

History of Rhodes Avenue Primary

The land that Rhodes Avenue Primary stands on was once a farm owned to Thomas Rhodes, a farmer from Yorkshire. Thomas was Cecil Rhodes' great uncle. The portico you can see in the playground is all that remains from the original farmhouse which was demolished in 1932.

Learning about our Local History

In Year 3 all pupils complete a local history topic and part of this is to look at the history of Thomas Rhodes, his family and the land that they owned.

We are currently reviewing our curriculum to ensure that when learning about the Rhodes family, our stance is actively anti-racist and we will address the links between Thomas Rhodes, Cecil Rhodes and the slave trade. This is revisited in more depth in Year 6.

How do we talk about race and racism?

Children are never too young to discuss race and racism and this dialogue is encouraged. We believe no topic should be off limits as long as it is discussed in an open, age appropriate way. These discussions happen throughout the curriculum and are not restricted to specific topics that look at race and racism.