

Building a firm foundation on the Christian values of the Trinity is central to our happy school community at Barlaston. The children are encouraged to let their light shine and are helped to discover who God is and who they are In Christ Jesus.

Our Vision is to ensure our children are happy and confident learners, nurtured in our caring environment and equipped with academic and life skills. Children who are confident to make mistakes and learn from these, to respect others and to grow in our school Christian family knowing they are respected, cared for and valued each and every day.

### Our Mission Statement

“This school is a place of learning friendship and fun, in a context of Christian values and ethos. Where each person is uniquely valued and their gifts and potential nurtured and developed.”

God is with us. God is for us and nothing is impossible when God is at the centre of our lives.

Our six main values are the life blood of our school, displayed in every classroom and are regularly taught in assembly and classtime.

#### TRUST

John 14:1 (Jesus' words to his disciples)  
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God; trust also in me.'

#### HONESTY

Proverbs 21:21

Be kind and honest

#### THANKFULNESS

Psalm 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

#### PEACE

John 14:27 (Jesus said)

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

## FORGIVENESS

Matthew 6:14

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

## FRIENDSHIP

John 15: 13-14 (Jesus' words at the Last Supper)  
'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.'

Each child is given a Bible in Reception and encouraged to read and appreciate its life giving message.

Jesus said '**Love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

Therefore the worship of God is paramount in our daily lives and as such worship is of great value in our school . Daily assemblies focus on the greatness of God, the development of a prayerful life is given high priority. Every class visits our local church, St John the Baptist, every month as well as taking part in services at Christmas, Easter and at the beginning and end of the school year. We have visits from our Bishop, Vicar and other Christian speakers.

We have a school choir and run an additional Christian club to enable the children to further explore the Christian faith.

The children are taught the importance of respecting all faiths and through links with charities are taught to understand and put into practice the second greatest commandments. '**Love** your neighbour as yourself.'

Our prayer for each child as they leave our school is that they will understand the greatness of Christ's love and how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is.

