

British Values at St Matthias Primary School

At **St Matthias**, our Christian vision shapes everything we do. We are committed to helping every child grow into an independent, confident and compassionate life-long learner who:

- **knows who they are** as a unique and valued individual
- **asks questions** about the world around them
- **uses their voice to make a positive difference**
- **aspires to greatness** in all that they do

Our school community is rooted in the Christian values of **faith, hope and love**:

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

These values create a safe, caring and inclusive environment where every child is known, supported and encouraged to flourish.

How we live out British Values

British Values are part of everyday life at St Matthias and are closely linked to our Christian ethos.

Democracy

Children are encouraged to share their ideas and opinions. Through the School Council and pupil leadership roles, pupils learn how to listen to others, make decisions together and help improve our school.

The Rule of Law

We help children understand why rules and laws matter and how they keep people safe and treat everyone fairly. Clear expectations, kindness and restorative conversations help pupils learn from mistakes and make positive choices.

Individual Liberty

Every child is supported to grow in confidence and independence. We teach children to make safe, responsible choices, understand their rights and express their views respectfully.

Mutual Respect

Respect and kindness are at the heart of our school community. Children learn to value differences, listen carefully and treat others as they would like to be treated.

Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We celebrate the rich diversity of our community. Through Religious Education, collective worship, visits and visitors, children learn about different faiths, cultures and traditions, developing understanding, empathy and respect.

Preparing children for the future

We want every pupil to leave St Matthias with:

- a strong sense of **right and wrong**
- **respect** for themselves and others
- the **confidence to use their voice for good**
- the skills to contribute positively to **modern Britain and the wider world**

By living out our Christian vision of **faith, hope and love**, we nurture children who are ready to flourish as compassionate citizens and courageous agents of change.