

Our Vision

Together we value uniqueness. We create a passion for learning to embrace life's opportunities and make a positive change.

Together we will:

- have a strong sense of belonging and pride in being part of a Christian school community.
- know that our personal strengths will be noticed, valued and developed so that we are supported to become the best we can be.
- be thoughtful, caring and considerate individuals who naturally look out for each other and nobody gets left out.
- be courageous advocates who are empowered to be active global citizens
- nurture the relationships we have with each other in the knowledge that together we are stronger.

Our Values

As a school community, our ethos, our actions and our thoughts are underpinned by our core Christian Values of **respect, courage and compassion**. These golden threads permeate our teaching, our policies and the way that we behave towards each other. These values guide adults in their response to the needs of our children and they support our children in the many choices that they make. Our children learn that these values are not just about attitudes and beliefs about others but are also important for your own sense of self-worth.

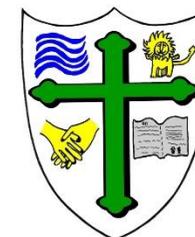
Each term we focus in more depth on each of our core values and children are encouraged to look at their own lives through a core value lens to reflect on their recent thoughts, feelings and actions. We use stories about Jesus and from the Bible to support this:

Compassion: the feeding of the 5000, the healing of the blind, the Good Samaritan.

Courage: The Wise and Foolish Builders, Daniel in the Lion's Den, David and Goliath

Respect: The Ten Commandments, Jesus in the Temple, Zacchaeus

Highcliffe St Mark Primary School



Where our children are at the heart of our school and our school is at the heart of our community.

Our Vision & Values

**Compassion,
Courage and
Respect**



Compassion

Compassion is a core value for our school because compassion is more than just pity. Compassion is about noticing when others need our help and doing something about it. It is all about putting yourself in someone else's shoes, especially when they are having a hard time. It's about trying to understand how they are feeling and then being pro-active in wanting to help. Jesus models this for us through the story of his many miraculous healing and the feeding of the 5000.

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3.12

We show compassion to others by being observant and responsive to the wellbeing of ourselves and each other. We aim to thrive together as a community, seeing beyond our own needs, being grateful for all that we have and showing kindness to ourselves and others.

Courage

Courage is a core value for our school because Jesus teaches us to do the right thing and make the right choices, even when this is hard to do. It shows us to have faith in ourselves and our abilities, to have positivity, self-belief, resilience and to value the importance of doing the right thing. Jesus showed us the importance of making the right choices through the story of the wise and foolish builders. The story of David and Goliath teaches us to be courageous and have faith in ourselves.

“Be strong and courageous; do not be discouraged, for the Lord God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1: 9

We show courage by standing up for what is right, by showing tolerance and respect for others and by persevering when things are difficult. We try hard to make right choices and encourage others to do the same.

Respect

Respect is a core value for our school because it forms the foundation of relationships within our school and wider community. This value involves teaching children about forgiveness, tolerance, honesty, empathy and thoughtfulness. In the Christian tradition, this value means 'reverence', which stems from our awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence within the created world and within our relationships with others. If we believe that other people are made in the image of God, then we are all ultimately precious and should value difference and show tolerance.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus gives us the Golden Rule as our ultimate guide: “Treat others as you would want them to treat you” Matthew 7:12

We show respect to ourselves, others and the world around us through our actions and the words that we speak.