

# Christian Values



Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools Report 2019 states 'St Thomas's distinctively Christian vision is paramount in the daily life of school.'

'Pupils develop a healthy respect for difference and demonstrate tolerance and respect with impressive maturity'

'Worship in school is inclusive and invitational and fully reflects the schools Christian vision and core values. It is rooted in Biblical teaching'.

'The strong Christian values of truthfulness, service, respect and forgiveness permeate the school'. 'Pupils are polite and well mannered. They show respect for each other and to adults in the school.' (Ofsted 2019).

'Pupils flourish in a caring and nurturing environment which values each pupil's individuality.' They feel 'cared for and valued' (Ofsted 2019).

Ofsted 2019 also recognised that 'Pupils are rightly proud of the work they do to support people in the local and wider community who face challenging circumstances.'

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 and service . 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.

These along with other values are studied further during our daily worship and as part of our RE and wider curriculum. Each term a value is displayed in the hall as a focus point for thought and reflection. These displays reflect our teaching, learning and understanding of how to care for one another just as Jesus would want us to.