



St John's CofE Primary School

Church Distinctiveness

A photograph of a church building with a dark roof and light-colored stone walls. The church has several arched windows. In the foreground, there are pink cherry blossoms on tree branches, partially obscuring the view of the church. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

Sharing joy and hope in the community.

Our unique vision and core Christian values, carefully chosen by our school community, underpin all that we do at St John's.

Our values are like a golden thread that runs through all areas of school life.



Celebrating and worshipping at St John the Baptist Church.

Harvest

Easter

Christmas - Nativity

Leaver's Service



Daily acts of Collective Worship.

Celebrating

Singing

Learning stories from the Bible

Thinking about our school values

Open the Book



Pupil Chaplains

In January 2020, we were delighted to select our very first group of Pupil Chaplains. The group received training and then attended a commissioning service in which they promised to *“care for people and to live and tell stories of God’s love”*. St John’s was the first Church of England school in the country to commission Pupil Chaplains.



Pupil Chaplains

Every year, since 2020, a group of our Year 5 pupils are chosen, trained and commissioned as Pupil Chaplains.

Each week they meet with our School Chaplain, Helena, to discuss themes from the Bible and learn how to lead aspects of Collective Worship.



We provide sequenced learning about a range of religions and worldviews, fostering respect for others.

RE Yearly Long-Term Plan for St. John's CE Primary School 2025 - 2026



Units from 'Understanding Christianity' and RE Today.

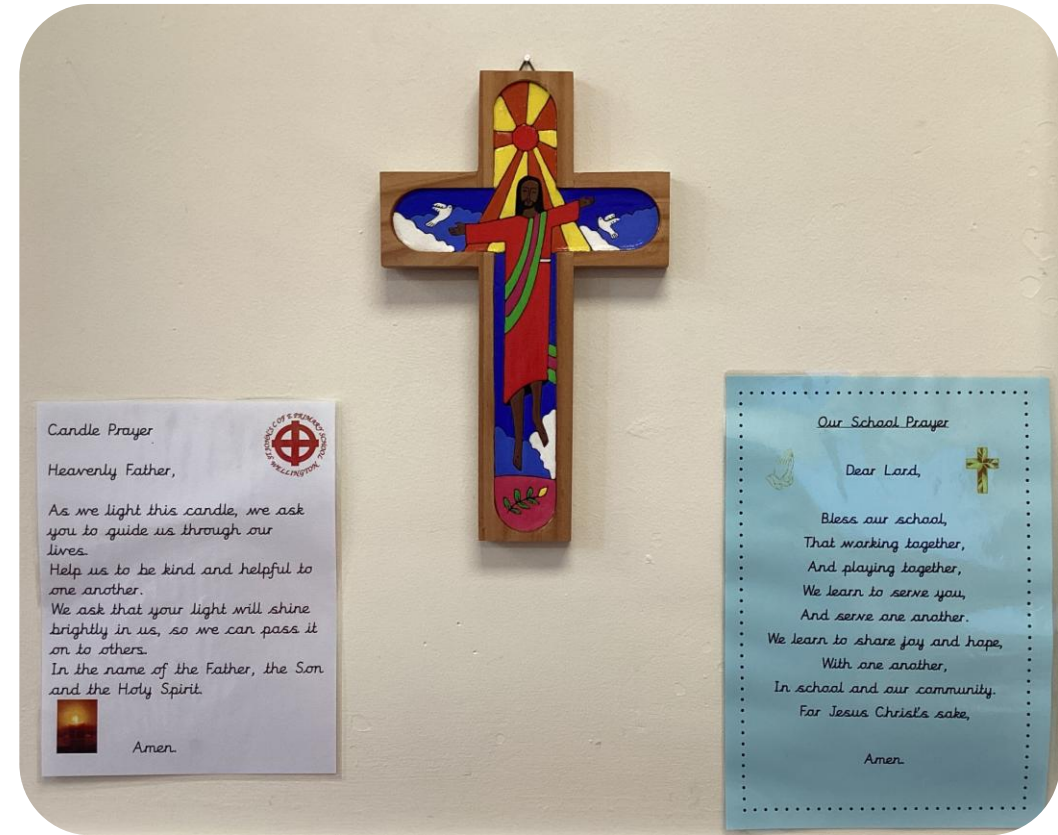
	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Reception	Unit 1 Why is the word God so important to Christians? (Creation)	Unit 2 Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas? (Why is Christmas special for Christians?) (Incarnation)	Unit 3 Being special: where do we belong? (Thematic)	Unit 4 Why do Christians put a cross on their Easter garden? (Why is Easter special to Christians?) (Salvation)	Unit 5 Which places are special and why? (Thematic)	Unit 6 Which stories are special and why? (Thematic)
KS1 Year 1	Unit 7 Who do Christians say made the world? (Creation)	Unit 8 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (Incarnation)	Unit 9 Who is Jewish and how do they live? (Judaism)	Unit 10 What do Christians believe God is like? (God)	Unit 11 What does it mean to belong to a faith community? (Thematic)	Unit 12 How should we care for the world and for others, and why does it matter? (Thematic)
KS1 Year 2	Unit 13 What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings? (Gospel)	Unit 14 What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings? (Gospel)	Unit 15 Who is a Muslim and how do they live? (Part 1) (Islam)	Unit 16 Why does Easter matter to Christians? (Salvation)	Unit 17 Who is a Muslim and how do they live? (Part 2) (Islam)	Unit 18 What makes some places special to believers? (Thematic)
KS2 Year 3	Unit 19 What is it like for someone to follow God? (People of God)	Unit 20 What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians? (Incarnation/God)	Unit 21 How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim? (Islam)	Unit 22 How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people? (Judaism)	Unit 23 What do Christians learn from the creation story? (Creation/Fall)	Unit 24 How and why do people try to make the world a better place? (Thematic)

Prayer and Reflection

Collective Worship

Class Collective Worship

Lunchtimes



Candle Prayer



Heavenly Father,

As we light this candle, we ask you to guide us through our lives.

