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1 Corinthians 16:14



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME:

Choosing the right school for your son or daughter is an enormous decision and responsibility for parents and carers. We hope that our prospectus will support you in this process and also give you a flavour of why you should consider choosing St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School.

We look forward to meeting you!

HEADTEACHER'S INTRODUCTION:

On behalf of everyone at St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School I am very pleased to welcome you to our thriving school community. We aim to provide a high quality education, where every child has the opportunity to realise and reach their full potential in all aspects of their academic, social, emotional and spiritual development within a caring, Christian community. This is captured in our mission statement: "A Christian community where children are known by name and loved, which empowers them to learn and to grow in faith, knowledge and fellowship."

As a primary school we understand the importance of establishing a positive start and supporting the transition process. From beginning in Early Years Foundation Stage, into exploring Key Stage 1 and developing further in Key Stage 2, we aim to make your child's educational journey as seamless as possible and continuing to build upon their many positive experiences already encountered both in and out of school. Ultimately we are looking to develop a proactive partnership between home and school with your child's best interests at the heart of our decision making. We strive to provide positive experiences and a broad and balanced curriculum allowing children to take risks, rise to challenges, and develop independence and a love of learning. At St Thomas' Primary School we believe that the education of your child is most effective when we work in close partnership based on mutual respect and understanding.

All of the staff at our inclusive school are committed to working with you and your child to help them achieve their full potential as a member of our caring Christian community, where everyone is valued and respected. We also hope, with your support, that they can demonstrate these attributes in our local community and society in general.



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Children enjoy coming to our school because they are welcomed into a happy and safe environment. They are well taught and form positive relationships with their teachers, other adults and friends. Our school is calm, purposeful and well organised; behaviour is based on our belief in the principles of Character Education and the teaching of Christian values.

We hope this prospectus will inform you of the school aims, organisation, activities, expectations and achievements. It is however, by its nature, a précis of our school. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school so that we can arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

We are always happy to show visitors around our school, to see the school in action and meet our wonderful children!

Mr Dean Moran
Headteacher



"Pupils behave well.
In lessons, pupils listen
carefully and are quick to
settle to work."

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OUR VALUES:

"Pupils enjoy attending this welcoming school. Pupils work hard and want to achieve the best they can, so they reach the high expectations staff have of them."

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Respect
Responsibility
Honesty
Trustworthiness
Fairness
Caring
Forgiveness

OUR CURRICULUM:

The emphasis throughout our curriculum is on developing skills, knowledge and understanding alongside well sequenced personalised learning. We aim to use meaningful and authentic contexts wherever possible supported, where appropriate, by accurate use of our extensive computing and technology provision. Teachers plan carefully to inspire and challenge the children, to reflect the issues of the local community and to enhance their understanding of the wider world around them.

"The curriculum is ambitious for all pupils. Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) learn the same curriculum as their peers. Where changes are needed for pupils with SEND, the curriculum is adapted appropriately."

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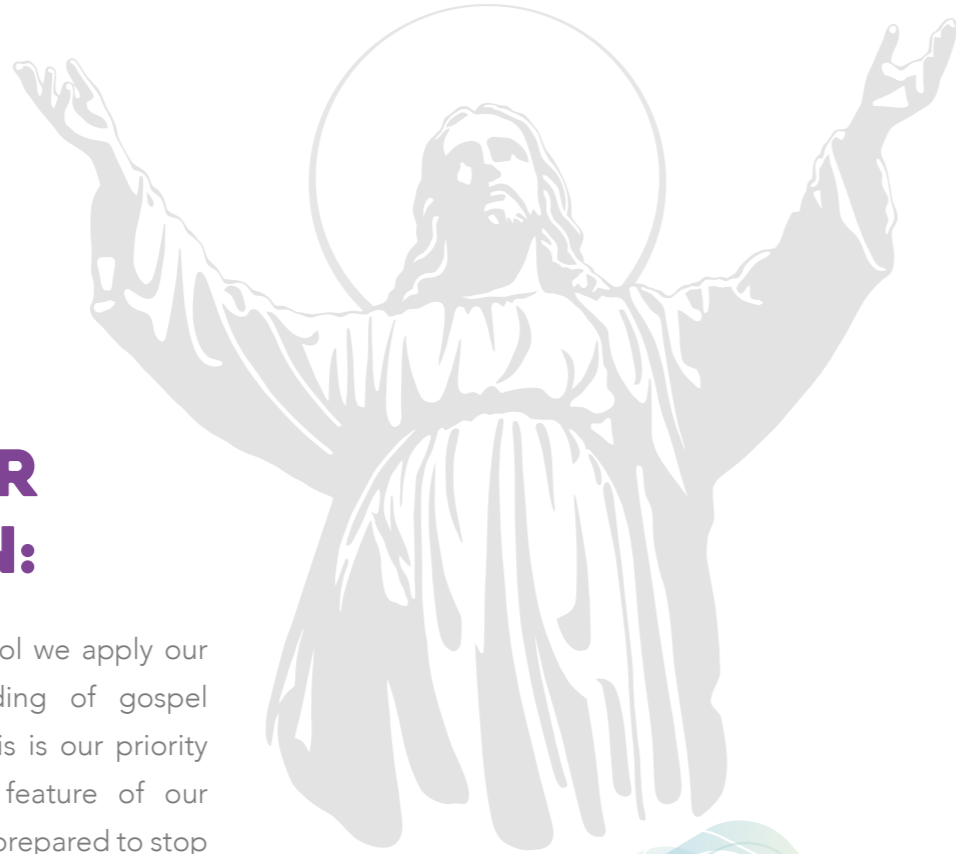


"The school has a very strong sense of being a worshipping and welcoming Christian community, with prayer an important part of school life."

SIAMS REPORT

CHARACTER EDUCATION:

At St. Thomas' Primary School we apply our knowledge and understanding of gospel values to every situation. This is our priority and a uniquely distinctive feature of our school. Therefore, we will be prepared to stop what we are doing to learn about Christian character...this is really authentic Character Education!



"Pupils are happy and safe."

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"There are many opportunities for pupils to take part in a range of different experiences outside the curriculum. These help provide pupils with many memorable moments and help pupils to learn more about the curriculum."

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"The distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church of England school are outstanding. The Christian ethos is palpable through the friendly, caring atmosphere and is reflected by the positive attitudes of all pupils and staff."

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