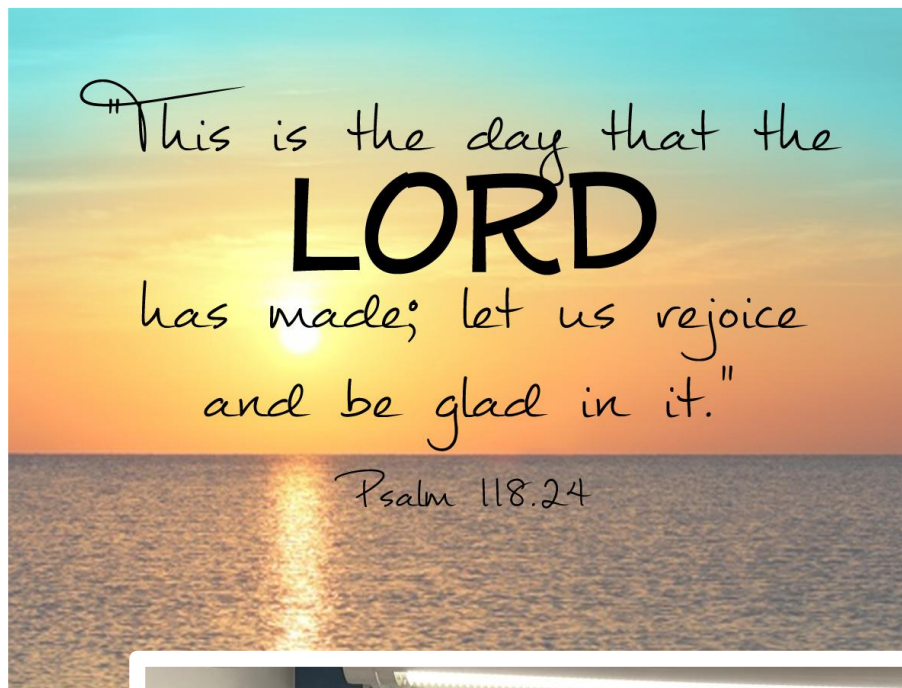




Sherborne Abbey
CE Primary School

Sherborne Abbey CE School Values

Handbook & Collective Worship Format



T - Trust

H - Hope

I - Integrity

S - Spirituality



Our motto and bible verse – ‘*This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*’ is based on the Manna Story . . .

Bible Verse:

*“This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.”* (Psalm 118:24)

Bible Story: The Manna in the Wilderness (Exodus 16)

After leaving Egypt, the Israelites were worried about food. Each morning, God provided manna, a special bread-like food, for that day. They were encouraged to gather only what they needed and trust that God would provide again tomorrow.

Why it works with our bible verse – *This is the Day:*

- It focuses on each day as a gift from God. We focus on a fresh start every day.
- The Israelites had to look for the good thing God had provided that morning. We encourage children (& staff) to look for something positive and good (albeit simple) every day.
- It encourages gratitude for today's blessings rather than worrying about tomorrow. It's important to try and live in the moment and appreciate what we have for our mental health and wellbeing.
- It links beautifully to noticing small, everyday gifts and moments of joy, much like Mrs T extolling the small joy of a hot cup of tea.

For children this reinforces a simple message -

“Every day, God gave the Israelites manna to find. Every day, God gives us things to find too – a friend, a smile, sunshine, learning something new, a game, a kind word, or someone who cares about us. Sometimes we have to look carefully, but there is something good in every day.”

Direct Links to our School Values:

Trust

The Israelites had to trust that God would provide manna again the next day. They learned to trust God's care one day at a time.

Our school understanding of this:

“Trust means believing that we will be looked after, even when we can't see exactly how things will work out.”

Hope

Even though the Israelites were in a difficult place and didn't know what the future would hold, the daily gift of manna reminded them that better days lay ahead and that God had not forgotten them.

Our school understanding of this:

“Hope is looking forward with confidence, even when things feel difficult today.”

