



Our Christian Vision and Values

Love Others, Value Everyone!

1 Peter 3: 8

'Live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love each other, be compassionate and humble'

Our vision and values at St. Peter's Church of England Primary School are the foundation of every aspect of decision making, teaching and learning. As St Peter's is a Church School, its religious character reflects the principles of the Church of England.

Nestled in Harborne, St Peter's serves our local community, offering families a strong Christian ethos, loving environment and a sense of belonging. We also recognise our location within the culturally rich multi-faith city of Birmingham. Our split-site school is built around the church, which physically and spiritually serves as the heart, connecting us together. This enables members of the school and the Church to live in harmony as we 'love others, value everyone'.

We encourage and promote our Christian values through the various experiences that we offer to all of our children, and this is illuminated in our school vision statement:

At St Peter's Church of England Primary school, we aim to create a community based on our Christian foundation whereby we live in harmony before God and provide a warm, safe and caring environment in which to learn and grow.

Our children are inspired to share God's love with each other through acts of service, living by Christ's example. Their knowledge grows through hearing Bible stories in high quality RE lessons and Collective Worship. At St Peter's, we learn and play together, with high aspirations for all to become confident, life-long learners. We encourage everyone to show curiosity and perseverance as they embrace the many opportunities offered during their time here.

As a school, we believe that every child (and adult) matters to God as they are made in God's image and loved by him. We are therefore committed to each unique pupil achieving all they can and growing into the best version of themselves.

Inspired by our vision to love others, we aim to teach each child unique Christian values to equip them as they journey through St Peter's and on into the wider world. This is demonstrated through our school motto:

Through the teachings of God we Love Others, Value Everyone!

Our School Values

At the heart of our community are our core school values. These were chosen as essential qualities for nurturing well-rounded compassionate and resilient individuals. They serve as a foundation for our learning, relationships and decision making helping us grow, not only academically but also socially and spiritually.

Pupils and adults are encouraged to demonstrate our values daily through our actions, words and interactions. By living out these values we aim to create an environment where everyone feels supported and inspired to flourish and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Respect – for one another

Honesty – in the eyes of God and with each other

Forgiveness – towards others in order to enable us to move forward

Love – of God and one another.

Key Bible stories linked to our values include the following:

Value	Bible Story and Bible Reference	Why is this relevant to us and our value
LOVE	The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25–37	Shows that love isn't just about loving our friends or people who are like us. Jesus teaches that we should notice people who need help and actively show love through our actions.
RESPECT	Jesus Welcomes the Children Mark 10:13–16	Jesus makes time for children when others try to send them away. It shows that everyone matters and everyone deserves to be listened to, valued and treated with dignity. This links beautifully to "Value Everyone."
HONESTY	Zacchaeus Luke 19:1–10	Zacchaeus had behaved dishonestly by taking more money than he should. Meeting Jesus changed him. He admitted what he had done and tried to put things right. It teaches that honesty means telling the truth, owning our mistakes and making things right.
FORGIVENESS	Joseph Forgives His Brothers Genesis 37; 45; 50	Joseph had been badly hurt by his brothers, yet when he had the power to punish them, he chose forgiveness and reconciliation. It shows children that forgiveness doesn't mean pretending something didn't hurt; it means choosing not to let anger and revenge control us.
MOTTO Love Others Value Everyone	The Parable of the Lost Sheep Luke 15:1–7	It reminds us that our Christian community should be a place where everyone belongs, everyone is noticed and everyone is valued. This is particularly important in our commitment to inclusion, ensuring that we recognise and celebrate the uniqueness of every child and provide the support they need to flourish.

We believe that flourishing happens when we grow into the best version of ourselves, just like a flower as it opens its petals. This brings joy to others and just as a flower thrives with the right nourishment, we flourish when we cultivate what sustains us – love, connection and kindness.

Our spirituality is the essence of who we are, nurtured by what life gives us and how we use the opportunities we have. Our spirituality shapes our identity, our relationships and our connections to the world guiding and helping us as we seek to live life to the full.

Theology behind our vision:

Our Christian vision is founded on the life and teachings of Jesus and all that is explored in the Bible. In the table below are some key examples of Bible verses that help us to grow as we explore the Kingdom of God.

Bible Verse	How it helps us to flourish
John 10:10 <i>"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."</i>	Jesus' words here shape our school vision. Abundant life, or life in all its fullness, grows from loving others and valuing everyone. Why? Because every child and adult matters to God. This creates a model for a life where we can all flourish.
Genesis 1:27 <i>"So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."</i>	We are all made in God's image and as a result, every man, woman and child can tell us something unique about God. At St Peter's, we seek to be a community where everyone is listened to and their views taken seriously.
1 Peter 3:8 <i>"Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love each other, be compassionate and humble"</i>	As we seek to become more like the God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, harmony and unity can grow in God's kingdom. Loving one another develops positive relationships. Living well together develops our sympathy, empathy and respect for each other and we can show humility and compassion.
Romans 14:19 <i>"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."</i>	We seek to build each other up and celebrate our achievements together. Through collective worship and praise and everyday positive outcomes for all, we celebrate each other including the adults. This supports a community of peace and love.
1 Corinthians 12: 12 <i>"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts forms one body, so it is with Christ."</i>	As a Church school, we are part of the body and community of Jesus, here in Harborne. We seek to celebrate and rejoice in our uniqueness and difference. We work together to share in our community and serve those in need.
Philippians 4: 4-7 <i>"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."</i>	At St Peter's our community is one of rejoicing! We rejoice in being able to sing God's praises as part of our life together. We seek to be gentle with one another, knowing how much each of us matters to God. We pray that God's peace will continually guard our hearts and minds.

Our vision and values are regularly reviewed by members of our community to ensure they remain relevant to our school.