

Christian Values



Our school is described as a 'Christ-centred school' where 'parents recognise how well the teachers and support staff work effectively as a team to nurture well-rounded, mature young people.' Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools Report 2009.

'Parents speak highly of an ethos where 'every child is special.' Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools Report 2006

'Pupils are polite, kind and get on well with each other..... social, moral, spiritual and cultural development is good, because of the strong focus on respect for rights, and the

high quality care the school gives to each pupil.' Ofsted
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Our Christian Values, which emanate from the life and teaching of Jesus, underpin every aspect of school life at St Thomas's. We aim to model and promote these values in all that we do; our chosen core values are forgiveness, respect, truthfulness, service and koinonia. The centrality of these values is further recognised by our Christian Values Award which is given out in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

Truthfulness is . . . In John's Gospel Jesus is described as 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. In school we all try to be truthful to ourselves.

Forgiveness is . . . More than just saying sorry. We can forgive because we are forgiven. "Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Service is . . . individuals laying selfish things aside for the needs of others. That is why Jesus said that he 'came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Respect is . . . "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We should not say or do anything unless we can answer "Yes" to the question, "Would I want that said or done to me?" Neither should we fail to do the good things

we would expect of others, whatever their background, culture or religion.

Koinonia is . . . The special relationship that we have with each other, where we as a community look after each other.

Each term we study one of the Christian Values, and produce a display in the hall. These displays reflect our teaching, learning and understanding of how to care for one another.

Our Core Value for the Spring Term is Forgiveness. Our prayer for this term, linked to our value is:

Lord God,

We thank you that you always forgive us. Help us when we are hurt to forgive others and to be fair even if others are unfair. Help us to be kind to people even if they have not been kind to us. Help us to forgive them, as you forgive us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen