



St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation



Excellence in education, kindness in the community, courage through faith.

Hope, Perseverance, Compassion, Respect, Responsibility, Forgiveness

The RE curriculum at St Jude's is intrinsic to the outworking of our Christian vision and values, enabling all children to flourish. At St Jude's Church of England Junior School, we offer an excellent and engaging curriculum in RE, which challenges our pupils to discuss core concepts and questions.

We explore Christianity as a global, living and diverse faith, focused on the teaching of Jesus and the Church. We enable pupils to engage with Biblical text and theological ideas, so they acquire a rich, deep knowledge and understanding of Christian belief and practice. St Jude's pupils also gain knowledge and understanding of a range of world religions and world views, appreciating diversity, continuity and change within these. Our sequenced learning encourages pupils to celebrate differences and foster respect for others.

'Excellence in Education' is seen through the children exploring their RE learning from three different perspectives – through the lenses of theology, philosophy and sociology in response to a key learning question. In our syllabus, set out by the Diocese of Guildford, this means that children develop their theological understanding about God; they are able to philosophically question their own identity, ask existential questions about life, and search for meaning and awareness of themselves and others as well as study the impact of beliefs, theology and concepts on people in both the local and global community.

The sociological lens helps the children to reflect on our vision, 'Kindness in the Community'; the children consider what it means to be part of different communities as well as exploring similarities and differences within communities. There are many opportunities throughout the year to show 'Kindness in the Community', be it the global community, the local community or the school community. 'Courage through Faith' is seen through courageous advocacy here at St Jude's. We provide time for the children to reflect on the lessons they can draw from significant people from the past as well as from present day people of faith, including visitors to our schools, and how this may alter their own personal worldviews.

Pupils develop a wide range of skills including enquiry, analysis, interpretation, evaluation and reflection. At the end of each unit, the children can express their RE knowledge and understanding by answering the key learning question. At St Jude's, we encourage pupils to develop a love of RE, offering them safe space to explore their own religious, spiritual and philosophical ways of seeing, living and thinking, believing and belonging. The children are encouraged and challenged to reflect on how religious messages can be made relevant to their own lives and how they can live out our Christian vision in the community. The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the whole child is important at St Jude's, preparing them for the next stage in their journey of life.