

SMSC and British Values

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education), the SMSC curriculum at St John and St Francis Church School is embedded into each curriculum area and is covered through extra activities such as school trips and clubs as well as discrete lessons. The aim of the SMSC curriculum is to prepare each child for life in modern Britain.

Spiritual Education

St John and St Francis is a Church of England Primary school with strong community links to the Church of St Francis and The Salvation Army. The RE curriculum covers a range of faiths whilst at the same time celebrating the distinctly Christian ethos of the school. Spirituality is mainly explored through assembly themes and RE lessons. Children have a sense of enjoyment in their learning, which is achieved through class and whole school routines such as class assemblies, which the children lead themselves; celebration of successes and achievements (both in and out of school) which are shared with their peers; and acknowledgement and praise for improving and continuing effort which we celebrate through certificates and other rewards.

Moral Education

The children at St John and St Francis Church School have a strong understanding of right and wrong. This is reinforced through the Golden Time behaviour system and our Flock Code.

They show an interest in offering views about moral and ethical issues, particularly evident through our School Council. Children are given an understanding of how a democracy works through the School Council system. The School is divided into 4 teams, each team has a Captain and Vice-Captain and children are awarded points for their house to reward good behaviour and achievement.

Social Education

The school is at the heart of a supportive, social community. Children are encouraged to use a range of social skills in different contexts, through the provision of numerous clubs, fairs, disco, events, trips and inter-school events for sports. We are proud that all children integrate and play well together. The playground is well equipped to support cooperative play.

Cultural Education

Our children participate in an impressive range of artistic, musical, sporting and cultural opportunities. Their achievement within these areas is celebrated weekly during a whole class assembly during which trophies, awards and certificates are shown and discussed. We have a qualified PE teacher who provides PE lessons for the children, staff development and also offers a wide range of after school clubs.

British Values

At St John and St Francis Church School, we actively promote the fundamental British values of:

Democracy

Children show knowledge of Britain's democratic parliamentary system through the School Council, visits to The Houses of Parliament in Year 6, History curriculum and Golden Time behaviour system.

Rule of Law

Children are taught the difference between right and wrong through Golden Time, Team Points and initiatives such as stickers, certificates and awards.

Individual Liberty

Within School, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example throughout E-Safety and PSHE / SMSC discrete lessons.

Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is at the heart of our school ethos. Children learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. At St John and St Francis Church School, we reinforce the understanding that we are all equal with different qualities, backgrounds, interests and personalities. We celebrate personal achievements and interests.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

St John and St Francis Church School is situated in an area which has a growing cultural diversity. Therefore we place a great emphasis on celebrating diversity with the children. Our RE, PSHE and SMSC teaching reinforce this. Pupils are encouraged to share their knowledge of different faiths and interests with each other through leading Class Assemblies. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.