

'Love of children is at the heart of this happy school.'

SIAMS Inspection"



Welcome to Our
Happy School



Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School
"Love and Justice for All"

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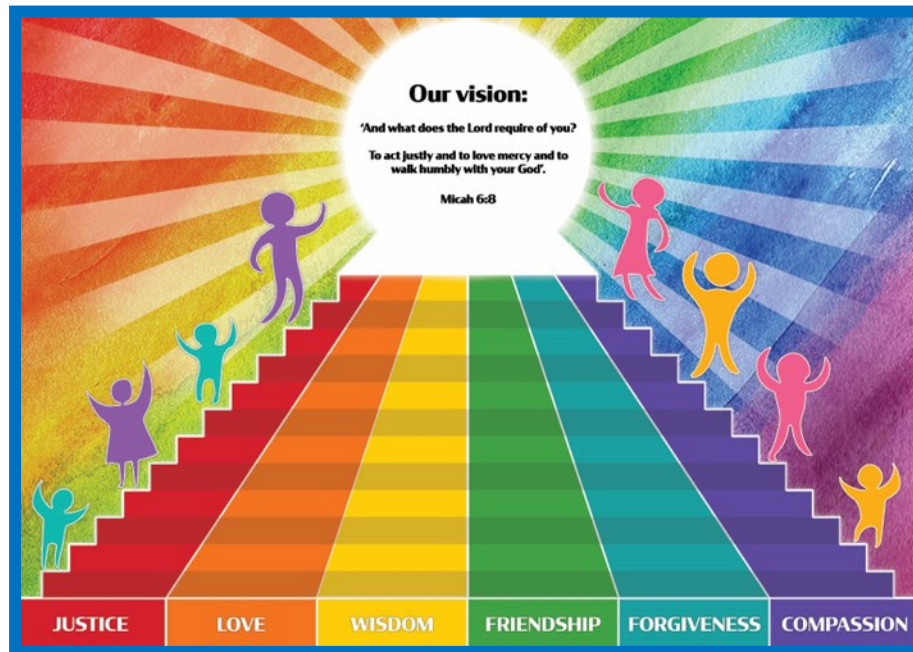
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***'And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'* Micah 6:8.**
Through the teachings of Jesus all can flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically throughout life, living out love and justice for all.



Our Christian values of justice, love, wisdom, friendship, forgiveness, and compassion underpin the life of the school church community and impact on our daily lives.

Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School strives to provide the best possible education for our children. We aim for excellence within our happy, secure school where each individual's achievements are valued and celebrated. By using a holistic approach we will provide a curriculum that offers a diverse and challenging environment to inspire and motivate every child in our care.

With Christian values as our foundation, we will foster trust, mutual respect and a clear sense of community. We are proud of our partnership between adults and children and we are sensitive towards all beliefs, hopes and fears of parents. Our vision aims to enrich and nurture the whole child in preparation for life in the 21st century. Learners will be treated as individuals and the teaching and learning will be differentiated to take account of individual needs. Curiosity, creativity and compassion will be promoted through a rich and exciting curriculum which challenges everyone to think about themselves, their local and global community. We aim to ensure that all of our children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential spiritually, emotionally and academically, regardless of faith, culture, gender and lifestyle.

The first few steps



Welcome

to Guilden Sutton Church of England

Primary School



Our Vision:

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Headteacher’s Welcome

‘As Headteacher of Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School, I am delighted to take this opportunity to welcome you to our inclusive school family, which is made up of different cultures, faiths and those of none. Although we are situated in the heart of Guilden Sutton village, on the outskirts of Chester, many of our families travel from the surrounding area to be part of our happy, lively school where all are treated as individuals. We are proud of our Christian family atmosphere where all can flourish spiritually, emotionally and academically: living out **‘Love and Justice for all,’** the school’s motto.

I have had the privilege of working here since 2007 as teacher, Specialist Educational Needs and/or Disability Coordinator and Deputy Headteacher; it is wonderful to work with such dedicated, enthusiastic and caring staff who work extremely hard and go above and beyond in all that they do, whilst promoting lots of fun along the way! This in turn makes for a stimulating and happy environment for all our children.

At Guilden Sutton, our Christian ethos is underpinned by our Christian values: love, justice, compassion, wisdom, forgiveness and friendship. We encourage our children to be well-rounded, resilient and hard-working young people, ensuring that they succeed and meet their full potential – regardless of any barriers they might have to their learning.

