



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Our mission statement

At St Mary's we live out our faith together - learning to love God, our neighbour and the world around us. Excellence in learning is fostered through our shared Christian values and a deeply-felt sense of belonging, which enables all our children to reach their full potential.

We believe God is love and all people are loved by God. Knowing we are loved enables us to love ourselves and to love others. Our mission is to help children know this love within a shared sense of community where all can contribute to the wellbeing of others. We believe this provides a strong foundation on which everyone can excel in learning and with God's help can become the people who they were created by God to be.

Our school values

Confidently me: secure in our identity in Christ

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous — how well I know it. (Ps 139.14)

God created each one of us as an individual, as a unique person. God wants us to fulfil our potential and not let anything or anyone hold us back from a life of fullness and fruitfulness. We all reflect something of God's glory as we are all made in the image of God.

Being secure in our own identity is shown in supporting children to be confident and independent learners. We encourage everyone to be themselves, regardless of our differences. We have high expectations of each other because we expect all children to progress and attain to their full potential, as learners and as people. We therefore conduct ourselves in such a way that demonstrates these values throughout our time at school.

Belonging together: in union with Christ, in fellowship with one another

So you also are complete through your union with Christ (Colossians 2.10, NLT)

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other. (1John 1.7, NLT)

We belong together because we belong to God. God created us to be in relationship with him and with each other. It's like we are all part of the same family. At St Mary's we have a strong sense of belonging which enables the children to be confident (and complete) in who they are as individuals. We worship together, reminding us of our sense of community is rooted in our shared union in Christ.

Belonging together is shown through taking a shared joy in the celebration of individual achievements. We support one another in times of need, showing forgiveness when things go wrong.

Challenged to contribute: to communities near and far

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. (John 13.34, NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (1Peter 4.10, NLT)

We are confident in ourselves and secure in the community of St Mary's. These are the foundations on which we challenge one another to serve our communities, following the example of Jesus who showed us his love by serving others. It is in the knowledge of God's love for us, the realisation of the gifts we have been given that we serve one another, it is an expression both of the love of God and the fellowship (Koinonia) with each other.

Challenged to contribute is shown through practical actions both within St Mary's, where we live and in the wider world. We promote service to others through being part of the School Council, Faith Team, Eco Club, Sports Crew or being a prefect, a librarian, etc.; supporting charities such as the NSPCC, Children in Need, Comic Relief, the British Legion; Project Le Monde; contributing to community events such as taking part in the carnival, Oxted Adventure, singing at local care homes, contributing to Harvest parcels which are distributed in the surrounding area.

Confidently Me Belonging Together Challenged to Contribute



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