Integrity

God asked the Israelites to gather only what they needed and to follow His instructions honestly. Integrity means doing the right thing, even when nobody is watching.

Our school understanding of this:

“Integrity is making good choices because they are right, not because someone is checking up on us.”

Spirituality

The manna was more than food – it reminded the Israelites of God's presence with them every day. It helped them notice that God was at work in ordinary moments.

Our school understanding of this:

“Spirituality is noticing the wonder, meaning and connection in life, and recognising that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.”

Conclusion

When the Israelites woke up each morning, they found manna waiting for them. The manna taught them to trust God for each new day, to have hope for the future, to act with integrity by following God's instructions, and to grow spiritually by recognising God's presence in their everyday lives.

Just as the Israelites looked for manna each morning, we need to look for the good things in each day - kindness, friendship, a challenge overcome, a moment of beauty, or something new we've learned.



TRUST

Key Bible Stories we will use and teach the children:

- Noah and the Ark
- David and Goliath
- Jesus Calms the Storm
- The Nativity Story – Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and the Wise Men

Modern Examples

- Captain Sir Tom Moore
- Bear Grylls
- The Christmas Truce
- Community Christmas Appeals

Reflection Question: Who do you trust and why?

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to trust you and trust those who care for us. Amen.

Trust and the Nativity:

The Nativity is one of the strongest Bible stories for teaching trust because almost every main character has to trust God's plan without knowing exactly what will happen next.

Mary

- Mary is told she will become Jesus' mother.
- She does not understand how it will happen or what people will think.
- Yet she responds faithfully and trusts God's plan.
- Trust message: Sometimes we have to trust even when we do not have all the answers.

Joseph

- Joseph learns that Mary is expecting a baby and later receives messages in dreams.
- He trusts God's guidance and protects his family.
- Trust message: Trust can mean doing the right thing, even when it is difficult or confusing.

The Shepherds

- The shepherds hear the angels' message and trust what they have been told.
- They leave their flocks and travel to Bethlehem.
- Trust message: Trust sometimes means taking the first step.

The Wise Men

- The Wise Men follow a star over a long journey.
- They do not know exactly where it will lead.
- Trust message: Trust means keeping going when you do not yet know the destination.

Modern Christmas Examples of Trust

The Christmas Truce (1914)

- During the First World War, soldiers from opposite sides briefly stopped fighting on Christmas Day.

- They trusted one another enough to meet in no man's land.
- Value link: Trust helps build peace.

Food Banks and Community Christmas Appeals

- Many families trust that their communities will help them during difficult times. Sherborne is proud to be part of the Christmas Box scheme where we provide extras for our families in most need.
- Charities and volunteers provide food, gifts and support.
- Value link: Trust grows when people care for one another.

Christmas Books that Link to Trust

- Mog's Christmas by Judith Kerr
- The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Christmas Worship (Trust)

Question: What do Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Wise Men all have in common?

Children might suggest that they met Jesus or travelled to Bethlehem.

Then reveal the answer: They all trusted.

- Mary trusted God's plan.
- Joseph trusted God's guidance.

- The shepherds trusted the angels.
- The Wise Men trusted the star.

Reflection Question: What is one thing you need to trust this week? A friend? A teacher? Yourself? God?



HOPE

The Easter Story is one of the strongest examples of hope in the Bible.

- Palm Sunday – people hoped Jesus would bring change.
- Good Friday – even in sadness, God had not abandoned his people.
- Easter Sunday – Jesus rose again and brought hope that life is stronger than death.
- The Road to Emmaus – the disciples moved from despair to hope.

Other Bible Stories of Hope

- Joseph and His Brothers
- The Feeding of the Five Thousand
- The Resurrection of Jesus

Modern Examples

- Malala Yousafzai – hope for education
- Greta Thunberg – hope for the planet
- Marcus Rashford – hope that children should not go hungry
- Jane Goodall – hope for wildlife and the natural world

Books

- The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse
- The Invisible String
- After the Fall



Reflection Question: What are you hopeful for?

