

*‘Love of children is at the heart of this happy school.’*

*SIAMS Inspection“*



Welcome to Our  
Happy School



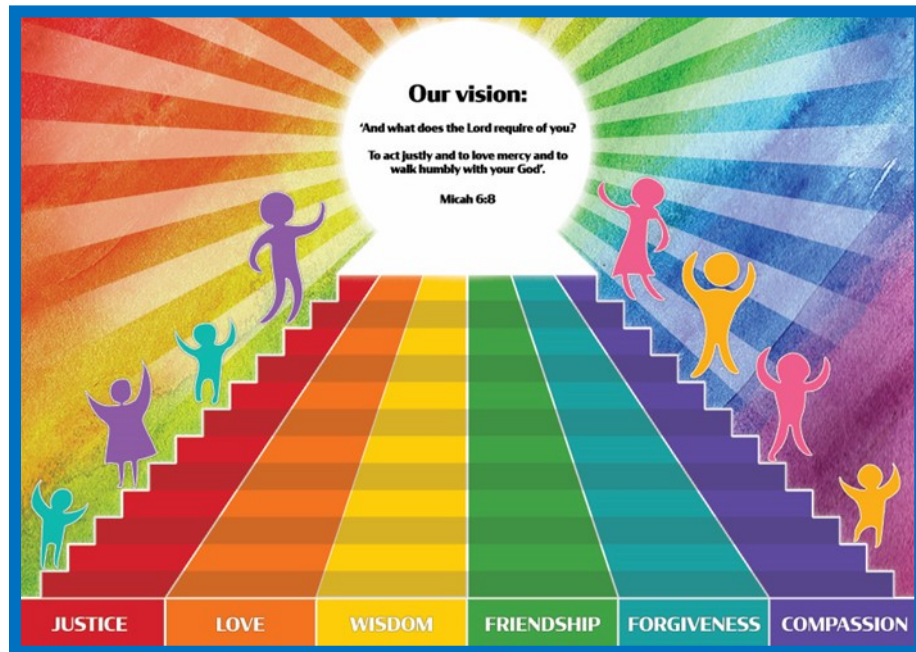
**Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School**  
*“Love and Justice for All”*

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***Through the teachings of Jesus all can flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically throughout life, living out love and justice for all.***



Our Christian values of justice, love, wisdom, friendship, forgiveness, and compassion underpin the life of the school church community and impact on our daily lives.

Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School strives to provide the best possible education for our children. We aim for excellence within our happy, secure school where each individual's achievements are valued and celebrated. By using a holistic approach we will provide a curriculum that offers a diverse and challenging environment to inspire and motivate every child in our care.

With Christian values as our foundation, we will foster trust, mutual respect and a clear sense of community. We are proud of our partnership between adults and children and we are sensitive towards all beliefs, hopes and fears of parents. Our vision aims to enrich and nurture the whole child in preparation for life in the 21st century. Learners will be treated as individuals and the teaching and learning will be differentiated to take account of individual needs. Curiosity, creativity and compassion will be promoted through a rich and exciting curriculum which challenges everyone to think about themselves, their local and global community. We aim to ensure that all of our children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential spiritually, emotionally and academically, regardless of faith, culture, gender and life-style.



# The first few steps



When you come  
here, you're part  
of our school  
family!



# Welcome

## to Guilden Sutton Church of England

## Primary School



**Our Vision:**

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**Through the teachings of Jesus, all can flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically throughout life, living out love and justice for all.**

### Headteacher's Welcome

'As the new Headteacher of Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School, I am delighted to take this opportunity to welcome you to our inclusive school family, which is made up of different cultures, faiths and those of none. Although we are situated in the heart of Guilden Sutton village, on the outskirts of Chester, many of our families travel from the surrounding area to be part of our happy, lively school where all are treated as individuals. We are proud of our Christian family atmosphere where all can flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically: living out **'Love and Justice for all,'** the school's motto.

I have had the privilege of working here for fourteen years as teacher, Specialist Educational Needs and/or Disability Co-ordinator and Deputy Headteacher; it is wonderful to work with such dedicated, enthusiastic and caring staff that work extremely hard and go above and beyond in all that they do, whilst promoting lots of fun along the way! This in turn makes for a stimulating and happy environment for all our children.

