



Mission Statement

Courage to try, power to change

Vision

Our mission is to foster a school community where courage allows us to face challenges, kindness shapes our relationships, and resilience empowers us to overcome difficulty. We strive to collaborate with one another, embracing curiosity to continuously learn and grow. With respect as our foundation, we aim to create an environment that uplifts and inspires each individual to thrive, both personally and collectively.

Key Values

Respect—Our philosophy is to develop respect in our community. We aim for children to have respect for themselves, others, property and environment; in order to enable all individuals to progress within a community.

Resilience - We believe children who are resilient are flexible and adaptable and able to learn within an exciting and every changing society. We aim for all our children to develop resilience in their learning so that they successfully face setbacks, learn from them and move their learning forward as a result. We want them to have 'bouncebackability'.

Collaboration – Through collaboration we can learn more and achieve more together. We want our children to grow as learners and into adults who are able to adapt their skills and working and learning styles to match new and different contexts. By collaborating with others who work or think differently, we learn a new perspective and discover more. Working together children can learn from each other and take their learning on every day.

Kindness – We all need kindness and above all we want our children to recognise the power of kindness to build relationships, to interact positively with others and to support each other. 'Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around'. Leo F. Buscaglia

Curiosity – Children are curious as are all human beings. To be curious is to discover and move forward. It is a drive that has pushed humankind forward through the ages. Curious children discover, learn, invent, design and imagine. For the future that is unknown we want to build curiosity in our children to ensure they have a bright future with endless possibilities, limited only by their imaginations.

Courage – Courage allows children to take risks that are carefully considered but that may be a little scary. Courage allows our children to be open to challenge and know that learning can be hard but rewarding when we see how far accepting a challenge can take us in our learning and in our lives. Who knows what exciting adventures lie ahead for the individual who has the personal strength to do something that frightens them and reap the rewards?

Aims

We aim to:

- Teach children to respect their own and others' rights
- Teach children the importance of a healthy lifestyle
- Teach children how to stay safe
- Encourage adults and children to work and play together creatively
- Equip all children with the tools needed to take their learning as far as they can
- Provide parents with sufficient information and opportunities to help them support their children's learning and development
- Encourage and enable all children to do their best and to have respect for others in work and play
- Teach children about society in order to help create the good citizens of the future
- Teach children about different cultures and prepare them to live in a multi-cultural society
- Have high expectations of academic excellence whilst promoting the personal, moral, cultural and spiritual development of our pupils
- Raise awareness in our children of the choices they have available to them
- Encourage the children to have the courage to try new and challenging things in the knowledge that it is through doing this that they have the power to impact their own learning

Our Children

We want the children in our care to be:

Confident	Passionate about learning
Enthusiastic	Honest
Independent	Self-aware
Respectful	Team players
Happy	Motivated
Risk-takers who enjoy challenge	Problem-solvers
Creative	Inspired
Thinkers	Empathetic
Proactive	Listeners
Logical	Communicators
Organised	Tolerant
Resilient	Kind

We want the children in our care to have:

Knowledge	Good social skills
High self-esteem	Resilience
Aspiration	Awareness of their community; local, national and global.
A love of learning	Kindness
The Courage to Try	A positive attitude

Good Teachers

Through the Pupil Council the thoughts of the children in every class were gathered. We asked the children – ‘What makes a good teacher?’ Their replies are insightful and illustrate to us the joy of working with young children each and every day. They told us a good teacher:

- Is kind
- Is creative
- Has to know all their number bonds
- Loves learning
- Helps us to learn
- Makes lessons fun
- Encourages good behaviour
- Looks after us
- Has good handwriting
- Is exciting
- Listens
- Plays every day
- Has our respect
- Uses the class rainbow
- Makes learning interesting
- Is respectful
- Is funny
- Makes learning interesting
- Is helpful
- Is aspirational for us
- Keeps us safe
- Is caring
- Works hard
- Challenges us
- Is good at explaining
- Takes time to talk to us
- Lets us work things out independently
- Is happy and friendly.