

## Our Vision for St John's

'Working together in friendship and faith, learning for life'



Children are always put at the heart of all we do at St John's. We warmly welcome families of all faiths and none to our vibrant and caring school. In the same way that John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, we prepare the way for children.

Our school's vision is support children in becoming "***the best versions of themselves***", guided by Jesus' words to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 19:19).

Our school's vision is summarised by our mission statement:

***"working together in friendship and faith, learning for life"***

This is secured by our Christian ethos, for "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13). Our enduring faith in one another permeates every aspect of school life.

## Our Christian Values

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Our Vision is enacted through our five cornerstone Christian values, which are:

**Love:** "Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Cor 16:14).

**Honesty:** "Let all of us speak the truth" (Eph 4:25).

**Faithfulness:** "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much." (Lk 16:10).

**Kindness:** "Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life" (Prov 21:21).

**Forgiveness:** "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Lk 6:37).

These values are the practical cornerstones of our vision and are underpinned by the work of all. We use our 5 core Christian values to scaffold and support children to ***be the best version of themselves.*** The 'values beads' reinforce, recognise and celebrate these.

We use parables, as Jesus did, to help children to understand their Christian gospel underpinning:

**Christian Values as Firm Foundations:** Houses on Rocks and Sand (Matthew 7:24-27)

**Love:** The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-10)

**Honesty:** Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1-1)

**Forgiveness:** The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

**Faithfulness:** Faithful Servant (Matthew 25:14–23)

**Kindness:** The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

### Our School Logo

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The significance and symbolism of our school logo is:

- The tree of knowledge (eg seen in St John's church)
- The trunk is an image of St John's Cross to symbolise our name Saint of John the Baptist
- The figures represent children at school and at home with both working in partnership
- The book represents the learning that takes place at school and the lunch box the sustenance provided at home
- The rainbow, which is in the shape of a book represents the richness and diversity of all who attend St John's and its shape symbolises The Bible as the source of our vision and values
- The blue in the rainbow signifies the River Jordan, the river in which John baptised Jesus and represents the fact that we are all washed clean and have a fresh start every day