At Guilden Sutton, our Christian ethos is underpinned by our Christian values: love, justice, compassion, wisdom, forgiveness and friendship. We encourage our children to be well-rounded, resilient and hard-working young people, ensuring that they succeed and meet their full potential – regardless of any barriers they might have to their learning.

I am very proud to say that the school continues to go from strength to strength, constantly seeking ways to be forward-thinking, inspirational and ambitious through the outstanding work of the school team of staff, governors and the crucial partnership with our families. Our whole school community thrives as a result of mutual respect and communication: everyone's opinion matters and is valued. We have the highest aspirations for each one of our children, therefore all staff model being friendly, courteous, creative, curious, resilient and with a 'have a go!' philosophy. As Albert Einstein said: *'A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new!'*

Our vision is cemented by our carefully planned, broad and balanced curriculum that is based on the teachings of Jesus. It is rich with opportunities, culture, diversity and excitement that engages all learners and encourages them to think 'outside the box!' – there should be no ceiling to a child's learning. By creating a safe and secure teaching and learning environment, our children will be able to be the best possible version of themselves, creating lasting memories of their time at primary school and with a love for learning that will be taken with them on the next stage of their journey through life.

We have strong links with St. John the Baptist Church in Guilden Sutton and Reverend Heather Carty is a weekly visitor who leads Collective Worship for the whole school – inviting parents, grandparents and younger siblings to attend. Throughout the school year, we come together to celebrate different religious festivals, and all have the opportunity to worship, celebrate individual and whole school achievements, pray, reflect and be still during a busy school day. This is essential for nurturing everyone's mental health and well-being in this fast-paced world that we now live in.

Our website, weekly newsletters and Facebook page provide a snapshot into the daily life of our school. Please feel free to contact school to arrange a visit so you can find out first-hand what it is like to be part of our Guilden Sutton school family.

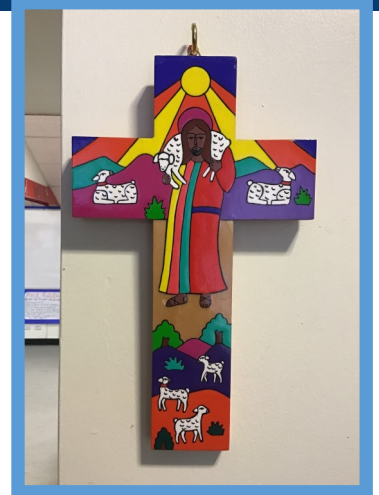
Best wishes,

Theresa Rainford

Headteacher



# Church school distinctiveness



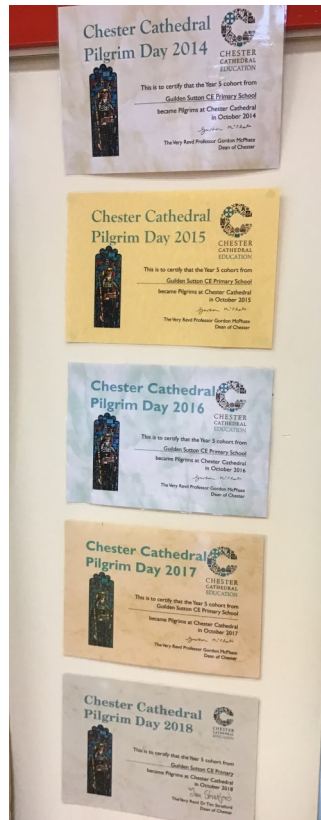
Stories from the bible



Look outside our classrooms, see if you know can spot any bible stories? 



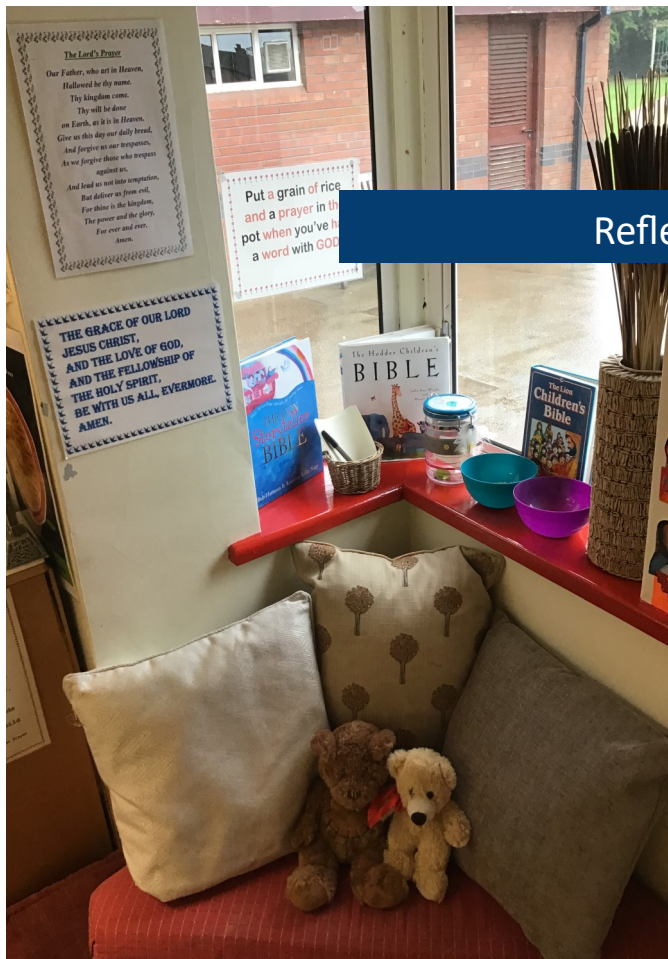




We gather in the school hall







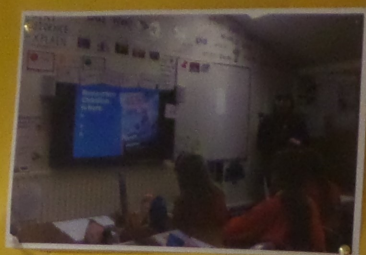
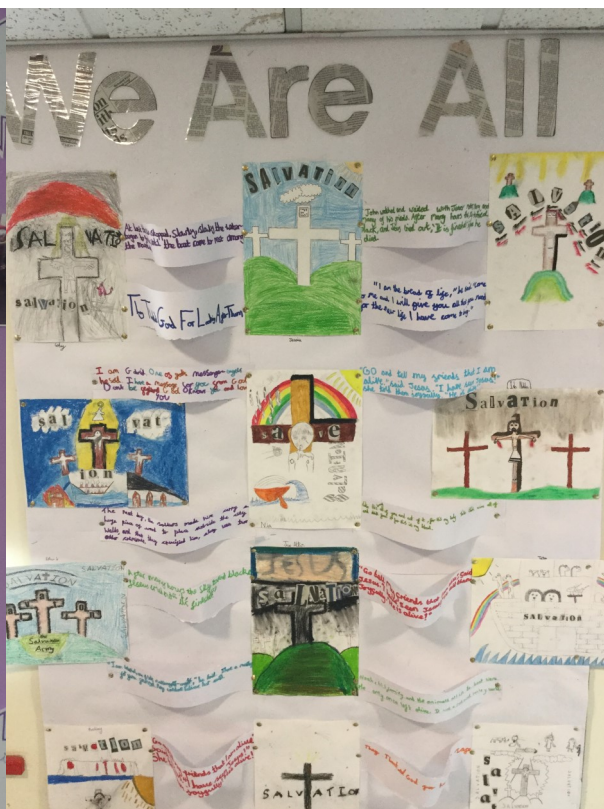
## Reflective areas



Reflective areas in each classroom give the children a place to be quiet and still. They have spiritual prompts to enable them to consider sharing their feelings in prayer. There are prayer pots available for the children to place their prayers. For younger children their prayers may be symbolised by grains or rice or Lego bricks.