I am very proud to say that the school continues to go from strength to strength, constantly seeking ways to be forward-thinking, inspirational and ambitious through the outstanding work of the school team of staff, governors and the crucial partnership with our families. Our whole school community thrives as a result of mutual respect and communication: everyone’s opinion matters and is valued. We have the highest aspirations for each one of our children, therefore all staff model being friendly, courteous, creative, curious, resilient and with a ‘have a go!’ philosophy. As Albert Einstein said: *‘A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new!’*

Our vision is cemented by our carefully planned, broad and balanced curriculum that is based on the teachings of Jesus. It is rich with opportunities, culture, diversity and excitement that engages all learners and encourages them to think ‘outside the box!’ – there should be no ceiling to a child’s learning. By creating a safe and secure teaching and learning environment, our children will be able to be the best possible version of themselves, creating lasting memories of their time at primary school and with a love for learning that will be taken with them on the next stage of their journey through life.

We have strong links with St. John the Baptist Church in Guilden Sutton and Reverend Heather Carty is a weekly visitor who leads Collective Worship for the whole school – inviting parents, grandparents and younger siblings to attend. Throughout the school year, we come together to celebrate different religious festivals, and all have the opportunity to worship, celebrate individual and whole school achievements, pray, reflect and be still during a busy school day. This is essential for nurturing everyone’s mental health and well-being in this fast-paced world that we now live in.

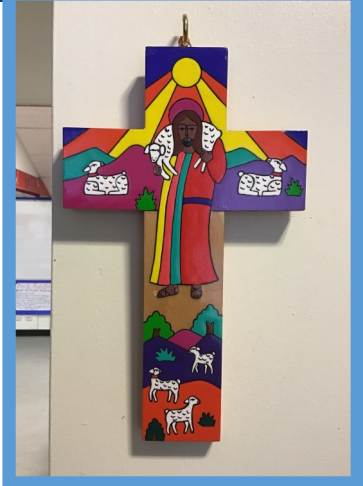
Our website, weekly newsletters and Facebook page provide a snapshot into the daily life of our school. Please feel free to contact school to arrange a visit so you can find out first-hand what it is like to be part of our Guilden Sutton school family.

Best wishes,

Theresa Rainford

Headteacher

Church school distinctiveness



Stories from the bible



Look outside our classrooms, see if you know can spot any bible stories? 





We gather in the school hall



Reflective areas



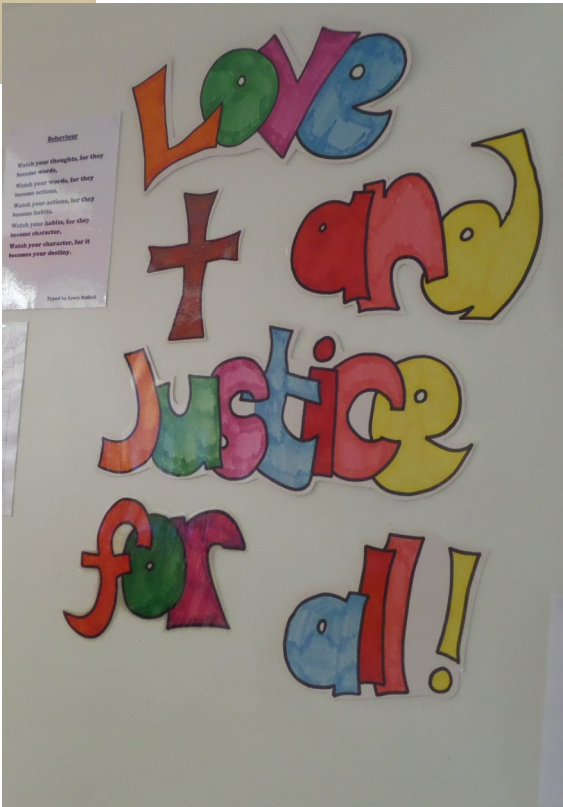
Reflective areas in each classroom give the children a place to be quiet and still. They have spiritual prompts to enable them to consider sharing their feelings in prayer. There are prayer pots available for the children to place their prayers. For younger children their prayers may be symbolised by grains or rice or Lego bricks.





Golden Rules
Chosen by our children

Reflecting our Vision
Our School Motto
is
'Love & Justice for all'





Big questions for small people

What is it like to follow God?



What words would you use to describe Noah?

Genesis 6:5 – 9:17

How did Noah carry out God's command?

Why did God choose Noah?

Handwritten notes on sticky paper surrounding the questions.

