



Romsey Abbey Church of England Primary School

Our Christian Vision and Values

Our School Values:

*Walking in the footsteps of Jesus with
Love, Trust and Forgiveness*



Children Flourish

Romsey Abbey Church of England Primary School will be a distinctive community, deeply rooted in Christian values, whose culture has limitless ambition, professionalism, engagement and caring at its heart. Staff, parents and governors will work together closely to give every child the best possible education and life chances. The school will make a positive contribution to the local community and beyond.

“Life in all its fullness” John 10:10



Love

Unique and Special: As a school, we believe that everyone is special and **“fearfully and wonderfully made”** by God and loved by Him. (Psalm 139:14). We believe there is great encouragement and hope to be found in God’s love and we look to the perfect example of love as we

seek to **“grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ”** (Ephesians 3:18) and trust the promise that, **“His love endures forever”** (Psalm 136).

School Family: We want children and adults to learn what it means to live out Jesus’s command to **“Love your neighbour as yourself”** (Mark 12:31)

Putting Others First: We see our school as a team and as a family where we each, **“in humility value others above ourselves, not looking to our own interests but each of us to the interests of the others.”** (Philippians 2:3-4)

Courageous and committed: We believe Love is a strong and courageous word, exemplified perfectly by Jesus and defined as follows by the Apostle Paul: **“Love is patient; love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres”** (1 Corinthians 13:4). We choose to love each other, we reach out to and advocate for those who need our help, we encourage and support each other, we rejoice in others’ success and seek to make a positive contribution to the local community and beyond.

Love in Action:

- Habits of Mind in the Curriculum: Empathy, Resilience, Collaboration
- Our daily shared language of High Expectations, Deep Empathy:
“We show love by...” *“We choose to love each other by...”*
“What does Love look like?” *“You are loved”*
- School Rules: Ready, **Respectful**, Safe
- Courageous Advocate Award and lunchtime/break time behaviour
- Support for local, national and global charities (inc. Romsey Young Carers, Christian Aid and MAF) and relevant causes.
- Buddy Bus Stop and Y6 Buddy System, Eco Warriors and School Council
- Anti-bullying week, policy and ongoing work, Interfaith Week and RE curriculum, Jigsaw PSHE
- Daily Collective Worship and Weekly Celebration Collective Worship



Trust

Firm Foundations: The teachings of Jesus provide a strong foundation upon which to build everything else. We are a school built on the rock of Jesus's words and we seek to give every child and adult those firm foundations to build upon too.

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock” (Matthew 7:24-29).

Faithful God: The big story of the Bible is all about God's faithfulness and we explore the countless stories of God faithfully leading His people through various challenges. In an ever-changing world full of hurdles and challenges, there is a faithful God who can be trusted: *“The Lord's my shepherd, I lack nothing...he guides me along the right paths”* (Psalm 23).

Building Trust: We believe trust is something we build by our words and actions each and every day. We want the children to be builders of trust in the classroom, in their friendships and in their responsibilities. We also prioritise cultivating relationships between adults and children built on trust by focusing on *“whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—(we) think about such things”* (Philippians 4). Truth matters when building trust and we always strive for honesty, authenticity and sincerity. Varied and intentional opportunities to grow in responsibility reflect a culture of fruitful trust.

Trust in Action:

- Habits of Mind in the Curriculum: Reflection, Empathy, Self-Management, Collaboration and Resilience
- Our daily shared language of High Expectations, Deep Empathy:
“I trust you to...” “Can I trust you to...”
“You can trust that the adults will...” “How can we build trust?”
- School Rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**
- Behaviour Policy and restorative conversations
- Eco Warriors, School Council, Year 6 responsibilities, Sports Ambassadors, Junior Road Safety Officers, Buddy Bus Stop, Y6 Buddies, Collective Worship Team
- Child-led services at Romsey Abbey and in Collective Worship
- Daily Collective Worship and Weekly Celebration Collective Worship



Forgiveness

We Choose Forgiveness: Forgiveness is not always easy but as a school Forgiveness is a deliberate choice we make in our relationships with each other. Jesus prayed, *“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”* (Matthew 6:12). We recognise we have been forgiven much and so we extend that forgiveness and grace to others. We invest time in repairing and rebuilding relationships and forgiveness paves the way to this.

Celebrating Differences and Disagreeing Well: We take great delight in how we are all different, with different ideas, opinions, preferences, hopes, dreams, fears, interests, skills, attitudes and experiences. We celebrate and respect those differences and teach children the importance of disagreeing well, respecting others' perspectives and empathically putting ourselves in others' shoes. *“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you”* (Colossians 3:13).

Restoration and Compassion: Forgiveness is a strength not a weakness. It brings peace, transforms relationships and protects us from bitterness and resentment. The Bible commands us to, *“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you”* (Ephesians 4:31-32). We devote much time to the emotional and spiritual development of our pupils so that understanding, empathy and love shape our responses and attitudes to each other.

Forgiveness in Action:

- Habits of Mind in the Curriculum: Reflection, Empathy, Curiosity and Collaboration
- Our daily shared language of High Expectations, Deep Empathy:
“Forgiveness is really important because...” “What does forgiveness look like?”
“I forgive you” “Forgiveness is powerful”
- School Rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**
- Behaviour Policy and restorative conversations – we say sorry and show we mean it
- Jigsaw PSHE curriculum– Celebrating Difference, Relationships, Being me in my World
- Daily Collective Worship and Weekly Celebration Collective Worship
- Debates and Discussions – we disagree well
- Emotion Coaching, Zones of Regulation, ELSA, Social Thinking
- We show empathy – We understand and care how others feel