

Educate Awards 2026

Most Inspirational Primary School

Kings Meadow Primary School

At Kings Meadow Primary School, we believe every child deserves to be seen, valued and empowered to achieve their full potential. This belief underpins every decision we make and has enabled us to create a culture where inclusion and excellence go hand in hand.

We are a highly inclusive one-form entry primary school with a specialist resourced provision for children with speech and language needs. Our context is challenging: 46% of pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium funding and around 30% have identified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Many children have experienced trauma or adverse childhood experiences. Rather than allowing these circumstances to define our pupils, we have created a nurturing, ambitious school where every child belongs and is encouraged to flourish.

At the heart of our success is our bespoke CRACKING Curriculum, carefully designed to develop the whole child. It combines academic excellence with creativity, curiosity, resilience, aspiration, character, kindness, inclusion, nature and global citizenship, ensuring every learning experience has purpose and relevance. Our curriculum extends far beyond the classroom, equipping children with the knowledge, skills and values to thrive in school and make a positive contribution to society.

This year, our commitment to inclusion was recognised through the achievement of the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Silver Award, reflecting our whole-school approach to creating emotionally safe classrooms, building positive relationships and understanding every child's individual needs. We know that children learn best when they feel secure, understood and valued.

Central to this work has been the introduction of The Kings Meadow Way, our shared values and expectations developed with pupils, staff and families. More than a behaviour policy, it has become our culture, promoting kindness, respect, resilience, responsibility and aspiration. Children speak proudly about living The Kings Meadow Way, and it is evident in the calm, purposeful atmosphere throughout the school.

Our leadership team has continued to innovate, placing equal importance on academic achievement, wellbeing and character development. The introduction of our School Pledge for a Fitter and Healthier Future has inspired pupils and families to make positive lifestyle choices through physical activity, healthy eating and wellbeing challenges. The installation of our new inclusive playground has transformed opportunities for active play, collaboration and physical development, ensuring every child can participate and succeed.

Environmental sustainability is woven throughout our CRACKING Curriculum and has become one of the defining features of school life. We believe children should not simply learn about protecting the planet, they should lead that change themselves.

This year one of our pupils created The Recycling Army, designing original recycling characters to encourage environmental responsibility. Through our partnership with Sefton Eco Centre, his recycling characters have been transformed into an educational board game, extending the impact of a child's idea far beyond our own school community. This remarkable collaboration has demonstrated to our pupils that their voices matter and that they can influence real environmental change.

We have also developed a dedicated Nature Reserve within our school grounds, creating opportunities for outdoor learning, biodiversity and Forest School experiences. Pupils have taken part in tree planting, habitat creation and conservation projects, developing a genuine connection with nature while learning about sustainability and climate action. Through our partnership with Ainsdale in Bloom, pupils have worked alongside community volunteers to enhance local green spaces, creating meaningful inter-generational relationships while developing civic pride, environmental awareness and a sense of belonging within their community.

Our enrichment programme continues to grow, offering opportunities in sport, music, Forest School, pupil leadership, wellbeing and environmental action. Every opportunity reflects the ambition of our CRACKING Curriculum: to nurture confident learners, compassionate citizens and courageous young people who are ready to embrace the future. We actively engage parents through family learning events, wellbeing workshops and outdoor experiences because we know children achieve more when schools and families work together.

The impact of our work is evident in every aspect of school life. Children who once struggled with confidence are now leading assemblies, representing the school, speaking passionately about sustainability and demonstrating resilience, compassion and ambition. Families tell us they feel welcomed, listened to and supported, while staff share an unwavering commitment to ensuring that every child succeeds.

Most significantly, our inclusive approach has resulted in exceptional academic outcomes. Despite the significant challenges many of our pupils face, Kings Meadow achieved the highest combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics outcomes of any primary school in Southport in 2025, with 81% of pupils reaching the expected standard. This demonstrates that high expectations and inclusion are not competing priorities, they are inseparable.

At Kings Meadow, we refuse to believe that disadvantage should determine destiny. Every initiative, every partnership and every decision are driven by a simple ambition: to remove barriers, unlock potential and inspire children to believe that they can make a positive difference to the world around them.

Our pupils leave Kings Meadow not only with strong academic foundations, but with confidence, compassion, resilience, environmental responsibility and an unwavering belief in themselves. They leave as ambassadors for The Kings Meadow Way and the values of our CRACKING Curriculum, ready to embrace the future, contribute positively to society and inspire others to do the same. We believe that is what makes Kings Meadow Primary School truly inspirational.