

City Road Primary School – Personal Development Plan

(Report on Autumn 2025)

Our Vision

At City Road Primary School, we are committed to supporting the personal development of every pupil. Our curriculum, ethos, and approach nurture confidence, resilience, independence, and an understanding of British values, ensuring children are fully prepared for life in 21st Century Britain and beyond. Equality and diversity are celebrated throughout school, and our curriculum equips pupils with the knowledge, skills, and understanding to lead happy, safe, and healthy lives while striving for their goals.

Key Areas of Personal Development

1. School Council

- Elected representatives from Years 1–6 meet two to three times each half term.
- Discussions cover topics such as homework, improvements around school, and interviews with subject leaders.
- Pupils develop confidence in speaking, leadership, and decision-making.
- Council members gather feedback from peers and raise issues in meetings, promoting pupil voice and responsibility.

3. Free Breakfast Club

Provides a calm, positive start to the day, reducing stress for families and improving attendance and behaviour. Activities promote social interaction, mental and physical well-being, and teamwork. Children enjoy games, exercise, and relaxation before lessons, enhancing motivation and self-confidence.

Breakfast club includes cereals, toast, milk, and juice. Staff report significant improvements in pupils with SEMH needs, as the club builds relationships and resilience.

Impact and Outcomes for children attending

- Increased confidence, independence, and resilience among pupils.
- Improved attendance and punctuality.
- Enhanced social skills and emotional well-being.
- Stronger sense of community and pupil voice within school.

Autumn 2025

Educational Visits /Visitors / Topic /Theme Days

School Council's Remembrance Visit to Summerfield Christ Church



Remembrance Day Visit

Our children visited the local church to mark Remembrance Day. During the visit, they laid the beautiful wreaths they had made at school as a tribute to those who served and sacrificed.

This was a meaningful opportunity for pupils to reflect on the importance of remembrance and peace.

Mental Well-being Day Celebrating kindness, calm, and connection

We organised an exciting Enrichment Day that provided pupils with special experiences beyond the classroom. The activities helped children feel good, express themselves, and enjoy fun time with friends. Pupils explored ways to relax, be creative, and support each other, promoting well-being and positive relationships.

Anti Bullying



Children made friendship bracelets and raised awareness about bullying. Children throughout the week worked together to recognise, understand, discuss and share concerns around bullying.

Children in Need

Celebrating Kindness and Giving: To mark this special occasion, our children came to school wearing something spotty and took part in fun, engaging activities to learn more about the charity we are supporting.

They also spent time reflecting on the importance of kindness, giving and helping others.

Nursery and Reception

Nursery and Reception making Gingerbread men



Nursery and Reception children had a fantastic time making gingerbread men. They enjoyed mixing the ingredients, rolling out the dough, and cutting out shapes. Afterwards, we used the school kitchen to bake them into delicious cookies that everyone loved!

The Little Red Hen-Autumn 2



Reception explored the story 'The Little Red Hen.' They enjoyed baking their own bread.

This week, our reception children were treated to a delightful performance of the much-loved story The Little Red Hen. The visiting theatre company transformed our hall into a colourful farmyard, complete with lively costumes, catchy songs, and plenty of opportunities for the children to join in.

One of the most joyful moments in the performance came when the Little Red Hen finally baked her loaf of bread. The smell of fresh bread was imagined through song and mime, and the children joined in with stirring, kneading, and clapping rhythms to show the hard work that goes into baking.

At the end, the Hen proudly held up her bread and shared it with everyone who had helped. This simple act of sharing gave the children a powerful message: when we work together, we all enjoy the rewards.

The scene encouraged Reception pupils to think about kindness, teamwork, and the joy of eating together. It was a lovely reminder that learning isn't just about stories—it's about building values that last a lifetime.



Reception Autumn Walk

Reception enjoyed a lovely Autumn Walk in our local park, where the children explored the natural environment and spotted a range of seasonal changes such as colourful leaves on the ground, trees beginning to lose their leaves, and signs of animals preparing for the colder weather. They showed great curiosity as they observed the world around them, used descriptive language to talk about what they noticed, and developed their understanding of how the seasons change.



Reception Think Tank Visit



Reception enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Thinktank Museum, where the children explored a range of interactive science exhibits and then spent time in the Science Garden, experimenting with water, wind, movement and forces through hands-on play. They were highly engaged, asked curious questions, worked together, and used new scientific vocabulary as they investigated how things move, spin, and change direction. The trip provided rich opportunities for learning, discovery and language development, helping to deepen their understanding of the world in an exciting, practical way.

