

Bathwick St. Mary Church School



Our Vision and Values

Bathwick St. Mary is a Church school which, through quality teaching and learning, aims to prepare children for positive participation in the world community by working with pupils to:

- Love their neighbour and themselves
- Build and maintain high self-esteem
- Develop enquiring minds and a spirit of curiosity
- Become highly motivated lifelong learners with a love of learning and the attitudes and behaviours of an effective learner
- Be flexible and adaptable for a world of constant change
- Work and think independently or co-operatively as required
- Tackle all tasks enthusiastically, confidently and with determination to do their best
- Be organised and punctual
- Have high expectations and achieve to the highest standard of their ability
- Be proud and satisfied with their best
- Gain advanced technological skills
- Develop a love of the arts and have opportunities to be creative
- Seek to extend themselves in mind, body and spirit
- Be an effective communicator including the ability to listen
- Appreciate the beauty of the created world, be good stewards and enjoy a sense of awe and wonder
- Develop an understanding of what makes a good global citizen; develop a commitment of care; and appreciate that our actions can all help make a difference to the sustainability of the planet
- Be honest and just to themselves and others
- Live life to the full, happily, with respect for God, others and self
- Foster good citizenship – accepting others and being a good friend
- Balance life's demands – enjoy, value and use work and leisure time wisely
- Recognise their own shortcomings and be able to forgive those in others
- Be aware of world events and seek to make a positive contribution to the community
- Seek to choose a healthy lifestyle and be aware of how to stay safe
- Be able to reflect on their learning and move forward through effective self-assessment

- Be a positive role model through making good choices
- Understand the value of making mistakes
- Understand the value of truth
- Prepare them for life in a diverse multi-ethnic society – including the learning of languages and the understanding of different cultures and religions

We believe that every child will succeed by experiencing equality of opportunity and quality provision through:

- A recognition that every member of the school community is special and valued, irrespective of gender, race, disability, religion or any other 'protected characteristic' (Equality Act 2010)
- Understanding that we need to balance the acquisition of knowledge, with the development of skills and capabilities and the nurturing of positive intrinsic motivation and high self-esteem
- Investigative activities that provide opportunities for creativity and application of thinking skills
- A pastoral system that listens to pupils and provides them with responsibility for themselves and others
- Inspirational teaching that challenges all pupils and offers a variety of teaching and learning styles
- A positive approach to behavioural management and a proactive anti-bullying policy that secures a safe, calm, warm and effective working environment
- An inspiring curriculum with extra-curricular opportunities, that develops the whole child
- An appreciation of the Arts and how these deepen each learning experience for every child
- Valuing the cultural experience that a child or young person brings with them and consider this in our practice.

We demonstrate our commitment to work as a Christian learning community by:

- Being true to our Christian Foundation and clearly stating the values that underpin school life
- Quality Collective Worship and identifying and using opportunities for Spiritual development within the curriculum
- Supportive and positive relationships between all members of the school community and maintaining strong links with our local Church
- Creating a positive learning culture for all where targets are used to recognise achievement and support development