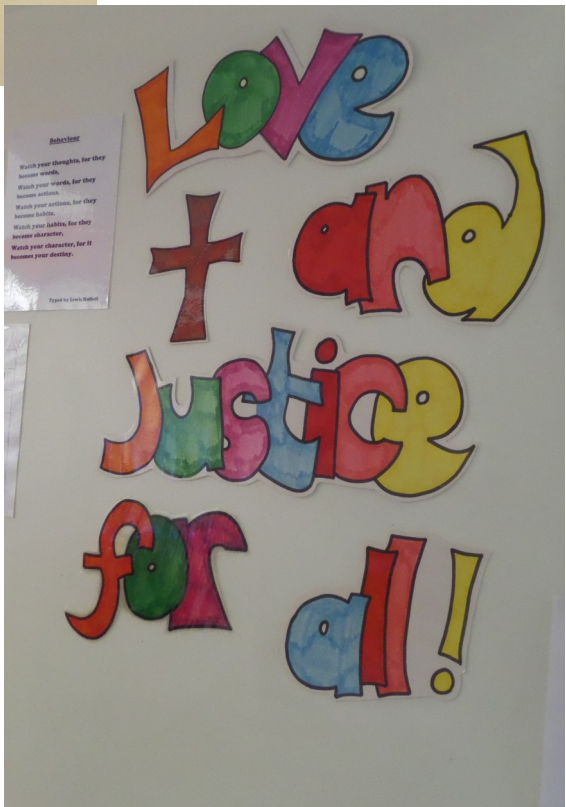




# Golden Rules

Chosen by our children

Reflecting our Vision  
Our School Motto  
is  
'Love & Justice for all'







Big questions for small people

What is it like  
to follow God?



What words  
would you use to  
describe Noah?

Genesis 6:5 – 9:17

How did Noah  
carry out God's  
command?

Why did God  
choose Noah?



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Can I explore the Christian value of love?

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As a class, we made a table of examples of ways to show love through school, at home and in church.

Lovey actions, lots of good discussion!

**How do we show LOVE?**

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Year 6 Six worked together to come up with ideas of how we can show love at Church, School or home. Here are our ideas.

LOVE

Fantastic discussion with your group, well done, Isle.

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## Archbishop of York Youth Trust - Young Leaders Award



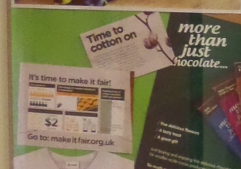






# FAIR TRADE

Thank you  
Children's Fairtrade School  
for all you did for World's a Day  
the Collection to November 2011  
and for raising  
£218  
This school could have been  
closed by 2011!



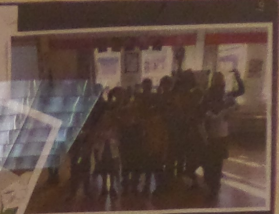
## COME ON IN TO FAIRTRADE

THE AVERAGE  
COFFEE FARMER  
IN ETHIOPIA  
EARNS JUST  
£1.68  
A DAY



FAIRTRADE

THE AVERAGE  
COCOA FARMER  
IN GHANA  
EARNS JUST  
62P A DAY



THE AVERAGE  
SUGAR FARMER IN  
TANZANIA EARNS  
LESS THAN  
76P A DAY

### Our Top 5 Fairtrade Tips

1. When you see the Symbol -  
BUY THAT PRODUCT!
2. Help farmers & workers to be paid  
a FAIR PRICE.
3. Set up a Fortnight in your school.
4. TALK TO & TELL people about .
5. When you eat a product be  
mindful of the farmers & workers involved.

The Fairtrade  
Fairies!



THE AVERAGE BANANA WORKER IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
EARNS LESS THAN 10P PER DAY



Time to cotton on  
more than just chocolate

It's time to make it fair  
more than just chocolate

£2  
Go for make it fair.org.uk

Getting stitched up  
The story behind your cotton T-shirt...