Year 3s Visit to Botanical Gardens



Year 3 Botanical Gardens Adventure

Why is white chocolate white, but milk chocolate brown? Which plant can you sit on and wear at the same time? Why do cactus plants look so strange? Year 3 uncovered the answers to these questions and more during the exciting, immersive visit to the Botanical Gardens!

Children journeyed through tropical rainforests and arid deserts, exploring how plants adapted to different climates. They learned about rainforest seeds, tribal artefacts, and fascinating creatures, while discovering why rainforests are so vital and endangered.

One highlight of the visit was meeting exotic animals up close! From corn snakes and chameleons to giant snails and stick insects, this hands-on experience was unforgettable!

Year 3 Parent Workshop-Rainforest



Y4's Visit to Tamworth Castle

Pupils learnt more about the Anglo-Saxons, looking at some real artefacts from the era. The children role played about what life was like for Anglo-Saxons from different parts of society and took part in an Anglo-Saxon workshop.

Pupils had a tour of the castle and learnt more about the end of the Anglo-Saxon era when castles were built to defend the kingdoms.

Enrichment day



Enrichment day

During Enrichment Day, the children explored the vibrant culture of Brazil, learning about its traditions and the famous Carnival. As part of this day, they designed and created their own colourful masks which were inspired by the Brazilian celebrations. The children enjoyed bringing their designs to life and showing their creativity using bold colours and animal-inspired designs.

Y6 Parent Workshop





Parent workshop

During our year 6 parent workshop, children joined their parents to practise designing bread using play dough (which they had also made themselves!). This hands-on activity allowed children to explore shapes, patterns and creativity in preparation for their upcoming Design and Technology unit where they would make and shape real bread. The session encouraged family involvement while developing the children's practical and creative skills.

West Midlands Police Museum



Trip to WMPM

As part of their Crime and Punishment topic, the children visited the West Midlands Police Museum in Birmingham. Throughout the day, they explored the prison cells, tried on police uniforms and even had the opportunity to act as detectives to solve a crime! This visit gave them a hands-on insight into the English judicial system - past and present- and brought their classroom learning to life.

Year 3 Stone Age



Year Three learnt all about the Stone Age and had great fun making clay artefacts. They thoroughly enjoyed stepping back in time to discover how people lived and hunted!

Church Visits

Year 1



Year 4



Children from KS1 and KS2 took part in the Christmas Explored Interactive Sessions at Summerfield Christchurch, where they learned about the Christmas story in an engaging and hands-on way. The sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of the meaning of Christmas through interactive activities and storytelling. All children were able to experience this enriching event, which helped bring the festive season to life and supported their spiritual, moral, and cultural development.

Christmas Parties





Children across the school got into the Christmas spirit by enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner, followed by fun-filled class parties in the afternoon. It was a wonderful day of festive cheer and celebration!

Outdoor Gym



The school gym is now fully ready to use, and we would like to give a big thank you to the School Council for suggesting this idea and helping to make it a reality. Their enthusiasm and leadership have played an important role in creating a space that supports health, fitness and wellbeing for all pupils. The children are enjoying using the new equipment, which offers exciting opportunities for exercise, team challenges and developing physical skills.



ART Club



Our Art Group is a place where creativity shines!

Children enjoy making imaginative and creative pieces, exploring different materials and techniques.

Alongside developing artistic skills, they also learn important life skills such as taking turns, socialising, and working together.

Every session is an opportunity to discover something new and have fun!

Breakfast Club



The children had a wonderful time celebrating the festive season together! They enjoyed a delicious Christmas breakfast and had lots of fun pulling crackers and sharing laughter with friends. It was a fantastic way to start the day and spread holiday cheer!

School Council



We are proud to announce our newly elected School Councillors!

Pupils in their classes voted for their representatives. From these councillors, a Chair and Vice Chair were elected to lead the council. Some pupils have also volunteered to join our Eco Group, working on environmental projects, and our Safety Team, helping to keep our school safe. Well done to everyone who took part in the elections! Together, we are making our school an even better place to learn and grow.

Joy in the Snow



A day to remember! The children made the most of the snow with snow angels, snowball fun, and big smiles all round.