

# Achieve

At Great Bowden Academy, we strive to be the very best we can be. Our aim is for **each child to achieve their potential** in all aspects at school. We are proud of our high-achieving learning community, where we are delighted to see our **pupils consistently perform above national average in assessments** covering phonics, reading, writing and maths.

**Every pupil is individually known**, talents are recognised, encouraged and nurtured. We work closely with each and every child to meet their individual needs, providing a rounded curriculum that stretches and supports, allowing them to become confident, articulate individuals, who have developed a lifelong love of learning.

This applies not only to our pupils, whom we guide, coach and mentor throughout their learning journey with us, but also for our staff. We strongly believe in growing and developing to become the best educators we can be. We work closely with our community, other schools and with Learn Academies Trust to continually grow and strengthen our expertise.





# Facilities

The **uplifting and vibrant environment** provides fantastic facilities to help us achieve our aims and vision. We have recently completed a fabulous purpose-built two classroom extension building with accessible toilet facilities. The school has five classrooms, an assembly hall, a newly **refurbished library**, a music area, a nurture room and several spaces for small group work, plus activity areas for cookery and art. We have our own kitchen which provides a varied menu for hot school meals freshly prepared on site.

Our **impressive grounds** are used for sports and extra curricular activities. This includes a sports field, playground, sensory garden and a beautiful reading garden.

We also offer a **fantastic forest school**, run by our specialist forest school teacher, offering a multi-sensory learning environment, proven to improve concentration and the motivation to learn.





A newly completed **sensory garden** area is a wonderful addition to our outdoor learning space. It is an area in which we can teach, as well as practice mindfulness, stimulating and engaging the five basic senses of sight, smell, sound, touch and taste.

We have lots of **fabulous play equipment** to keep children active and engaged during playtimes including sports equipment, a climbing frame, balance beams, playhouses and more. Much of which has been funded by our wonderful PTA, who arrange fundraising events for our families and the local community to enjoy.

We have a breadth of resources such as our suite of **computers**, meaning each of the children has a computer in IT lessons, and a wide variety of musical instruments and art equipment. We are fortunate to have a **therapy reading dog** who visits the school each week for the children to read to, and a host of wellbeing resources for break out moments.

We pride ourselves on our links with other Learn Academies Trust schools, as well as local secondary schools. Our fellowship with St Peter and St Paul Church also forms an active part of our school.



# Wraparound Care

The school day runs from 8.45am until 3.15pm. However, at Great Bowden Academy, we understand the importance of flexible childcare for busy families. That's why we're pleased to offer Wraparound Care provided by Premier Education, available before and after school every day the school is open.

Our **Breakfast Club starts from 7.30am** and our **After-school Club runs until 6pm**. It offers a safe, secure, and fun environment that both children and parents can trust. Activities are planned and tailored to suit every interest, including creative crafts, board games & toys, traditional play activities, construction play (e.g., LEGO). All provided in a friendly and inclusive environment designed to help children wind down, play, and enjoy time with friends.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

Beyond wraparound care, we offer a variety of **before- and after-school clubs**, including French, dance, martial arts, sports, and science, as well as holiday clubs.

Children can also learn instruments during the school day—choosing from singing, guitar, bass, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, recorder, fife, ocarina, and piano.

# Admissions

Learn more about us, the curriculum, pastoral support, school life and admissions information, by visiting our website [www.greatbowden.leics.sch.uk](http://www.greatbowden.leics.sch.uk), or call us on **01858 463216** to book on an open day or tour.

## Foundation Stage Applications:

Parents must apply to their home Local Authority for a school place. Great Bowden Academy's planned admission number for first time admissions is currently 20 pupils per year group. Visit [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions). Applications must be made by 15th January 2026.

## In-Year Applications:

For midterm transfers, those transferring within a school year, please apply via the Learn Academies Trust admissions portal at [www.apply.learnat.uk](http://www.apply.learnat.uk). This is a new, quick and easy way to apply for a place at your chosen school midterm. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or require assistance on **01858 463216** or email [office@gba.learnat.uk](mailto:office@gba.learnat.uk).

Thank you for your interest in our school.



**“My son settled in so quickly that I need not have worried. He loves his teachers and is already talking about his new friends as if he's known them forever.”**

Parent

# Learn Academies Trust

Great Bowden Academy is a member of **Learn Academies Trust**, a multi-academy trust which oversees and supports all of their schools, allowing them to share expertise, pool their administrative functions and provide the best possible education for their pupils.

At Learn Academies Trust, all our schools are highly inclusive. Children and families from all faiths and none are welcomed, respected and embraced equally at every one of our schools. We provide nurturing and inclusive school environments where every child in the Trust is encouraged to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

**We believe** in the power of education and learning to transform lives.

**We commit**, in courageous fellowship, to the restless pursuit of our core aims of equity, wellbeing and excellence.



**“Pupils show high levels of  
engagement and take pride in the  
work that they produce”**

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