Thursday 12th September 2019

How to explore the Christian value of love

At School	At home	Church community
Being friendly to others	Being generous to others	Listen to what they have to say
Helping people who are in need	Helping people who are in need	Pray for people who are in need
Being kind to people who are in need	Being kind to people who are in need	Being kind to people who are in need
Being honest to people who are in need	Being honest to people who are in need	Being honest to people who are in need
Being respectful to people who are in need	Being respectful to people who are in need	Being respectful to people who are in need
Being helpful to people who are in need	Being helpful to people who are in need	Being helpful to people who are in need
Being caring to people who are in need	Being caring to people who are in need	Being caring to people who are in need
Being loving to people who are in need	Being loving to people who are in need	Being loving to people who are in need

As a class, we made a table of examples of ways to show love through school, at home and in church.

Love is a verb, it's something you do.

Thursday 12th September 2019

Can I explore the Christian value of love?

School	Home	Church Community
Honest to people and not talking behind their back	Making meals for your family	Flower-arranging in our local Church
Treat other people like family	Bring hugs and cuddles	Read the Bible at the Church
Coaching others in work if they find it hard	Read to siblings without being asked by parents	Pray to God and thank him for all he has given us
Praise each other and their achievements by saying well done!	Offer to babysit younger brothers or sisters	Shall respect by listening to whoever is speaking
Let people join in with games or anything happening out-side or maybe even inside	Enjoy any company with brothers, sisters, Mums or Dads	Join in with activities or actions to help out at the Church
Friendly to everyone inside and outside of school	Do any chores if you are asked or even if you haven't been asked	Join in with songs or hymns
	Give some gifts on special occasions to show your love	Show love to God

Fantastic discussion with your group, well done, Isla.

Year 6 Six worked together to come up with ideas of how we can show love at Church, School or home. Here are our ideas.

LOVE

How do we show LOVE?

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Archbishop of York Youth Trust - Young Leaders Award



FAIR TRADE

Thank you
 (Children School Parents School
 for all you did for the World's Fair,
 the Collection to November 2017)

and for raising
£218
 This school raised more
 than 6000 brilliant!



COME ON IN TO
FAIRTRADE





THE AVERAGE
 COFFEE FARMER
 IN ETHIOPIA
 EARNS JUST
£1.68
 A DAY



THE AVERAGE
 COCOA FARMER
 IN GHANA
 EARNS JUST
62P A DAY

THE AVERAGE
 SUGAR FARMER IN
 TANZANIA EARNS
 LESS THAN
76P A DAY

Our Top 5 Fairtrade Tips

1. When you see the  Symbol -
BUY THAT PRODUCT!
2. Help farmers & workers to be paid
 a **FAIR PRICE.**
3. Set up a  Fortnight in your school.
4. TALK TO & TELL people about .
5. When you eat a  product be
 mindful of the farmers & workers involved.

The Fairtrade
Fairies!



THE AVERAGE BANANA WORKER IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
 EARNS LESS THAN **20P** PER DAY

Time to cotton on
 more than just chocolate

It's time to make it fair
 £2
 Go to make it fair.org.uk

Getting stitched up?
 The story behind your cotton t-shirt...

A cotton conundrum
 The consequences
 It's time for cotton justice

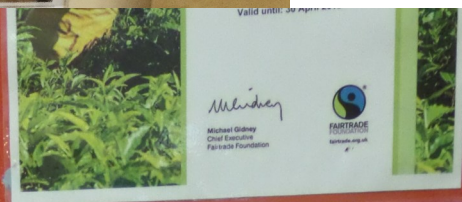
Come and tell me what



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Love in a box



Our School Charity - Foodbank
We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry.



