



St Barnabas Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

"Barnabas, the Encourager"

Our Mission Statement

At St Barnabas all children are valued as individuals made in the image of God. We educate and develop the whole child in order to be the best that they can be. We promote a spirit of belonging and encourage children to be aware of the needs, feelings and rights of others, and so make a positive contribution to society.

Christian values are central to the ethos of our school, especially those of: community, friendship, forgiveness, truth, courage and thankfulness.

The Aims of Our School

(linked to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - CRC)

We aim to provide a curriculum that is broad, balanced, challenging and fun. We believe that a strong partnership between school, home, parish and community is essential to our children's development. Through this partnership we can help our children:

- To develop academically, intellectually, physically, emotionally and socially.
- To be prepared for future opportunities, responsibilities and experiences within and beyond our school.
- To enjoy learning and to become independent, self-disciplined and self-motivated, and to achieve the highest standards of which they are capable. (CRC Article 6)
- To develop and live by a personal set of well-founded moral values based upon Christian beliefs. (CRC Article 14)
- To develop an awareness and appreciation of human achievements and aspirations, in our own and other societies. (CRC Article 28)
- To gain understanding of and respect for people whose ways of life and points of view differ from their own. (CRC Article 29)
- To develop lively, enquiring, imaginative and creative minds, with the confidence to question. (CRC Article 31)
- To be adaptable learners in a rapidly changing, challenging world. (CRC Article 31)

More about our Values

As a Church of England school, Christian values influence the daily life of the whole school. Although we support children to develop an understanding of a range of values, we have chosen several values that we think are important for our school.

These are:

friendship

courage

community

truth

forgiveness

thankfulness

This is what these values mean to us:

Friendship	<p>Tolerance, acceptance, kindness, respect, love, compassion. Showing 'friendship' to others in our school, local, and global community.</p> <p><i>God/Jesus as our friend. Our attitudes should reflect the kindness and mercy of Jesus and God's love of everyone.</i></p>
Thankfulness	<p>Appreciating others. Being thankful for the gifts of life. Appreciating and caring for creation. Being grateful for what we have (not being greedy!).</p> <p><i>Thanks and praise to God for the gift of life, for creation and for loving and caring for us.</i></p>
Courage	<p>Having the courage to make the right choice. Speaking out and asking for help. Working hard. Trying something even though you might make mistakes. Persevering. Encouraging others.</p> <p><i>God is present in every situation. This helps us when we face danger, opposition and fear.</i></p>
Forgiveness	<p>Moving on when we have done wrong and not bearing a grudge. Understanding that sanctions and forgiveness can come together.</p> <p><i>God is 'Slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin'.</i></p>
Truth	<p>Understanding right from wrong. Making informed moral choices. Having integrity.</p> <p><i>Jesus' teachings help us to see the nature of God and the way in which He means us to live.</i></p>
Community	<p>Making a contribution to and caring for local and global communities. Understanding of own part in the community to make it work. Supporting each other.</p> <p><i>We are all part of God's family. We share our joys and suffering and support each other.</i></p>

The italics indicate the Christian perspective on these values.