

Our School Vision at St John's

Over recent months, we have been exploring the things that make us special as a school family. We have identified the things that are important to our community and thought about our hopes for the future.



Our school vision guides everything we do at St John's and we have worked collectively to ensure that it is just right for our school family.

The vision of St John's is:

“Following Jesus’ example, we seek to grow good people who are ready to make a difference to the world around them.”

There are many Bible verses that give us inspiration for life's journey but when we thought about the most important thing to our community, we realised that this verse, summed us up perfectly:

“The only thing that matters is faith expressing itself through love.”

(Galatians 5:6)

At St John's, we place high importance on our Christian Values. Our core Christian Values are: **Faith, Love and Hope**.

Our values help us to live good lives, unlock our potential and give us strength to be the loving and respectful community that makes our school such a special place to be.

Our Christian Values in action:

Faith

'...faith as small as a mustard seed...can move mountains...'

(Matthew 17:20)



Our core value of **faith** is all about how we make our own faith journey during our time at St John's. Everyone has the opportunity to develop their own views of the world around them, whether this is a religious or non-religious view.

We want all individuals to feel included, safe, secure and valued. We all have the right to live in the way that we wish to, whilst at the same time, respecting the views and opinions of others.

We want members of our school community to recognise that we can *all* make a difference. If something in the world seems unfair then what can we do about it?

"It's important to have faith in 'you'."

(Year 6 pupil)

Love

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'

(John 15:12)



Our core value of **love** is all about the compassion that we can show to each other and the world around us.

We recognise that we must learn to love ourselves before we can show kindness to others. We are *all* an integral part of our school family. The love and support that we show to each other ensures that everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

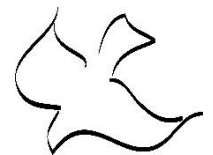
"Love is the flickering light in someone's heart that gives you the power to make a difference in someone's life."

(Year 6 pupil)

Hope

'I alone know the plans I have for you...plans to bring about the future you hope for.'

(Jeremiah 29:11)



Our core value of **hope** is all about looking to the future, not just our own personal futures but that of the world too. We work hard to create opportunities for everybody to unlock their potential. We want all individuals to have ambitious aspirations and believe they can do anything in life! We recognise that life isn't always easy and that it's important to show resilience when things get tricky.

"When I'm scared, having hope makes me feel like there's a small candle burning and it reminds me that I'm not on my own."

(Year 5 pupil)