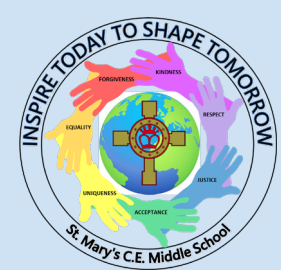


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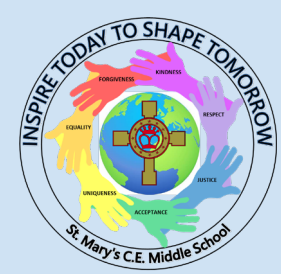
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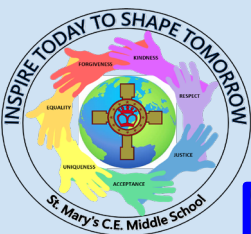


Interestingly, the land on which the school was built is owned by the Church of England.

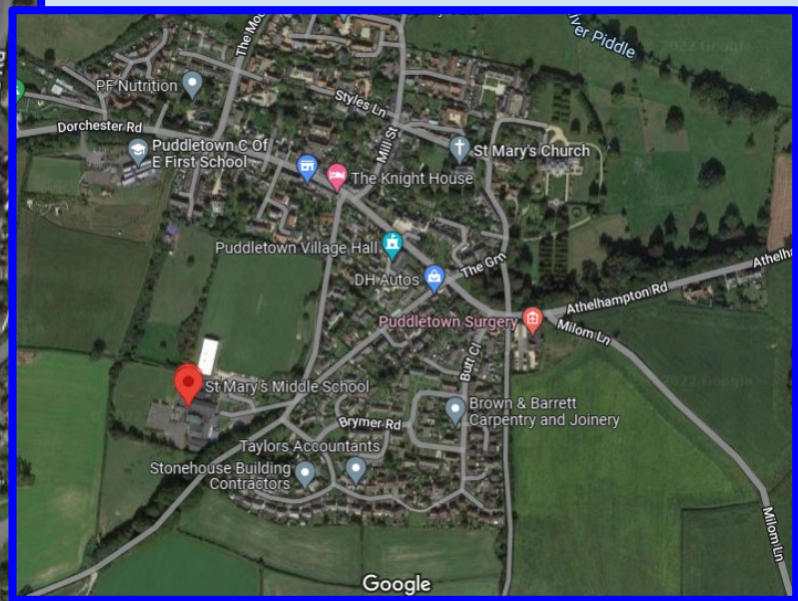
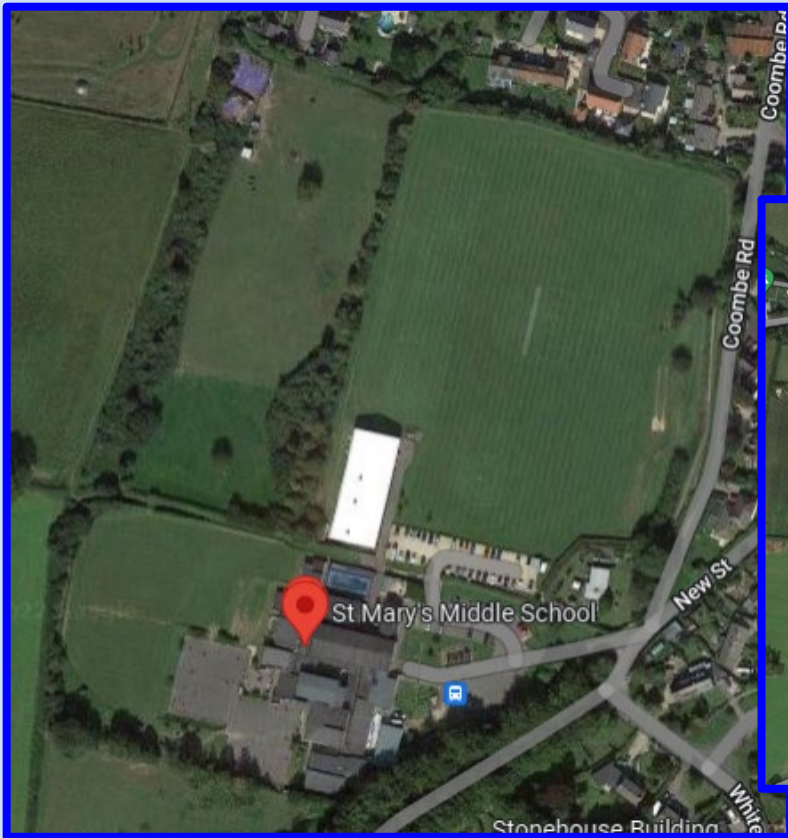
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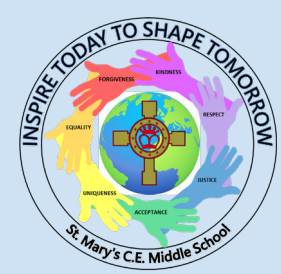
The school has close links with Puddletown's church, St Mary's.





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Our main focus is the children.