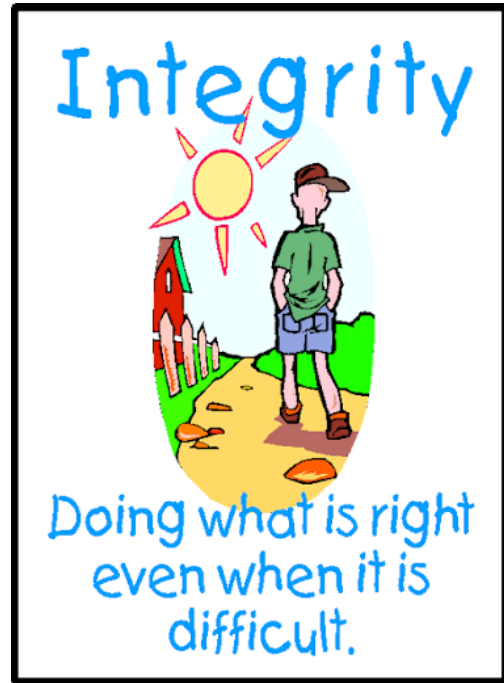
Prayer: Help us to be people of hope who make tomorrow brighter than today. Amen.

INTEGRITY

- Daniel in the Lions' Den
- The Good Samaritan
- Zacchaeus

Modern Examples

- Rosa Parks
- Sir Nicholas Winton
- Nadiya Hussain



Reflection Question: What is the right thing to do when nobody is watching?

Prayer: Help us to be honest, courageous and kind. Amen.

SPIRITUALITY

- Creation Story
- Moses and the Burning Bush
- Jesus Welcomes the Children

Modern Examples

- David Attenborough
- Jane Goodall
- Charlie Mackesy

Simple Definition

Spirituality is noticing the big things that make us go 'wow', the small moments that make us smile, and remembering that we matter and belong. As a school we have reflected on what/how spirituality manifests itself to us and we believe that we see and feel spirituality best through:

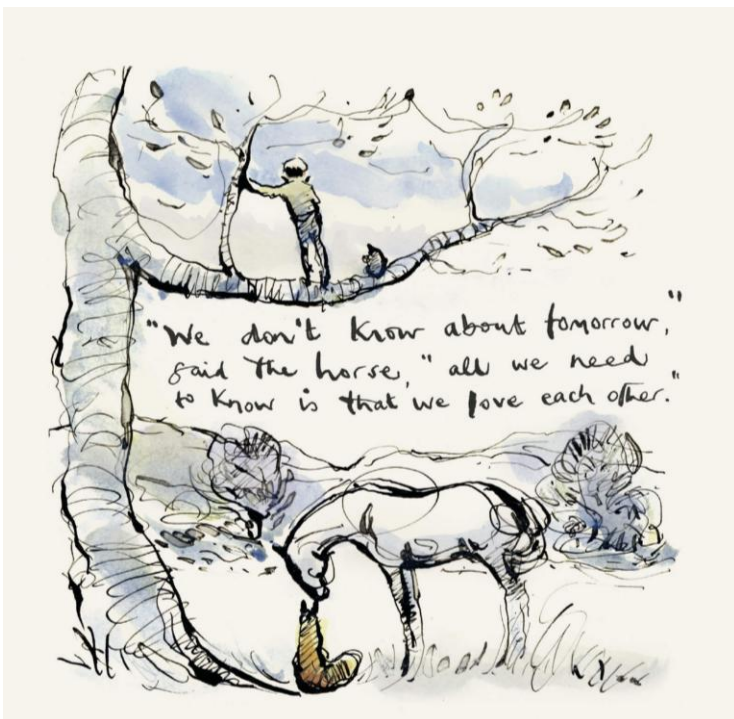
- Music
- The Natural World
- Community & Belonging

We have also reflected that spirituality (like religion) is a personal journey and experience for everyone – so there is not one size that fits everyone

😊. You do you!

Reflection Question: What made you stop and wonder today?

Prayer: Thank you, God, for the beauty, wonder and joy around us.
Amen.



be you
do you
for you