A cotton conundrum

The consequences

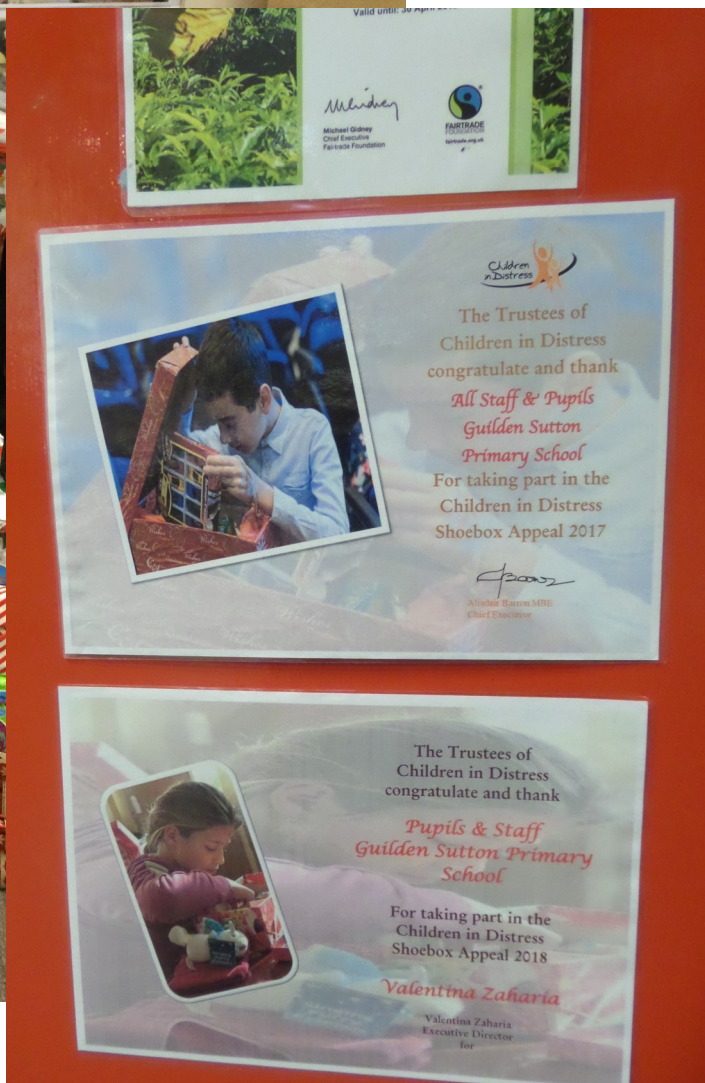
It's time for cotton justice

Come and tell me what



FAIRTRADE  
FOUNDATION





Our School Charity - Foodbank

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry.





## Friendship



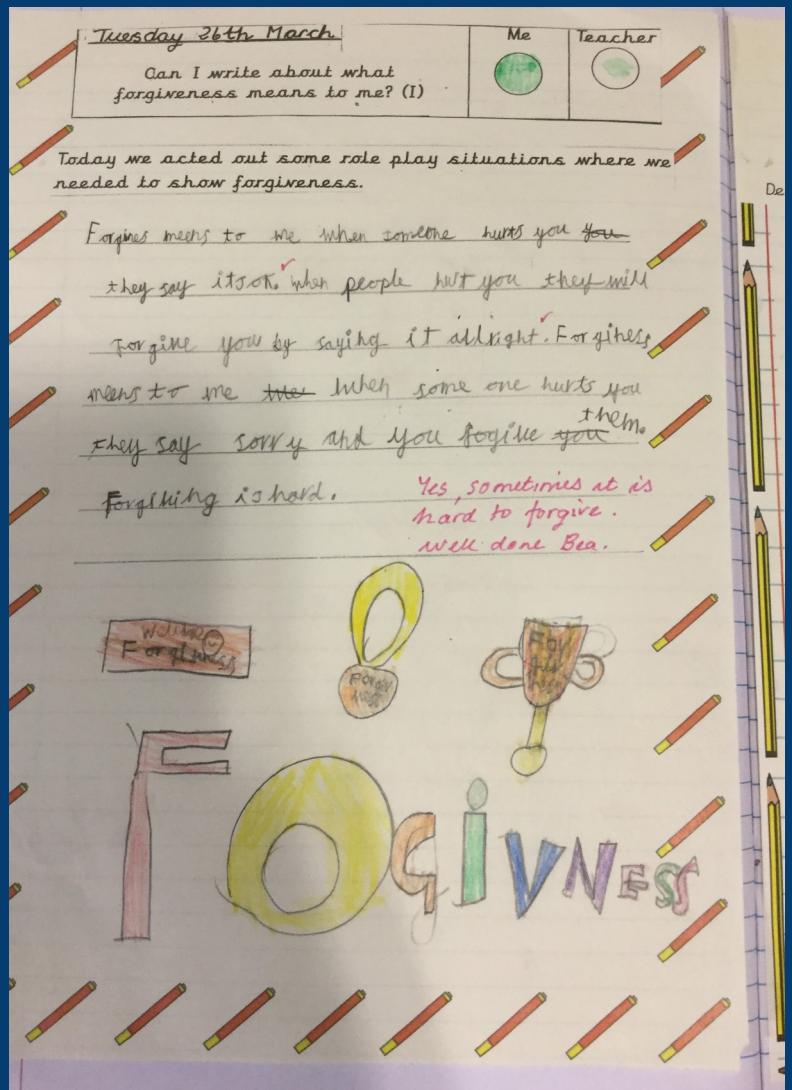
'Relationships between staff and pupils are excellent. Pupils say they feel very safe and well looked after in school.'