Help us to be kind and helpful to one another.

We ask that your light will shine brightly in us, so we can pass it on to others.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Amen.

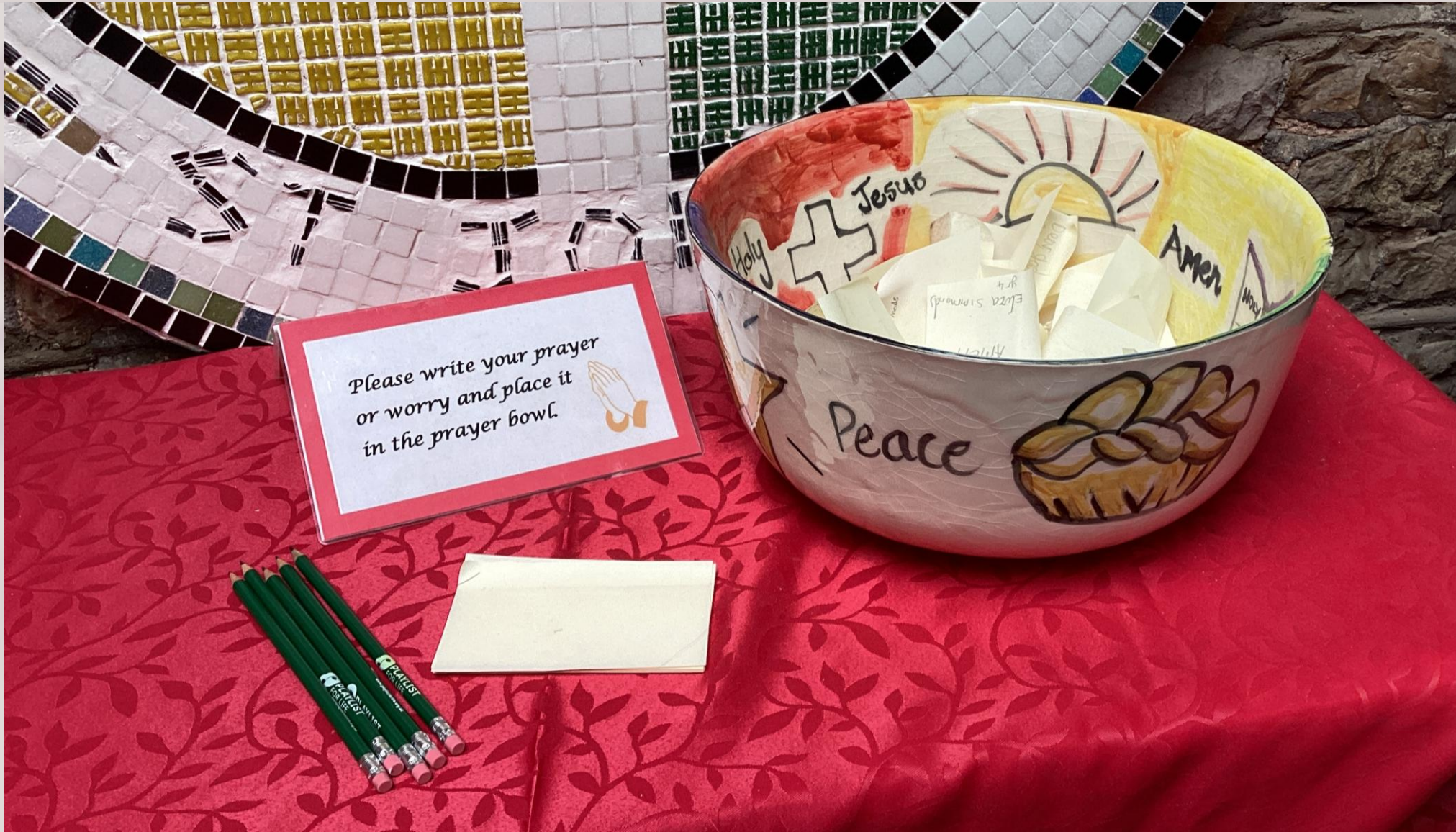
Our School Prayer


Dear Lord,

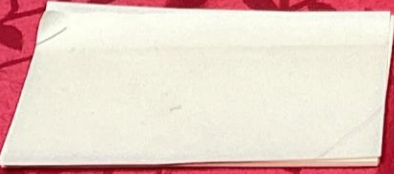


Bless our school,
That working together,
And playing together,
We learn to serve you,
And serve one another.
We learn to share joy and hope,
With one another,
In school and our community.
For Jesus Christ's sake,

Amen.



Please write your prayer
or worry and place it
in the prayer bowl. 



Links to our community

This includes events such as:

- carol singing
- supporting the Remembrance service
- switching on the Christmas lights in Wellington
- Working with and supporting the Archie Project



Links to the wider community

Each year, our School Council chooses a local or national charity for the school to support.

Fund raising throughout the year is then sent to our chosen charity.

Charities we have supported include:

- The Taunton Food Bank
- 2 Wish
- Youth With a Mission, Burundi

You will notice ...

Our school motto in the entrance foyer.

Core Christian values displayed in every class.

Images of Christianity displayed around the school



A reflection area in every class.

