# Gobowen Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Each year we spend time looking carefully at how well our school is doing and how well children achieve. We wanted to share this information with parents so you can see how Gobowen Primary compares with other schools in Shropshire and across the country.

Schools are judged in a number of ways by **Ofsted**, the **Local Authority (LA)** and the **Department for Education**. Some areas (there are many) they look at are:

- The progress children make from their starting points.
- The results children achieve.
- How well different groups of children do, including children with **SEND** and other vulnerable groups.

The information shared below shows how well children at Gobowen are achieving compared with children in other schools in Shropshire and nationally.

**How well does Gobowen Primary do compared to other schools nationally and within Shropshire?**

| READING | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PUPILS MEETING THE EXPECTED STANDARD | | | | | | |
| | COHORT | | | SEND | | |
| Year | National | LA | School | National | LA | School |
| 2026 | 75% | 74% | 83% | 43% | 44% | 50% |
| 2025 | 75% | 74% | 96% | 43% | 44% | 100% |
| 2024 | 75% | 74% | 83% | 41% | 42% | 100% |
| 2023 | 73% | 74% | 89% | 39% | 38% | 100% |

**What does the table above tell me about reading at Gobowen?**

The table shows how many children reached the expected standard in reading at the end of Year 6, compared with other schools nationally and across Shropshire (LA). All percentages include children with SEND.

**Example: 2026**

- **National average:** 75% of children reached the expected standard in reading.
- **Shropshire average:** 74% of children reached the expected standard.
- **Gobowen:** 83% of children reached the expected standard.

This means that **Gobowen's reading results were higher than both the national and Shropshire averages in 2026. Our results are higher for every other year displayed.**

The information also shows **children with SEND** continue to achieve well in reading, with results that are higher than both the national average and the Shropshire average for pupils with SEND.

This helps us understand how effectively we support all learners to make progress and achieve success.

**What about writing and maths?**

Please see the tables below and use the same process to read them.

**WRITING**

PUPILS MEETING THE EXPECTED STANDARD

| | COHORT | | | SEND | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | National | LA | School | National | LA | School |
| 2026 | 73% | 70% | 95% | 34% | 32% | 100% |
| 2025 | 72% | 70% | 92% | 32% | 30% | 100% |
| 2024 | 72% | 71% | 84% | 30% | 28% | 67% |
| 2023 | 71% | 70% | 78% | 29% | 25% | 33% |

**MATHS**

PUPILS MEETING THE EXPECTED STANDARD

| | COHORT | | | SEND | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | National | LA | School | National | LA | School |
| 2026 | 75% | 71% | 83% | 42% | 38% | 50% |
| 2025 | 74% | 71% | 96% | 40% | 37% | 100% |
| 2024 | 73% | 70% | 80% | 37% | 35% | 67% |
| 2023 | 73% | 70% | 86% | 36% | 35% | 100% |

**Gobowen's results for all subjects** including for SEND children are higher than both the national and Shropshire averages for the past four years.

**How many schools are there in Shropshire and how does Gobowen compare to those schools on a 3-year average for reading, writing and maths?**

There are around 122 primary schools in Shropshire. Over the last three years, 79.8% of pupils at Gobowen reached the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined.

Only **two schools in Shropshire have a slightly higher three-year average than Gobowen**, with averages of **80.0%** and **80.6%**. Both of these schools are much smaller than Gobowen.

In summary, Gobowen's results place the school among the highest-performing primary schools in Shropshire, while achieving these outcomes across a much larger number of pupils.

**Will children always make the expected standard in reading, writing and maths?**

**No.** Every child learns in their own way and at their own pace. Even when a child is making strong progress, they may take longer to reach certain milestones. Research shows that learning develops over time, so steady progress is often the most important measure of success.

There will be times when children find learning tricky and it may require children to do a little additional work at home as well as at school. However, we do have lots of support in place at school for children to help them achieve academically and socially.

I hope this gives you some insight into how children achieve at Gobowen. We will never claim to be perfect, but we will always aim is to ensure that all children enjoy coming to school to learn.

Your sincerely

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*Headteacher*