Ofsted 2017

## Forgiveness

We pride ourselves on the positive relationships between staff and children which are based on mutual respect. We encourage our children to develop self-discipline and to be aware of the needs of others.

Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School expects the very best standards of behaviour, but recognises that the best way to ensure these standards are maintained are through a belief in reflection, forgiveness and reconciliation. By getting our pupils to think about the choices they make we hope to give them the strategies to make caring ones. When choices lead to incidents we do not want to see, the pupil will be asked to reflect on what has happened. When the appropriate apology and forgiveness from the person or persons affected by the incident has taken place, the children come to understand the importance of what Jesus taught us about forgiveness.







Brook Street Project



Friendship





## Worship & Prayer


As a Church of England School, our Christian vision flows through the life of the school community. We have strong links with St. John the Baptist Church in Guilden Sutton; church and school work together for the common good. Collective worship assembly is a valuable part of everyday life. Revd. Heather Carty comes in to take collective worship once a week. Every fortnight, our local Christian group provide 'Open the Book,' an interactive bible story based collective worship with lots of singing and fun. On Wednesday mornings, each year group leads the prayers in turn to which their parents are invited. 'Time to be still' takes place on Thursday mornings and gives both children and staff an opportunity to be still and reflect quietly and peacefully together. On Fridays, we come together to celebrate children's individual achievements both inside and outside of school and acts of kindness that may have been spotted during the week.

Each class visits St. John the Baptist church in Guilden Sutton to celebrate Christian Festivals. We have wider links with the Diocese of Chester including visits and pilgrimages to Chester Cathedral. Festivals of all faiths are looked at in school throughout the year and our annual collaboration with Chester Harmony Group during Interfaith Week has been established for many years. We welcome and encourage parents or family members to come and share their faith with us.

Should parents wish to withdraw their children from acts of collective worship or religious education they may do so after consulting the head teacher.

St. John's Family Service takes place at the Village Hall on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome!

To find out more about our local church St John the Baptist [click here](#).

Monday - Teacher led	Collective Worship	Whole school and staff
Tuesday - Teacher led	Collective Worship	Whole school and staff
or	An interactive bible story based	Whole school and staff
	Collective worship	
Wednesday - Revd. Heather Carty	Collective Worship Children lead prayers	Whole school, staff and parents of year group leading prayers.
Thursday - Time to be still	A time of peaceful reflection together	Whole School and staff
Friday - Head teacher/ Deputy	We come together to celebrate children's individual achievements both inside and outside of school and acts of kindness that may have been spotted during the week.	Whole school and staff





Children led prayers are the joy of our weekly Collective Worship



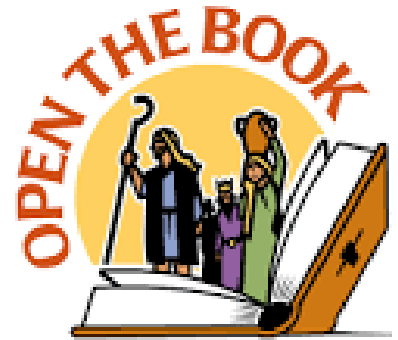




Rev. Heather Carty  
Collective Worship







Open the Book, our local Christian Group led by Andy Avery, took Collective Worship outside on this sunny day. We try to make adjustments so that all may be included, take part and have the opportunity to hear the stories of the bible told with such fun by Andy, ending with a prayer.

All classes get a chance to visit St. John the Baptist Church through the year.







