



# St. Bartholomew's CE Primary School

## Our Spirituality Statement

*'Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly'*



As a proud Church school, we are rooted in love. At St Bartholomew's, Spirituality is defined as a personal experience that enables us to wonder at, reflect on and have deeper connections with others and the world. Overall, recognising and connecting with something that is bigger than us. As spiritual learners we are 'looking in, looking out and looking up' which awakens us to the energy of life and leaves our body and soul in awe and wonder.

**This statement was created collaboratively by all groups of staff and updated in January 2024.**

<p><b>A spiritual learner at St. Bartholomew's is:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sparkly eyed</li> <li>- Reflective</li> <li>- Thinks beyond themselves and acts as an agent of change</li> <li>- Has a sense of enjoyment and fasciation in learning about themselves, others and the world around them</li> <li>- Kind hearted and broad minded</li> <li>- They wonder about life's wows and ows (things that are amazing and things that are challenging)</li> <li>- Resilient</li> <li>- Imaginative and creative in their learning</li> <li>- Curious and explores life's big questions and considers possible answers</li> <li>- Is beginning to use the shared language of 'looking in, looking out and looking up' to verbalise their spiritual experiences</li> <li>- Respectful of others spiritual moments</li> </ul>	<p><b>Spiritual learners at St. Bartholomew's will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop a spiritual self in their most beautiful and powerful form</li> <li>- Begin to use the language of 'Looking in, looking up and looking out' to verbalise their spiritual experiences</li> </ul>	<p><b>As a school we will facilitate spirituality for all by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Singing</li> <li>- Structured mindfulness</li> <li>- Providing regular experiences in the natural world</li> <li>- Collective worship participants, including leading worship</li> <li>- Prayer lines and boxes</li> <li>- Weekly awe and wonder collective worships</li> <li>- Providing openings for spiritual development nurturing good relationships with self, others, creation and the transcendent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looking inwards to reflect and nurture self-love and wholeness</li> <li>- Looking out to respond with love to the experiences of others and developing courageous advocacy</li> <li>- Looking up to wonder at God or things 'bigger than us' nurturing curiosity</li> </ul> </li> <li>Through the whole curriculum</li> <li>- Providing a responsive curriculum that meets the needs for every individual in our school family</li> <li>- A broad, balanced, enriched curriculum</li> <li>- Time is given for planned and spontaneous spiritual moments</li> <li>- ELSA / Nurture and Forest School</li> </ul>
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**If this takes place we will see:**  
Children flourishing as respectful and compassionate citizens who seek to positively contribute to our local community and the world beyond. Our children will actively demonstrate our Christian values which are rooted in love. These are hope, aspiration, respect, trust, forgiveness, compassion and courage. They will have 'Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly'.