



Respect
Courage
Resilience



St Michael's CE Junior School

Welcome from Headteacher



Everyone at St Michael's CE Junior School is very proud of our school. We are a fully inclusive, multicultural, Church of England junior school where we believe in meeting the needs of all of the children, whether that involves challenging a child because they have shown advanced skills in a particular area or supporting a child because they are finding an area of learning difficult.

We are ambitious for all of the children at the school and this is reflected in our vision, which uses the phrase 'Be the very best we can be'.

Our vision encompasses all elements of school life and beyond. We strive for everyone to 'Be the very best they can be', in all aspects of school life and when they are out in the wider world. Our values of Respect, Courage and Resilience are reflected in our vision statement and are encouraged and praised throughout the school.

St Michael's Church is a core part of school life, with our vicar leading Collective Worship once a week and the children visiting the church for Christian festivals.

Everyone at the school works hard to ensure that all children have the skills needed to read, write, calculate and use current technology. These are seen as the core skills needed to further the journey through education and to become adults who can function well in an ever changing world. We want children to love learning and know about

the world, its people, history and traditions.

We want children to embrace the future by being familiar with new technology and be able to take on new challenges confidently and positively. Our caring, committed and hardworking staff are dedicated to developing the knowledge, skills and understanding to enable children to enjoy learning and build good foundations for a successful future. We want the children to understand that they are a part of different communities: their school, the church, local, national and global communities.

We hope this brochure enables you to get a glimpse of the amazing life at St Michael's CE Junior School. The school really is alive with excitement and enthusiastic learners, but 'seeing is believing' so please do come along and visit; the children and staff love welcoming visitors and showing them how fantastic our school is. There is a great atmosphere of resilience and enthusiasm for learning everyday, so any day is a good day for a visit.



Christian Vision

Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

Luke 10:27 He answered, "Love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

This vision was created jointly between the staff, children and our community and we live this vision through everything we do. Our Church links are incredibly important to us and we teach the children to 'Be the very best we can be!'.

"pupils develop the core virtues of respect, courage and resilience."

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We believe that the curriculum should reflect our Christian school vision and our three key values of Respect, Courage and Resilience. We believe that the curriculum should allow:

- Everyone in the school community to feel valued and respected
- Everyone to have the courage and resilience to be the very best that they can be
- Everyone to develop the transferable skills which enable them to be lifelong learners

We plan topics based on our children and their needs, our current topics include: Journey to Another World; Through the Ages; Road to Discovery; Near, Far, Wherever We Are. In addition, we teach Spanish and utilise our outside space as much as we can through Outdoor Learning lessons. Our children enjoy visits and we welcome visitors into school. These are reviewed regularly and changed; some recent examples include a Year 3

trip to Butser Farm (Through the Ages) and a Year 5 trip to SeaCity Museum (Titanic). RE follows the Hampshire agreed syllabus 'Living Difference'.

Our Year 6 children have the opportunity to go on a 4 night residential trip.

"Pupils are happy to attend this caring and welcoming school."

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"Through consistent modelling from leaders and teachers, pupils learn there are different faiths and opinions and that differences should be celebrated."

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“Behaviour is consistently calm and purposeful. Pupils are polite and courteous, opening doors for visitors and greeting them with ‘Hello, how is our day going?’ **Ofsted 2023**

Respect

We teach children the value of respect through everything that we do from the curriculum to our behaviour policy, which can be found on our website. We have four school rules, Be Kind, Be Safe, Be respectful and Be Responsible.

Courage

Courage for us is teaching children to be brave and have a go at things and we aim to do this through our curriculum where we encourage children to always try their best and try new things.

Resilience

We encourage the children to realise their mistakes as learning opportunities and encourage them to be strong when things do not go our way.



"Pupils are encouraged to be brave and determined when learning is difficult." **Ofsted 2023**

Our Christian Vision, alongside our three core values of Respect, Courage and Resilience, underpin everything we do within our school community.

Encompassing these values, we embrace each of the steps on the St. Michael's Journey to Success:

- We face new challenges and learn from our mistakes
- We are considerate, caring and polite
- We have pride in ourselves
- We do our best and never give up

We display this as a road sign.



Church Links

We are a Church of England Junior School and have strong links with St Michael's C of E Church, which is just a short walk away. We attend the local Church to celebrate events within the Christian calendar and ensure that the highest Christian values and ethos are maintained within the school. The Vicar holds Worship once a week with us and we attend workshops for different festivals throughout the year.

School Grounds

St. Michael's Junior School is fortunate to have extremely spacious grounds which we utilise at every opportunity. We have a large field with outdoor classroom, outdoor stage, allotment, a spiritual garden, a climbing wall and large play equipment.



Clubs

We run a variety of clubs both during lunchtimes and after school. These may include, choir, ukulele, drama, netball, cricket and art to name a few. These clubs encourage the children to try new things and are very popular.

Family Support Worker

At St. Michael's we are very lucky to have a Family Support Worker. Our Family Support Worker is here to offer support, advice, guidance and a listening ear to parents of the children at our school. Support can be offered for a wide range of issues such as: school attendance/lateness, school transition, behaviour management, confidence building and parenting concerns. Our Family Support Worker also works with children in school alongside our Emotional Literacy Support Assistants to ensure that children have the support they need to be successful in school.

Sport

At St. Michael's Junior School we think sport and fitness is incredibly important for children. We employ a qualified coach as part of the children's PE who also provides lunchtime activities for the children.

We regularly participate in matches and tournaments and, more recently, have entered teams into our local school Netball and Football Leagues.

Houses

We use four places in our local environment for our Houses and children can earn House Points for their learning which are collated together for the House Cup at the end of the Year. These are Blackwater, Rowhill, Manor and Brickfields.



"Pupils find their learning interesting, so they focus and behave well in lessons."

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