

Is it important to vote and why?

With the Government's plans to lower the voting age to 16 for all UK elections, our school is pleased to be participating in a vital new education programme with the [Electoral Commission](#).

The programme aims to answer the fundamental question:

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Why start at primary school?

Learning about democracy at primary school helps children build confidence, solve problems, and work well with others. When children practise sharing ideas and making fair decisions, they develop skills they'll use throughout life. Starting early helps them grow into thoughtful, active members of their communities.

Two strands of learning:



Creating a power map:

Identifying who holds the power to change things, from the local council to national Parliament.



The 60-second democracy challenge: Entering a competition to express their views on the importance of the youth vote.



Completely impartial. The Electoral Commission is the independent body which oversees elections. They work to promote public confidence in the democratic process and ensure its integrity. This project aims to increase knowledge and understanding of democracy and confidence to participate and provide opportunities for young people to debate robustly but respectfully.

Is your household ready?

Register to vote: Is everyone in your household aged 16 or over registered? If not, it only takes 5 minutes.

Election information: Find out when the next election is happening in your area.



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