The school is inclusive and, irrespective of background, the aim is to provide an excellent education in an environment where they can thrive.

This includes through both learning in lessons and enrichment experiences.



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## What is a Church of England School?

Robert Raikes, a publisher in the 1780s, promoted the idea of providing education to working children.

With children working in factories six days a week, the best available time was on Sundays, and, within decades, attending Sunday School had become a common aspect of childhood.

They were taught literacy, as well as a knowledge of the Bible and the Christian faith.





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## What is a Church of England School?

The Church of England became involved in week day schooling with the building of '**National Schools**' that educated children during the week as well as on Sundays.

By 1813, in just two years, they had built 30 schools and it was largely due to this initiative that **Parliament** established a **universal** right to education for all children.





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## What is a Church of England School?

Schools were to offer education based on the teachings of the Church of England, with the belief that **moral** and **spiritual** education was as important to children as learning skills or a trade.

There are now 4,600 Church of England schools in the country.



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St Mary's is in the \*Diocese of Salisbury.

\* a district under the pastoral care of a bishop in the Christian Church.

The school is visited by members of the diocese periodically and inspections take place (SIAMs - Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools). The Salisbury Diocese website gives detailed information on the meaning of, and provision for, church schools.

We visit St Mary's Church to celebrate Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.



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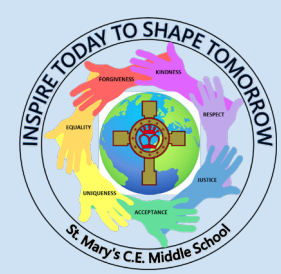
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The vision statement for St Mary's is, '**Inspire today to shape tomorrow.**'

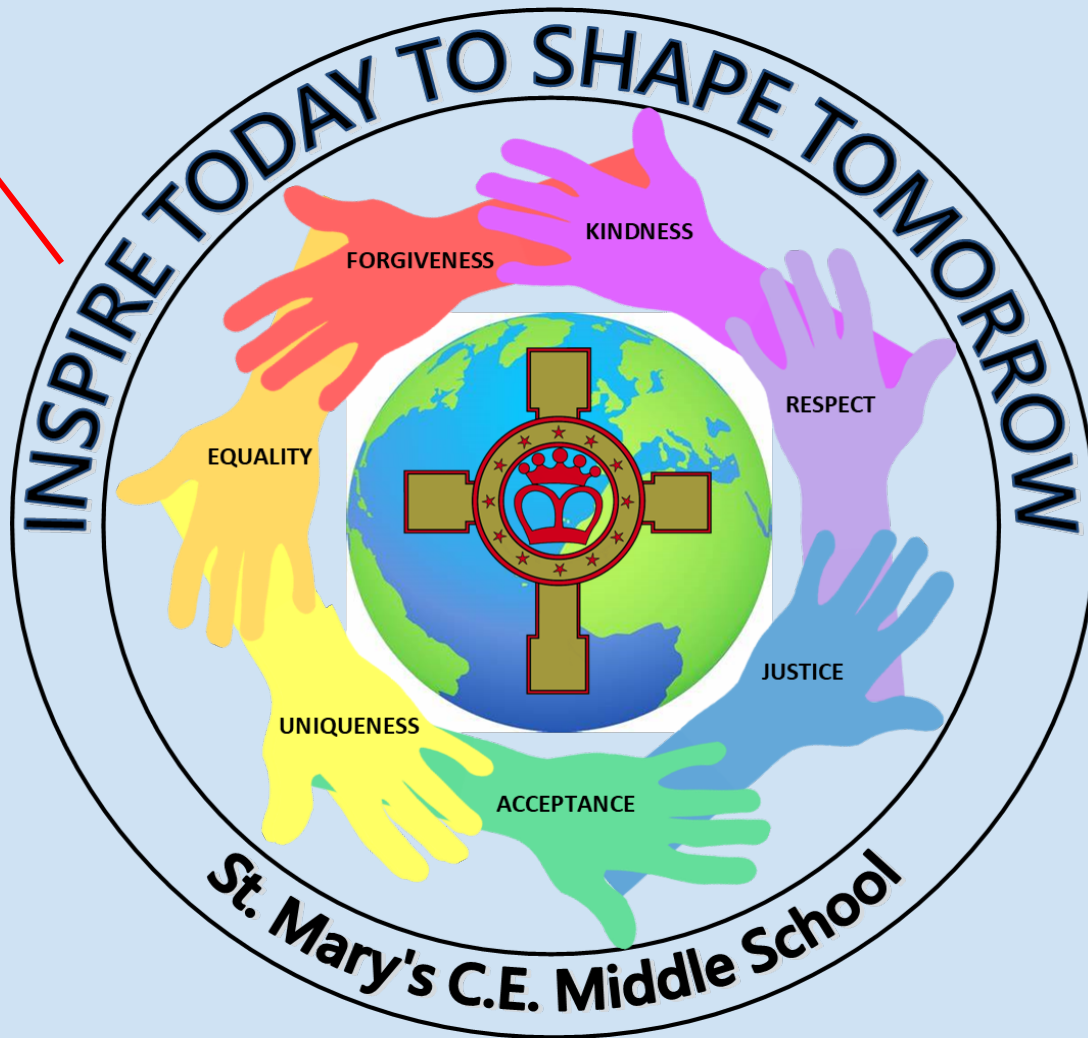
This is at the heart of everything we do in the school.

