

Aims & Objectives



St Mary's Church of England Primary School
Established 1845

AIMS

The school aims to:

- Achieve the highest standards of teaching and learning through a wide and stimulating curriculum and innovative teaching method, while maintaining high standards in the basic skills, in order to ensure that each pupil leaves the school equipped with those skills in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to proceed smoothly to secondary education.
- Prepare pupils for life in a rapidly changing world by giving them the ability to communicate effectively and to work in teams when appropriate, whilst encouraging them to be creative, innovative, resilient and adaptive.
- Establish an educational ethos in which all pupils, regardless of ability or background, can achieve their maximum potential, both in terms of attainment and personal development, in a safe, friendly and attractive environment, while enjoying to the full the experience being offered.
- Guide each individual to an understanding of good citizenship guided by a Christian ethic, in terms of a loving, caring and compassionate approach to others.
- Provide the facilities and quality of teaching that will make it possible for every pupil to flourish, expanding their knowledge and experience both within the school situation and the wider community.
- Involve parents and the community in all aspects of school life and encourage the children themselves to share in church and secular events.

OBJECTIVES

In order to achieve its aims, the School will:

- Provide outstanding teachers to inspire and motivate all pupils to fulfil their potential.
- Place the most positive emphasis on the quality of teaching and learning, and develop the concept of partnership in the learning process between children, parents and teachers.
- Encourage pupils to be independent in their learning and to embrace responsibilities within the school.
- Maintain high standards of behaviour at all times, to provide the most positive atmosphere for learning but also to ensure an environment where pupils can develop respect for themselves and each other, and where good manners are seen to be a fundamental social skill.
- Insist on the highest levels of attainment and encourage a full and active involvement in learning.
- Develop a curriculum that encourages a positive 'can-do' approach to learning and relationships.
- Ensure that the safety and well-being of pupils is paramount at all times. ('Every Child Matters')
- Establish for all pupils an understanding of the importance of Christian values: of courtesy, respect and care for other people and of themselves; of concern for those who are disadvantaged, sick or oppressed.
- Encourage pupils to take an interest not only in their own community but also in the wider world and, through this interest, to participate as fully as possible in what goes on around them.
- In order to develop the whole child, offer extra-curricular opportunities in sport, music and other cultural activities.
- Overall, ensure that every pupil is fully equipped for the next phase of their education, and for life.