



A journey  
in faith,  
arriving  
with hope.



St Thomas' CE Junior and  
Infant School

# Love - Hope - Peace - Joy



As a Church of England primary school we strive to work in partnership with St Thomas' Church and community. Christian values are at the heart of everything that we do. We nurture a sense of self-belief, mutual respect and belonging.





# A Very Warm Welcome...

...to St Thomas' Church of England Junior and Infant School. We hope your 7 years here will be a happy and rewarding time of learning for both pupils and parents.

Here at St Thomas' we provide a happy, secure and stimulating environment where children are motivated to learn and explore, are valued as individuals and encouraged and supported to reach their full potential.

Don't just take our word for it – come and see for yourselves. We would be delighted to show you around.



**Mrs Joanne Woods**  
Headteacher



# School Aims & Ethos

## **Our aims are to:**

- Provide a safe, secure, encouraging and happy environment.
- Ensure every child feels valued and is able to grow in confidence and self-esteem.
- Enable every child to reach their full potential.
- Promote Christian beliefs, values and attitudes within the Anglican tradition and provide opportunities to learn about and demonstrate care and concern for others.
- Promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development so that every child is able to make responsible decisions, reflect on their personal beliefs and have a sense of wonder, awe and curiosity.
- Provide a broad, balanced and relevant programme of learning which is enriched by ICT.
- Develop open, enquiring, creative and imaginative minds so that every child is able to make connections, ask questions, discuss and evaluate.
- Develop an awareness and understanding of individual and cultural differences in our own society and across the world.
- Raise children's awareness of the need for a healthy lifestyle and give them the knowledge and understanding to make healthy choices in daily life.
- Provide the foundations for life-long learning.
- Include and support parents and carers in all aspects of their child's learning.



*Today's children,  
tomorrow's  
future.*



# Help along the way

Our pupils are well cared for by staff for whom the welfare, progress and well-being of pupils are their top priority.

The warmth and quality of the relationships between pupils and teachers at St Thomas' is one of its most noticeable features, as successive inspections have clearly acknowledged.

## Ensuring all children reach their potential

At St Thomas' we pride ourselves on the fact that we guide and support all our pupils to reach their true potential. Our children are encouraged to aim high as they focus on their aspirations for the future.



## Early Years

We have a purpose built, stimulating Early Years learning environment at St Thomas'. Our outdoor, shuttered area enables the children to access outdoor learning all year round.

Children engage with daily activities to develop their reading, writing, maths, creativity, physical development and social and emotional development.

*“Outstanding all areas”*

(Siams 2015)



## Our Curriculum

The core subjects of reading, writing and maths are firmly embedded and developed from the moment children join us in Reception. Throughout the school key skills in each year group are taught by knowledgeable, enthusiastic staff. Pupils are given frequent opportunities to apply the skills they are taught to all areas of their learning.

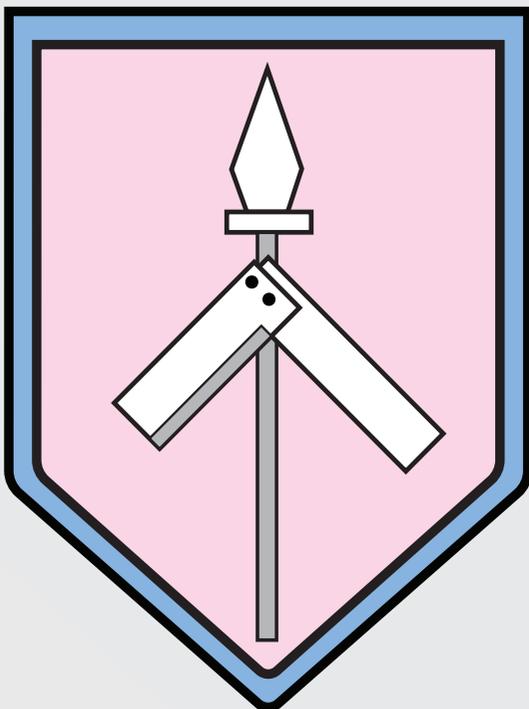
Our Challenge Curriculum for all the foundation subjects stimulates and engages the children through a key question at the start of every topic. This creative approach makes learning child-led, purposeful and enjoyable. As a Church of England school we follow the Liverpool Diocese framework for Religious Education.

## Learning outside the classroom

At St Thomas' we believe that learning takes many different forms and in a variety of locations. We are fully committed to providing a broad range of learning challenges away from the classroom. Whether it's den building on the school field, using natural resources for art projects, or solving maths problems involving position and direction, our school environment will stimulate all learners.

We enrich the children's experiences through a variety of visits. These include cultural experiences, exploring the many landscapes the country has to offer, plus action packed residential visits.

‘At the heart of our Christian school is the child’



At St Thomas' we believe everyone has the right to a fully inclusive, first class education.



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## A school of academic excellence

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*“This is a fabulous school. The staff really care for and value my child. I can't believe some of the fantastic experiences she has had; I wish my school had been like this! I'm so glad we chose this school for our daughter, I can't recommend it highly enough”*

Parent 2017