



St Mary's C E Primary School

Mission Statement

*Live, Love & Learn Together in the
Light of the Life of Christ*

**"For once you were in darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8-11, 13-14)**

Our Mission Statement is at the heart of life at St Mary's and reflects our commitment to following the example of Jesus in all that we do. We believe that every child is known, valued and loved, and we are committed to nurturing the whole child so that each can learn, grow and flourish. We strive to provide the highest quality teaching and learning for all within a Christian environment that is inclusive, stimulating, safe and caring. We encourage every member of our community to develop self-respect, responsibility, compassion and respect for others.

OUR FAITH

St Mary's is a Church of England school with a strong and distinctive Christian character. Our Christian faith is at the heart of school life and shapes the way we learn, care for one another and grow together as a community. We warmly welcome children and families of all faiths and worldviews and value the richness and diversity that each brings to our school.

Collective Worship is an important part of life at St Mary's, providing opportunities for pupils and staff to reflect, pray, celebrate and explore Christian values and teachings together. Pupils and staff contribute to worship both in school and in our parish church, strengthening the relationship between school, church and the wider community.

Through our Christian foundation, we seek to nurture compassion, respect, hope and a sense of responsibility towards others, while supporting every child in their own spiritual development and encouraging them to reflect on their beliefs, values and place in the world.

ETHOS AND VALUES

At St Mary's, our Christian vision shapes our approach to education and our life together as a school community. We have high expectations for every child and are committed to providing a rich, ambitious and inclusive education that enables all pupils to develop their knowledge, skills, confidence and curiosity.

We recognise and celebrate the uniqueness of every child. We seek to understand individual strengths and needs, remove barriers to learning and participation, and provide the support and opportunities each child needs to flourish. We want our children to become confident and independent learners who are curious about the world, think deeply, ask questions and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Our broad and balanced curriculum supports pupils' academic, spiritual, moral, social, cultural and physical development. Through their learning and experiences at St Mary's, we encourage children to develop compassion, resilience, responsibility and respect for others, preparing them to contribute positively to their communities and to the wider world.

We value the important role of families and recognise that children thrive when school and home work together. We celebrate the diversity of our school community and are committed to ensuring that every child experiences a

genuine sense of belonging and is able to participate fully in school life. As part of our local community, we seek to build strong relationships with our families, parish and wider community, encouraging our pupils to understand their responsibility towards others and to put our values into action through service, kindness and care.

AT ST MARY'S, WE WANT EVERY CHILD TO EXPERIENCE:

- A strong sense of belonging, where they are known, valued, loved and respected.
- A love of learning, inspired by an ambitious, engaging and inclusive curriculum.
- High expectations and the opportunity to flourish, with barriers identified and appropriate support provided so that every child can participate, achieve and grow.
- A safe, caring and nurturing environment, where children feel confident to be themselves, take risks in their learning and seek help when they need it.
- Respect for difference and diversity, learning to value the experiences, beliefs, cultures and perspectives of others.
- Strong relationships between school and home, recognising the vital role that families play in children's learning, development and wellbeing.
- Opportunities for reflection, awe and wonder, developing an appreciation of God's world and a sense of responsibility for caring for it and for one another.
- A voice in the life of the school, with opportunities to contribute, take responsibility, serve others and make a positive difference to their community.