



Karen Harrison, Head Teacher

My aim is to provide many outdoor opportunities for our children at Peter Gladwin Primary. I am passionate about educating our children to prioritise their well-being and health through the benefits of the outdoors.

Our school is situated at the foot of the stunning South Downs and is fifteen minutes from the sea. It's within Portslade historical village and just outside Brighton.

Dear Outdoor Practitioner

At Peter Gladwin we include our large school grounds and the stunning areas within walking or cycling distance from our school in our outdoor learning.

Reception children can be observed exploring and learning in their outdoor classroom. The mud kitchen, digging pit and an array of large natural resources stimulate the children's creativity and help develop their speaking and language skills. Children explore and learn scientifically about plants and their habitats. They tend the vegetables in our garden that they grew in the seed station. There is an excited buzz coming from the Forest School as children cooperatively learn new skills.

Since returning from lockdown you will find us learning about the outdoors at Truleigh Hill YHA, through the Generation Green Project - from children cycling to the Downs to carrying out scientific research. Year 4 can be found on the beach learning about sustainability and marine life through the John Muir Award. Groups of children investigate the rich historic sources on the Portslade Historic Trail which they helped design with Fresh Start - a Portslade charity.

Learning is active, fun and purposeful. As a Rights Respecting School our children learn about the importance of their surroundings and the world. Together we help empower our children to understand their well-being and to embrace the opportunities our outdoors provides.

from Karen

