

Discover more about our truly distinctive Christian ethos and approach.

We know that our faith is the central focus of all we do at school. Our Vision statement begins with the line: Our vision statement has been created by the pupils and staff and is supported by a Biblical quote;

'Shine among them like stars in the sky' Philippians 2:14-16

We truly believe that everyone within our community has something to add to us as a group and we will recognise and nurture talents to make us stronger together.

The Governors and staff believe that Christianity is an integral part of every aspect of our daily lives at Woodford Church of England Primary School. Visitors and families have recognised the positive impact of our strong Christian ethos on our learners. Christian values underpin all of our learning, and enable our children to become caring, respectful and thoughtful members of our community. We actively encourage the children to uphold our values at all times and we have school values on display, both in classrooms and in the hall. Each of our Values are underpinned by a Biblical quote and the children study one of the values every half term. Parents and visitors to our school recognise that our strong values help to nurture the wellbeing, safety and confidence of our children.

Our Collective Worship is planned around our core Christian Values which are shown in the hall through an interactive and immersive display. Worship plays an important part in our school day. We aim for worship to be integral to our work within school and we have regular visits from members of the community.

RE is taught in discrete sessions, and our children have access to a broad and balanced RE curriculum. Children are given the opportunity to explore inter-faith values and appreciate cultural diversity. We enhance our RE curriculum with extra units of work based on 'Understanding Christianity', and we have regular "World Faith" celebration days that highlight the importance of understanding all faiths, recognising our common values and appreciating the diversity of humanity. Visits are regularly undertaken to places of Worship including Peterborough Cathedral.

Within the school day, the children have regular opportunities for prayer and reflection. We have a dedicated reflection space, with inspirational artwork, created by the children, that offers a place for prayer throughout the day.

Our whole school community comes together everyday to join in Collective Worship. Our worship is based upon Christian Values, chosen by the school community, and key events in the Christian calendar. Worship is led by all teaching staff, Father John from St. Mary's Church, other Christian visitors and, most importantly, by our children.

Our school hall is the focus of our worship and has displays that reflect our most current focus. Each classroom displays a cross and our school prayer.