

Ponsbourne St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

Our school community comprises: all children, parents, staff, governors and others associated with the school, including community groups, local charities, business and support services and all external educational agencies.

Ethos

Ponsbourne St. Mary's Church of England Primary School is a caring church school which sets high store on the value of all participants. Expectations of care and concern for the well being of all children, staff and families are a central core of our Christian ethos. Wherever possible, this informs our relationships and the nature of our interactions.

Mission statement

Our mission is to provide a planned, productive and exciting learning environment in which all participants are welcomed and valued.

Our educational aims

Visitors to Ponsbourne St. Mary's comment on the warm, well disciplined, friendly atmosphere within the school. We believe that children feel happy and secure in this environment. This in turn creates the best possible attitude to learning.

The Primary School aims to extend children's knowledge of themselves and of the world in which they live, and through greater knowledge to develop skills and concepts, to help them relate to others, and to encourage a proper self confidence.

The School Curriculum - DES 1981 p10

More specifically, our aim is that, from arrival at Ponsbourne St. Mary's, each pupil should move forward according to age and ability to learn.

Finally, we provide opportunities that will help children to develop as individuals with the skills and attitudes necessary for survival in our rapidly changing society, where high technology must be balanced with respect for humanity and the natural world.

Inspiring lifelong learning!

Ponsbourne St, Mary's Primary School aims.

Within a broad Christian ethos, we intend to provide a welcoming, safe and stimulating learning environment that offers a rich, motivating curriculum to develop individuals and inspire life-long learning.

To facilitate our vision we aim :-

- To continue to ensure that every child enjoys learning and achieves their full potential regardless of gender, age, race, physical or intellectual ability or class in a happy and secure learning environment.
- To raise standards by ensuring that the skills, values, knowledge and talents of individuals are fully developed
- To promote the health, confidence and well being of all learners within the school enabling them to see themselves as valued and valuable members of a wider society
- To provide a strong framework for promoting good behaviour and positive attitudes in order to cultivate a safe and secure community in which everyone may flourish

- To give our pupils a sense of success and pride in all their activities and prepare children for future economic well being
- To provide opportunities for our pupils to become successful independent learners through a wide variety of physical, intellectual and aesthetic experiences.
- To develop the school's role in the local and wider community and each child's understanding of citizenship by continuing our strong links with the church and nearby village schools, liaising with nearby larger secondary schools and encouraging links with local industry, residents and organisations.

We encourage all children to develop as super learners since learning is life's most important skill, we want them

- to take responsibility for their learning
- to become resilient, resourceful and reflective
- to develop the skills of reasoning
- and have respect for themselves and others

We refer to this as the 6Rs.