How can I find out more about how Christianity and Religious Education is taught at Dunnington?

Please talk to your child and ask them about Collective Worship, RE lessons and the daily prayers that they say in school. Also, look at the school website where you can find the RE curriculum and policies related to Spirituality, RE and Collective Worship.

How do our links with the church support our school community?

HEART OF ENGLAND PARISHES

Our school has close links with St Matthew's church.

- Members of the clergy and the church community visit regularly to support and lead collective worship.
- We also celebrate many occasions together, including Harvest Festival, Christmas, Easter and the Year 6 Leavers' service
- The Family Link leader from St Matthew's also leads the 'Leading Learners Christian Club' once a week during lunchtimes throughout the year
- Our Foundation Governor worships at St Matthews and works closely with our RE subject leader on the development of Christianity within the school
- During the Autumn and Spring terms, we welcome members of the Heart of England Parishes who visit us to share 'Open the Book' assemblies. Open the Book is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a fun, interactive and memorable way.

DUNNINGTON SCHOOL

Our Christian Vision



Information for Parents

Our Christian Vision

'Encourage one another and build each other up' 1, Thessalonians 5: 11

Our Vision is to place the child at the heart of everything we do. It is to work together, where everyone encourages each other to be a partner in learning.
We aim to provide a safe, happy, caring and stimulating community, where every child is given the opportunity to reach their true potential and to celebrate their successes.
Within our learning environment, children will:

- develop a thirst for knowledge, they will be encouraged to raise questions and develop their thinking and learning skills.
- develop physically, emotionally and spiritually, ensuring they are equipped for the ever-changing and demanding world in which we live.

In our school we will:

- respect each other's beliefs
- care for each other and the environment
- connect with the wider community

In learning and teaching, we will set high standards and aspire for excellence in everything we do, ensuring that our curriculum is relevant and purposeful. We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where all children are challenged in their thinking, discover their talents, achieve to the best of their abilities and become motivated and resilient life-long learners.

What is a Christian Vision?

Christianity is at the heart of life in Dunnington CofE Primary School, providing the vision, ethos and values that ensure children thrive in an inclusive learning environment.

Our Christian distinctiveness is what makes our school special and therefore, our development of spirituality and Christian teaching reflects our vision for pupils to flourish as valued members of the world community, as educated citizens and as part of God's creation.

Our Christian Values

We care, We believe, We succeed – TOGETHER!

Pupils, parents, staff and governors worked together as a whole school community to develop and refine our Christian Values and they are rooted in every part of school life from our Collective Worship , throughout our curriculum and in our celebrations of achievements.

Links to the Bible

'Encourage one another and build each other up' 1, Thessalonians 5: 11 underpins our Christian Values and our Christian Vision. This verse commands Christians to encourage and lift up fellow followers of Jesus. The church of Thessalonians was already doing this a Paul reminds them to *not stop*, but keep on encouraging one another.
Our half termly themes for Collective Worship focus on parables or bible stories that illustrate the theological concepts of the Diocese of Coventry of which we are a part.