



Wesley Methodist Primary School



Welcome back to Wesley!

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school today. The classrooms and playgrounds have been filled with smiles, laughter and a real sense of excitement for the year ahead. From the very first moments this morning, the children have shown fantastic behaviour and a positive attitude towards their learning, settling back into routines with enthusiasm and confidence.

We hope all our families enjoyed a lovely summer break together with friends and loved ones. We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you again this year and to seeing all the amazing progress and achievements your children will make.

School improvements

Over the summer break, significant work has taken place across the school to further improve and strengthen our children's learning opportunities. From updating classrooms and learning spaces to investing in new resources, every effort has been made to create an environment where pupils can thrive academically and personally. We are excited to see the positive impact these improvements will have throughout the year.

Please read on to find out more!

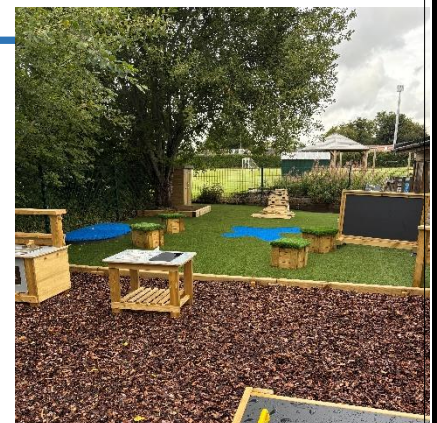


Outdoor learning for Reception and Nursery

As you will be aware, from January 2026 we will be opening at Nursery here at Wesley (more information to come on this very soon!). In preparation for this exciting opening, we have taken the opportunity to upgrade our EYFS outdoor learning area.

The space has been carefully designed to provide distinct areas for both Nursery and Reception children, ensuring that resources are

tailored to meet the needs of each age group. We have invested in high-quality equipment and created a clear progression of resources, enabling children to explore, play, and learn in a purposeful and engaging environment. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being outside in this space today exploring and engaging in fun play. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children and will certainly enhance their time in EYFS!



Drainage work in school

Following the flooding in school last November, we are pleased to share that we were successful in securing a CIF bid to carry out a full repair of the school's drainage system. Over the summer, a thorough drainage exploration was completed to identify the key areas requiring attention. This work has included significant improvements to the drainage around the school grounds, helping to prevent rainwater from collecting on pathways, particularly around KS1 and EYFS, as well as enhancements to the KS2 playground. During this process, several issues were also identified with the pipework beneath the KS2 toilets. As a result, the facilities have been completely refurbished, and a brand-new toilet block has now been installed. The area has been redesigned to provide unisex cubicles with a central corridor, creating a modern, inclusive space. The children have already shared how much they like the new facilities, which we believe will also support inclusivity, reduce bullying, and encourage positive behaviour through the creation of open and observable spaces.



Walk and Talk area

Following on from the improvements to our EYFS outdoor environment, we are delighted to share that the KS2 Walk and Talk area has also been fully refurbished. The previous surfacing was pulling away and the wooden seats and logs were becoming damaged from wear and tear over time. The space now benefits from fresh astro-turf surfacing and a range of new benches, giving children the opportunity to sit back and relax and be able to have a safe space away from the business of the playground. Our incredible PTA have supported this improvement by purchasing all of the new benches within this area and the

dedicated 'buddy benches' you will find on the playground. These buddy benches are designed to support children who may not have someone to play or talk with at break and lunchtime, helping to foster kindness, friendship and inclusivity across the playground.



Intervention spaces

We have updated and improved two key areas within school to further support the opportunity for intervention to take place around school. Mr Jones has swapped offices so that the previous office is now a dedicated teaching space for the children. We have also updated the area in KS2, taking down a wall creating a wonderful, enlarged space for the children. This space also includes some elements of the school library and seating to sit and read a book. We know both spaces will be crucial for the children and give further opportunities to provide high quality support to all.





Orienteering at Wesley

We are also very excited to share that a brand-new orienteering course has been installed throughout our school grounds. The course includes 24 markers for KS2 and 15 for KS1, each designed with a range of activities to engage and challenge the children. This fantastic resource will be used across the curriculum to provide more outdoor learning opportunities, encouraging teamwork, problem-solving and a love of active learning in the fresh air.



Updated IT equipment

Our final major improvement comes through the development of our IT provision. Over the summer, we have invested in brand-new, state-of-the-art interactive whiteboards for every classroom. These 75-inch screens replace the older 65-inch models and bring with them a wide range of features designed to significantly enhance the delivery of teaching and learning across the school. In addition, we have expanded our provision of iPads, meaning each phase now has access to a full class set to be shared between three classes. Previously, a single set had to be shared between 11 classes, so this marks a huge step forward. This investment ensures that our children will have greater opportunities to access high-quality technology to support and enrich their educational journey.

Wesley Allotment!

As you will be aware, towards the end of last academic year we developed our on-site allotment grounds. Previously we had an allotment off-site but had the opportunity to bring everything onto our own school grounds. We have a range of exciting plans for this including a sensory garden which is currently full of wildflowers that were planted before the summer break. We also planted a range of vegetables before we broke up for the summer and it has been busy growing a wonderful selection. We are delighted to see our potatoes, red onions and white onions thriving and have been harvested today, now ready to be cooked in school. Unfortunately, our cabbages didn't fare quite so well, as the caterpillars seemed to enjoy them far more than we did! The children will continue to care for the allotment as part of their learning, and we look forward to enjoying the fruits (and vegetables!) of their hard work.