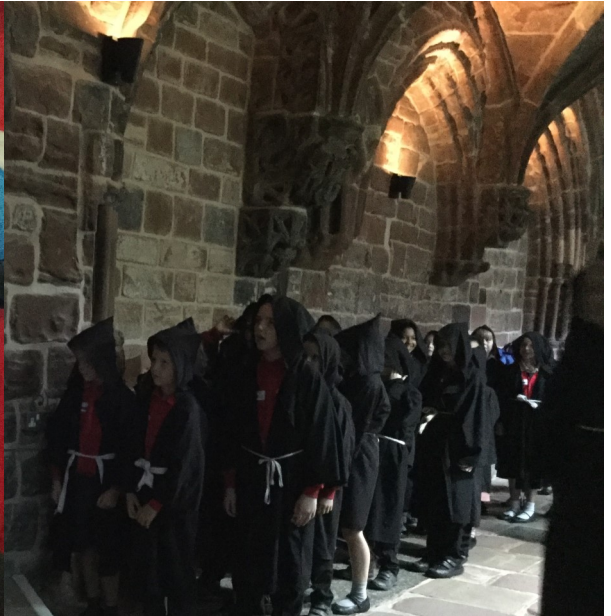




School community - fond farewell to much loved Caretaker of 30years







## Chester Cathedral Pilgrimage



Following the footsteps of the monks





Monday 11 March 2019

Can I compare the sad and happy times of the Easter story? (1)

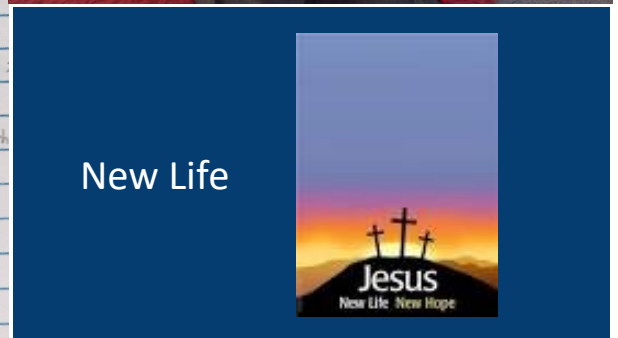
Me	Teacher

It was happy at the last supper because they were all together. It was sad at the last supper because Judas betrayed Jesus.

It was happy when Jesus was on the cross because he gave his life up for us. It was sad when Jesus was on the cross because he died.

It was happy when he came back to life. It was sad in the tomb because he was alone.

Fantastic reasons! Well done comparing the happy and sad times! 😊







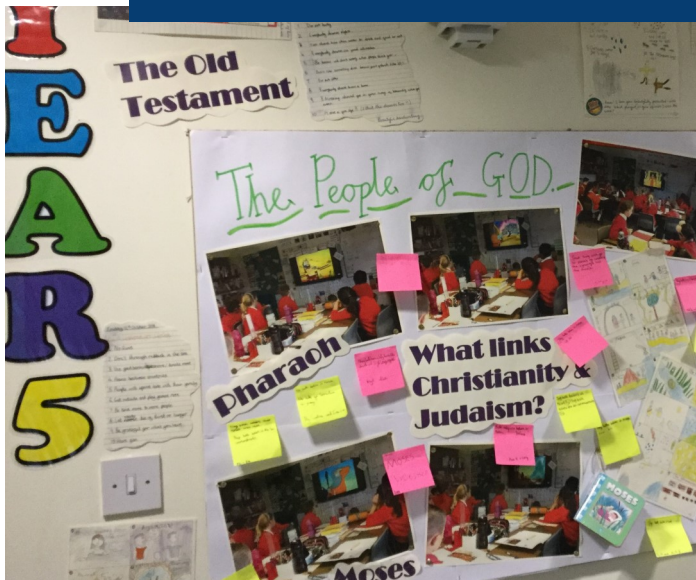
School/ Church links

Harvest



Thankfulness

Judaism & Christianity







Islam

Dignity & Respect  
we are all  
God's children

Hinduism



Baha'i, Buddhist, Zoroastrian, Muslim, Hindu, Jew





Playground leaders



Outdoor learning



R.E.



Ethos Group



# Helping Every Child to Succeed



*'...the school caters exceptionally well for pupils' academic development and for their social and emotional well-being.'*  
Ofsted 2017





# Enrichment

Extra curricular activities are a crucial part of school life. They give children the opportunity to try new activities, work as a team and take part in competitive events.

A variety of clubs run throughout the year with some being provided by our staff and others through the use of expert coaches or musicians.

The music curriculum runs through the school from Reception to Year 6. Additionally, Year 4 have an opportunity for brass, guitar and samba drumming lessons each term, at no cost. Through outside music tutors, the school offers private tuition for most instruments.

We want our curriculum to be as exciting and vibrant as possible and so we regularly visit places of interest or invite visiting speakers or drama groups to school. We usually ask for a voluntary contribution to subsidise the cost of the activity, however no child is excluded from taking part.

