

# **Vision and Values**

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Our Theologically Rooted Christian Vision

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." – Matthew 13:31-32

Inspired by the parable of the mustard seed, we believe that even the smallest act of faith and kindness can grow into something great. Just as the mustard seed flourishes into a sheltering tree, we nurture our children so they may thrive and support others. Rooted in our Christian values of Truth, Love, and Forgiveness, we teach that honesty reflects God's truth, love mirrors His unconditional care, and forgiveness embodies His grace. Together, we plant the seeds of faith and through learning and community empower our children and staff to grow in wisdom and strength, becoming beacons of hope and service in the world.

We believe that, as we learn to be more like Jesus, all within our school community will flourish spiritually, socially, academically and achieve their full potential. Each individual will grow in mind, body and spirit, aided by the wider community and through the teachings of our Christian values. We create a loving environment, in which everyone can become the person God has created them to be, growing in wisdom, knowledge and skills and becoming life-long learners.

We live out our vision through our values

**Rooted in Truth** – In John 14:6, Jesus declares, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Inspired by this, we cultivate a culture of honesty, integrity, and wisdom. Just as the mustard seed grows with firm roots, we guide our children to seek knowledge, discern right from wrong, and stand steadfast in God's truth.

#### What truth might look like in our school:

Children: Being eager to learn and curious to uncover the truth wherever it lies. They speak the truth courageously.

**Staff**: Encouraging open discussions about right and wrong, teaching children to seek wisdom in decision-making, and being transparent in communication with children and parents.

**Whole School**: Teaching critical thinking and encouraging children to stand up for what is right, even in challenging situations, like defending a friend from unfair treatment.





**Flourishing in Forgiveness** – Jesus teaches in Matthew 18:21-22 to forgive "seventy times seven", reminding us that forgiveness is limitless. Like the mustard tree offering shelter to all, we nurture an environment where mistakes become opportunities for growth, grace is given freely, and reconciliation strengthens our community.

## What forgiveness might look like in our school:

**Children**: Saying "sorry" with sincerity and being willing to move forward after conflicts, such as after a playground disagreement.

**Staff:** Modelling forgiveness by responding to mistakes with kindness and encouraging children to resolve conflicts peacefully.

**Whole School**: Embedding a culture where children reflect on their actions, make amends, and learn from their experiences rather than being punished harshly.

**Growing in Love** – Christ's love is the foundation of our school, reflecting His greatest commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). We encourage each child to develop kindness, empathy, and deep respect, ensuring every member of our community is valued, supported, and empowered to share God's love with the world.

## What love might look like in our school:

**Children**: Including others in games at playtime, looking out for peers who may feel lonely, and offering encouragement to classmates struggling with their work.

**Staff**: Creating a nurturing classroom environment where every child feels safe, valued, and supported in their learning and personal growth.

**Whole School**: Supporting local and global charities through fundraising and showing compassion beyond the school gates.

# **Child-friendly version**

# **Our School Vision: Growing Hearts, Minds and Faith**

In the Bible, Jesus tells a story about a tiny mustard seed that grows into a big tree where birds come to rest. We believe we are like that seed – the small things we do like being kind, telling the truth and forgiving others can grow into something amazing!

#### At our school:

- We tell the truth, even when it's hard, asking questions and standing up for what's right.
- We forgive, because everyone makes mistakes and we can learn from mistakes.
- We show love by being kind, helping others and including everyone.

We want everyone – children and adults – to grow in body, mind and spirit. With the help of God, our friends, teachers and families, we try to be more like Jesus every day, so we can become the people God created us to be, learning to make a difference in the world.

