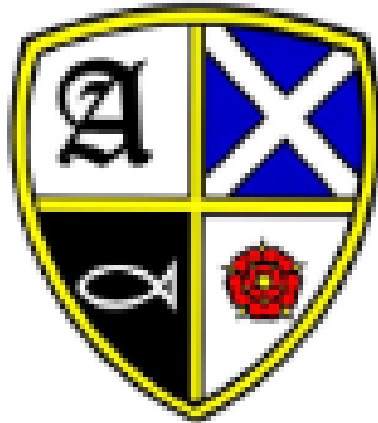


Courageous Advocacy Policy Handbook

St. Andrew's CE Infant School



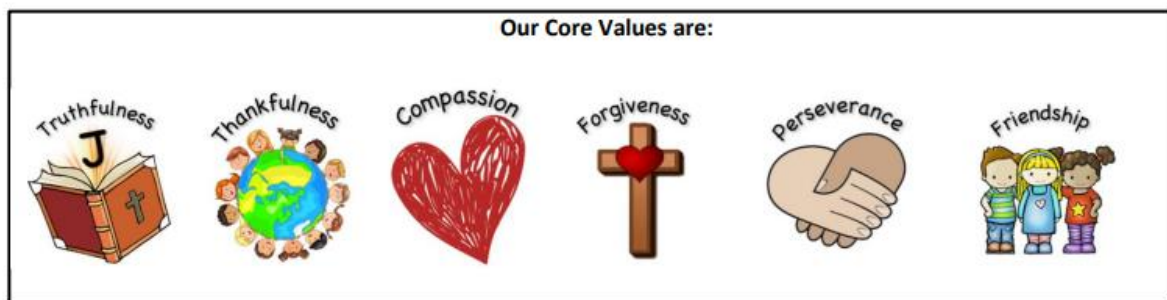
Our School Motto

'Learning, Caring and Growing together in Faith'

Our Vision

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Our Values



Our Christian Narrative:

'God is my strength in whom I trust.' **Psalm 18**

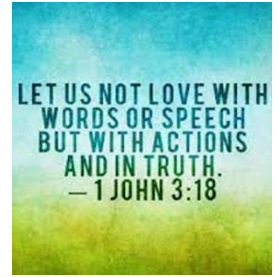
Our Bible story:

The parable of the two builders - **Matthew 7**



Courageous Advocacy

'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.' (Proverbs 31: 8-9)



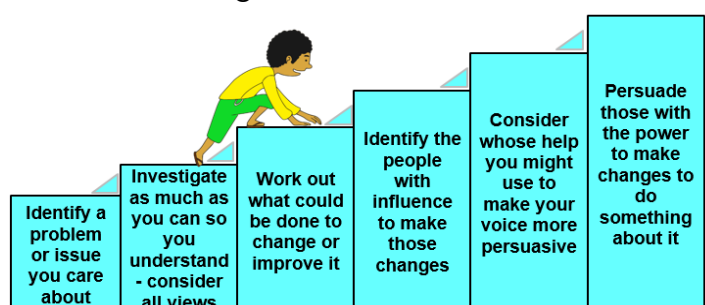
Courageous advocacy is defined by the Church of England as **“the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard.”** At St Andrew's we encourage and support our children to become courageous advocates who believe that they can become 'agents of change' to strive towards a fairer and more joyous world. This means that they champion causes that are special and meaningful to them; connected to matters and concerns personal and close to home for them or linked to wider global issues. Our children develop an excellent grasp of what it means to belong to a local and global community and understand the responsibility that comes with this.

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All acts of courageous advocacy at St. Andrew's are driven by our school's Christian vision. Children act together with a purpose that people may live happily together in unity. As courageous advocates, our children are actively living out our vision. Trusting in God is at the heart of all actions and decision making by children and adults. As courageous advocates, the children demonstrate all of our school values. The children know that is important to help others and we teach this in many ways; through our termly values, our teaching of the Bible, through learning about world faiths and world views including inspirational people that have showed courageous advocacy through their actions.

Jesus spoke up for people who were disadvantaged, disempowered and ignored by their communities. Children are encouraged to reflect on Jesus' actions and teachings to inform their own values, judgements and courageous choices. Other learning experiences, including PSHRE lessons enable children to grow in character and independence, develop their sense of respect and justice, and grow in courage “to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves” (Proverbs 31:8).

Learning about the life of Jesus, we are inspired to follow His example. Learning about God's vision for the world, children reflect on the message of the Bible in the context of their own character and actio



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