



THE BATT C. E. SCHOOL

The Batt CE Primary School
Love Everyone, Love the Adventure of Learning

Our Spirituality Statement



At The Batt School, we believe in supporting the development of the whole person for all those in our community. In line with our school vision and Christ's teachings of loving your neighbour, we enable others to flourish in order to develop a life-long love of learning and commitment to service.

Spirituality, in its widest sense, speaks about something internal, the human spirit or soul as opposed to the external material or physical things. The spiritual development of pupils, according to Ofsted, is shown by their:

- Ability to be reflective about their own beliefs (religious or otherwise) and perspective on life
- Knowledge of, and respect for, different people's faiths, feelings and values
- Sense of enjoyment and fascination in learning about themselves, others and the world around them
- Use of imagination and creativity in their learning
- Willingness to reflect on their experiences

We recognise that, for many, spiritual development directly links to their faith in God and, as a Church of England school, it is about an awareness of ourselves as created by God in relationship with God, other people and the world around us. This does not mean we expect people to share our Christian faith or believe that this statement is not relevant to those of other faiths or none, but it is the foundation we build upon and therefore support others from.

At The Batt School, opportunities for spirituality are threaded throughout the curriculum, including exposure to a wide range of diverse and inspiring texts, high quality music and performing arts education and opportunities for learning instruments, composer of the term, and calming and reflective spaces to access both in and outside of the school building. Through Collective Worship, the daily use of music, prayer, singing and lighting of the candle supports children and adults to flourish spiritually. The resource 'Space Makers' is also used, a contemplative toolkit, to support teachers in delivering worship. Children are given many opportunities to discuss, debate and to question and reflect. Our spiritual life is intrinsically linked to our association with our church. The children

take part or lead worship throughout the year at St Mary's Church for our Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Leaver's services. Our parish priests lead weekly worship on a Monday, and regularly visit school to seek pupil voice or to meet with leaders in school to evaluate practice.