



Aughton St. Michael's CE Primary School

Our theologically-rooted Christian vision

Our vision:

Our School Vision is to nurture a loving, friendly family ethos, which celebrates the different gifts God has given everyone and encourages the use and development of these talents (Romans 12:6). For all our family to flourish we aim to foster an environment that is honest and respectful and guide each other in a challenging, positive, kind and collaborative way. Consequently, our school family will feel supported to take risks in the knowledge they are free to fail and that we will, “encourage one another and build each other up”, to have the confidence and belief to try again (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

The vision can be summarised in our **School Motto**.

	Encourage	Guide	Support	Celebrate
How did we arrive at this vision?	As a staff we identified that our children although rich in experience are low in resilience, we wanted a vision that ensured our children would build resilience as part of their character so that they could be free to be the unique individual that God wants them to be. We wanted our children to take strength from knowing their talents, but also strength in recognising and encouraging the strength in recognising the talents of others. We want our children to work together under guidance, with support and encouragement. After, which we are free to celebrate each individual together. This vision underpins our behaviour management expectation that all children can succeed with the right guidance and support.			
How does the vision fit our local context?	Our local context is affluent and predominantly white British. Our children benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular activities, but struggle with resilience and growth mindset. Our area can be limited in diversity, therefore it is particularly important that children understand how we encourage others as equals in God's eyes.			
What is the theology that roots our vision in the Christian faith?	The theology behind our school vision and motto is rooted in the Christian belief that God created every person with purpose, value and unique gifts, and calls people into loving community where they can grow, be shaped, and flourish together. At the heart of our vision is the belief that all people are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). This means that every member of our school community is inherently valued and loved by God, regardless of ability or background. Because God gifts people differently			

(Romans 12:6), we seek to celebrate those differences, recognising them as part of God's good design rather than something to be compared or competed over.

Christian theology understands human flourishing not as something achieved alone, but within community. The Bible describes the people of God as the Body of Christ, where each person is needed and belongs (1 Corinthians 12). This belief shapes our commitment to a loving, family ethos, where relationships matter and where we actively encourage one another. Encouragement reflects God's call to build others up, helping them recognise their worth and potential, as expressed in 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Our motto also reflects the Christian understanding of discipleship. Jesus is described as teacher, guide and shepherd, leading people with both truth and compassion. To guide one another in challenging, positive, kind and collaborative ways reflects this model of Christ-centred leadership. In this sense, education is not just about knowledge, but about formation—learning how to live well, love others and grow in wisdom.

Central to Christian theology is the concept of grace. The Christian faith teaches that people make mistakes, but that failure is never the end of the story. God's grace offers forgiveness, restoration and the opportunity to begin again. By fostering a culture where individuals are supported to take risks and are free to fail, we reflect this grace in action. To support one another through difficulty mirrors God's faithful presence and nurturing love.

Finally, our vision is grounded in Christian hope: the belief that people can grow, change and flourish. When we encourage, guide, support and celebrate, we are living out a faith that trusts God is at work in and through each person, shaping them day by day.