Year 4 visit Kingwood Colomendy and Year 6 have the opportunity to go on a residential trip to a Christian outdoor adventure centre in Wales, Min-Y-Don. This is an important part of our curriculum where the children can build up their independence and excel in activities outside of the classroom. In safe surroundings and through the care of our staff and the centres' trained instructors, the children have a fantastic time, though not much sleep!



## Glee Club

## Art Club

## Judo

## Fencing

## Choir

## Breakdancing

## Mad Science

## Football

## Hockey

and many more.

**'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding.'**

Ofsted 2017





# The Learning

## Experience

At Guilden Sutton, we like to keep the curriculum lively, practical and interesting, with experiences that the children will remember for a lifetime. Our aim is to ensure that standards across all areas of the curriculum are as high as those in the core subjects of English, mathematics and science. We link a variety of subjects including English and mathematics into themes which hook the children's interest. Curiosity, creativity and compassion are promoted through a rich and exciting curriculum which challenges everyone to think about themselves, their local and global community.

Teachers carefully plan tasks based on Bloom's Levels of Thinking so that each child is challenged to think hard, problem solve and be creative.

We are committed to inclusion and differentiate the learning tasks so that everyone has the opportunity to reach their potential. Children and staff are encouraged to have a go at new experiences, without worrying about getting it wrong. Our philosophy is that people who have never made a mistake, probably have never made anything!

'Teachers and teaching assistants display energy and passion for learning. Their infectious attitude creates a positive learning atmosphere for pupils, who consequently thrive under their guidance.'

Ofsted 2017

'The carefully planned curriculum contributes exceptionally well to pupils' outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.'

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Visiting Authors: Rachel Rooney & Eamonn Reilly



Inspiration



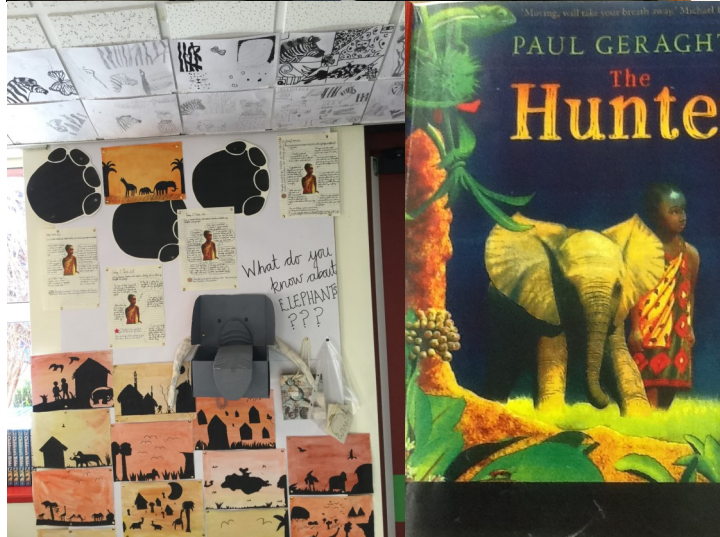




# Singing And Music









# Healthy Bodies

## Healthy minds

It is important that all children know how to live healthy lives and can cope with the inevitable 'ups and downs' of life by being resilient and resourceful.

By teaching them in practical ways about nutrition, exercise and mental wellbeing, we aim to foster good habits that will last them a lifetime.

As we are a Church of England school, an important element of our ethos is to develop a sense of spirituality and mindfulness.

Children and staff are supported in becoming lifelong learners, curious about the world and also responsible for it.

Having as much fun as possible along the way is a top priority!







Together everyone achieves more











## Parental Involvement

The partnership between Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School and home is of vital importance to us and we know that parents want to be closely involved their child's school life. This may be through sharing information with us, supporting home – school work or coming into school to help with a variety of activities. Grandma and Grandad are also very welcome to share their talents!

The website also gives a flavour of what is going on in school, we do have an open-door policy so if any there are any concerns, please feel free to come and talk to us.



We are very proud of our school/parent links. Many children that have gone to our school are now parents and even grandparents themselves . All these children in this photo are second and even third generation Guilden Sutton C of E Primary school pupils.



# School Day

## Opening Times

School doors open 8.50 am

Reception and Key Stage 1 8.50am - 3.10 pm.

Key Stage 2 8.50am - 3.20pm.











‘A small school with a big heart.’

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