



OUR VISION

At Sonning Church of England Primary School our vision is to equip our children with the skills they need to make positive choices in everything they do. Like the wise man who built his house upon the rock (Matthew 7: 24-25), we follow our Christian values to build strong foundations for the years ahead.

OUR VALUES

Guided by our values of **Love, Courage, Respect, Aspiration** and **Curiosity**, we provide a happy, inclusive and encouraging environment where children can flourish and develop as individuals. We offer a challenging, broad and relevant curriculum that enables all children (regardless of their background, faith, race, ability or gender) to do their best and achieve well.

Love – to treat everyone with friendship, kindness and compassion, as we would want to be treated ourselves.

Jesus tells us to love one another as he loves us (John 13:34)

Courage – to have the resilience to cope when things are hard, the perseverance to overcome problems and the courage to make the right choices.

God gives us the strength to have great endurance and patience (Colossians 1:11)

Respect – to show gratitude, demonstrate fairness and to treat everyone and everything with dignity.

Jesus tells us to always treat others as we would want them to treat us (Matthew 7:12)

Aspiration – to strive to be the best we can be through hard work and self-belief.

God gives each of us different gifts to use to the very best of our abilities (Romans 12:6)

Curiosity – to listen and be open-minded, to ask questions and to try new things.

God blesses those who find wisdom and gain understanding (Proverbs 3:13).

Our school cherishes its religious character and links with our parish church, St Andrew's. While embracing our Christian beliefs and traditions, we encourage all our children to develop their own faith, spirituality or sense of self. Our curriculum and collective worship teach and celebrate the major world religions, promoting respect and tolerance for different beliefs, including those with no faith.

BIBLICAL REFERENCES

The Bible verses (NIV translation)

Matthew 7: 24-25, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

John 13:34, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another”

Colossians 1:11, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

Matthew 7:12, So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.

Romans 12:6, We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

Proverbs 3:13, Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.

Our distinctive Christian offer, is underpinned by the principles that education is about **wisdom, knowledge, skills, hope and aspiration, promotes a community living well together, where dignity and respect for ourselves, each other and the global community, are central to our work.**

We aim to have successful learners, who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve; confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives and; responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.

We are a Church of England Primary School within the Oxford Diocese <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/schools/>

Our underlying principle is that each person is unique and special to God.