The vision is then underpinned by the 7 values of Respect, Acceptance, Forgiveness, Justice, Uniqueness, Equality and Kindness.



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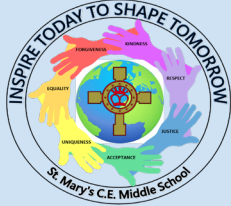
Our **vision.**



Justice,  
Uniqueness,  
Kindness,  
Equality,  
Respect,  
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Forgiveness  
Our **values.**



# Our school bible quote



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Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you and you will know what is good and pleasing to God.’

**Romans 12:2**

The bible quote is the anchor for the school’s vision and values statements.



It basically means:

Are you living your best life? Shifting your patterns and focus can change your life.

That's what this verse is about—renewing your mind, changing the way you think to create a better life for yourself and a life that honours God.



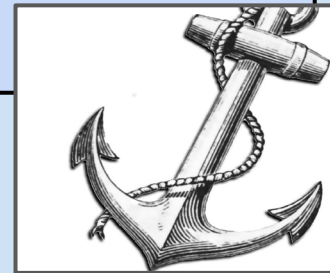
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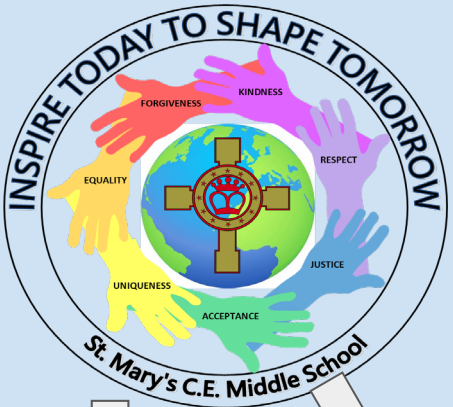
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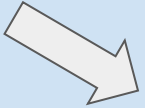
# Our values and Bible quotes

<b>Uniqueness</b>	'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139)
<b>Justice</b>	Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly. (Leviticus 19: 15)
<b>Kindness &amp; Forgiveness</b>	Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)
<b>Respect</b>	You shall love your neighbour as yourself. (Matthew 22:39)
<b>Acceptance</b>	Do not mistreat foreigners living in your country. Treat them just as you would treat your own citizens. (Leviticus 19:33)
<b>Equality</b>	There is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free people, between men and women; you are all one in union with Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)





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Here is an example of how one of our values is embedded in our curriculum.



# Uniqueness

**In P.E.** we appreciate that everyone can perform in their own way.

**PSHE:** We look at **diversity** - how everyone has a right to their own beliefs.

For example, in Year 6 we look at the 9 areas of diversity

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**In drama** work, we are able to show our own way of performing.

**In tutor discussions,** we are able to politely give our own ideas

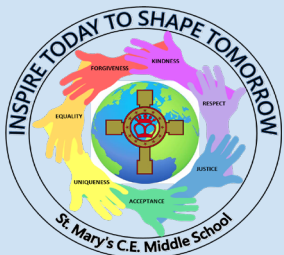
**In creative writing,** we are able to give our own ideas.



# Collective Worship

Collective Worship is where the pupils come together, either as one in the hall (twice a week), or in their tutor groups (on the other days). In Collective Worship, we follow weekly themes and look at how these link to our school vision and values.

We explore these themes through bible stories and scripture, as well as using examples from history and modern day life.



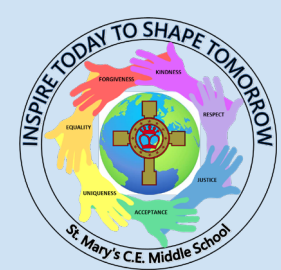
# Faith and spirituality

While some children and their families will be practising Christians, others will have different beliefs. Our Collective Worship, and the work we do as a church school, is inclusive and inspirational for everyone in our school community.

Some pupils will then follow a faith (eg. Christianity), but all can explore their spirituality. Spirituality could, for example, be felt when on a walk amongst nature, experiencing a beautiful poem, or piece of art. Such experiences can be planned for in school, or when involved in enrichment away from the school.

\*Spirituality involves the recognition of a feeling or sense or belief that there is something greater than myself, something more to being human than what we can feel through our senses.



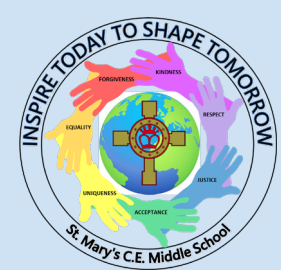


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# Spirituality





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The way we conduct ourselves in the school

Visiting speakers

PSHE

Enrichment

A church school

Tutor group time

Collective Worship

Lessons, curriculum time

The local church and the diocese