



Thurlaston CE (Aided) Primary School

Teaching and Living the Christian Way of Life
Building Our Lives on Jesus

Our Ethos – Teaching and living the Christian way of life: Building Our Lives on Jesus

Our Vision, Values and Strategy – Governor Statement

We are proud of our school and our christian ethos which ensures that each child is treated as special and individual.

Our children are enthusiastic to learn and inspired to achieve by a team of happy, highly motivated teachers. We are a small rural school which enables us to create a unique family environment where we know each child well and where children are nurtured and encouraged to excel. We have high expectations for every individual child to achieve their full potential in both academic and non-academic activities.

We will create a family of confident, happy young people who respect and care for each other and our staff by putting Christian values at the heart of all that the school does. Our children will be creative, show initiative, have leadership skills and be able to work as a team with their peers and participate across year groups. They will feel able to ask questions and be encouraged to express their opinions, be hardworking and be tolerant of others. We celebrate perseverance, resilience and risk taking, ensuring children welcome challenge and are not frightened to make mistakes. Children are praised for hard work, determination and having a positive thoughtful attitude.

Being based in the countryside gives us the advantage of having access to a wide variety of habitats, wildlife and farms. We will encourage our children to explore and develop a love of nature and their environment. We are proud to be part of our local community and want to place our school at its heart.

Children at our school will have a love of learning including all subjects. They will have experiences they will remember for the rest of their lives and enjoy their education.

When children leave our school they will be prepared for the next stage of their education and be well-rounded individuals. It is our aim for all children to be independent learners with self-belief and an abiding respect for others. We aim to instil a lifelong love for learning and a strong grounding for future success.

Over the next 5 years we will:-

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. (Matthew chapter 7 verse 24, NIV)

- Invest in training and supporting for our staff. High quality, inspirational, supportive and effective teaching is a key priority.
- Establish a reputation for well-behaved children
- Be ambitious for every child
- Continue to exceed the national average
- Continue to involve parents in their child's education and the life of the school
- Work in partnership with other schools for our mutual benefit.
- Retain our own Head and teaching staff to ensure our children gain optimum benefit from our experienced and dedicated staff and enable them to put the children's needs and learning requirements at the heart of everything they do.
- Maintain close links with the church
- Continue to make the school attractive and inclusive
- Play an active role in our village community and promote our school in the wider area
- Maintain our family atmosphere

Whatever the future holds we will ensure that our Christian values of generosity, perseverance, trust, forgiveness, thankfulness, compassion, justice and friendship remain at the heart of all we do.

This is not like other schools: this is our school.