

A Brief History of Greentrees School

April 2002

Mrs Jan Bennett started in post as Greentrees School's headteacher. Mrs Elaine Lunt was appointed as School Finance and Admin Officer. Together they planned for the school's opening in September 2002.



September 2002

Greentrees School opened to serve the residents of Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park – a new housing development of about 900 homes, built on the outskirts of Salisbury city. On the first day of opening there were only 107 pupils in 6 classes.



October 2003

Greentrees School had its first Ofsted inspection. It was graded 'good'.

The report stated:

"An effective educational system has been quickly established in the 13 months since the school opened. Leadership and management are focused clearly on pupils' achievements and to this end an imaginative curriculum is being developed."

By this time the school had 179 pupils and 7 classes.

May 2003

Greentrees launched its website

April 2004

Our School Field was officially opened! It had to be seeded when the school opened so could not initially be used.



Summer 2004

Ray Picton, Deputy Head went on a Wiltshire Local Authority visit to Zambia. As a consequence a link was established with Chainda Basic School in Lusaka.

June 2004 The 'Playtrail' was installed – funds were raised by the PTA (FrOGS) and School Governors.

April 2005 4 teachers travelled to Chanda School, Lusaka, Zambia. This was the first of many reciprocal visits. In June 2014 we celebrated our 10 Year Link with this school.



July 2004 Greentrees School achieved the 'Basic Skills Primary Quality Mark' for our commitment to teaching and standards in English and Maths. We have been re-assessed 3 times since then and have sustained the award for over 10 years.

November 2004 The school gained the 'Investors in People' Award

March 2005 The school achieved 'Healthy School' status for the first time. This has been sustained and in 2014 we gained the 'Silver' award. We are now working towards the 'Gold' standard.

August 2005 The school was awarded 'International School' status. We have been re-assessed 3 times since and have now held the award for over 10 years.

November 2006 Greentrees School was listed in the national top 100 'Most Improved' schools.

November 2007 Greentrees School had its second Ofsted inspection. It was judged to be 'outstanding'. The report stated:

"This is a superb school in which all pupils achieve as well as they can. Leaders and managers have worked together very effectively to create a school in which pupils' performance has improved steadily each year."

There were now 225 pupils in 8 classes.

June 2008 Our small 'Meeting Room' extension was completed. The school installed 'WiFi' and our ICT suite was converted to a Library and Group Work room.

July 2008 Greentrees became a 'National Support School' (NSS) and now works alongside other schools to support school improvement.

March 2011 An interim Ofsted Inspection determined that Greentrees had sustained its 'outstanding' status.

September 2014 A new Early Years class was introduced to allow Greentrees additional capacity to accommodate pupils moving into new housing on 'Riverdown Park'.



November 2013

Greentrees School Governors were consulted by Wiltshire Council about expanding to a two form entry school with a Resource Base for pupils on the Autistic Spectrum. The school would serve the additional 500 houses being introduced on 'Riverdown Park'. Parents and staff were consulted in January 2014. The school will become a split-site school from the Autumn of 2015.