Friendship

Forgiveness

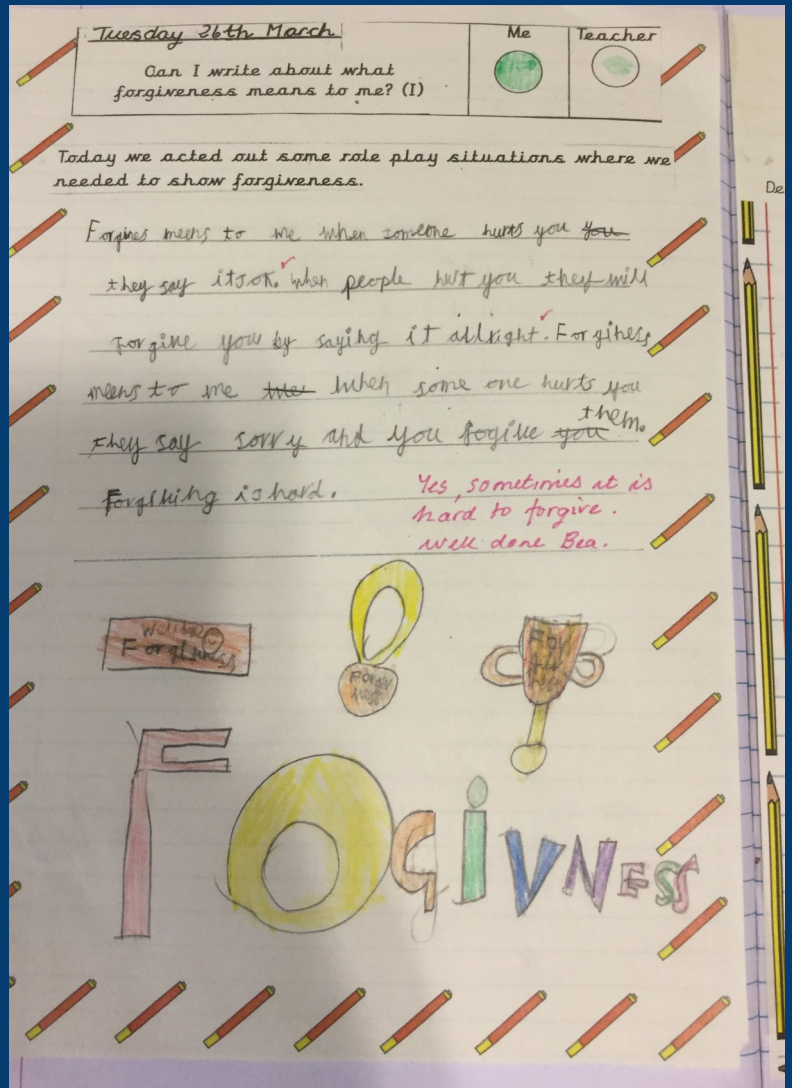
We pride ourselves on the positive relationships between staff and children which are based on mutual respect. We encourage our children to develop self-discipline and to be aware of the needs of others.

Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School expects the very best standards of behaviour, but recognises that the best way to ensure these standards are maintained are through a belief in reflection, forgiveness and reconciliation. By getting our pupils to think about the choices they make we hope to give them the strategies to make caring ones. When choices lead to incidents we do not want to see, the pupil will be asked to reflect on what has happened. When the appropriate apology and forgiveness from the person or persons affected by the incident has taken place, the children come to understand the importance of what Jesus taught us about forgiveness.



'Relationships between staff and pupils are excellent. Pupils say they feel very safe and well looked after in school.'

Ofsted 2017





Brook Street Project



Friendship



Worship & Prayer


As a Church of England School, our Christian vision flows through the life of the school community. We have strong links with St. John the Baptist Church in Guilden Sutton; church and school work together for the common good. Collective worship assembly is a valuable part of everyday life. Revd. Heather Carty comes in to take collective worship once a week. Every fortnight, our local Christian group provide 'Open the Book,' an interactive bible story based collective worship with lots of singing and fun. On Wednesday mornings, each year group leads the prayers in turn to which their parents are invited. 'Time to be still' takes place on Thursday mornings and gives both children and staff an opportunity to be still and reflect quietly and peacefully together. On Fridays, we come together to celebrate children's individual achievements both inside and outside of school and acts of kindness that may have been spotted during the week.

Each class visits St. John the Baptist church in Guilden Sutton to celebrate Christian Festivals. We have wider links with the Diocese of Chester including visits and pilgrimages to Chester Cathedral. Festivals of all faiths are looked at in school throughout the year and our annual collaboration with Chester Harmony Group during Interfaith Week has been established for many years. We welcome and encourage parents or family members to come and share their faith with us.

Should parents wish to withdraw their children from acts of collective worship or religious education they may do so after consulting the head teacher.

St. John's Family Service takes place at the Village Hall on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome!

To find out more about our local church St John the Baptist [click here](#).

Monday - Teacher led	Collective Worship	Whole school and staff
Tuesday - Teacher led	Collective Worship	Whole school and staff
or	An interactive bible story based	Whole school and staff
	Collective worship	
Wednesday - Revd. Heather Carty	Collective Worship Children lead prayers	Whole school, staff and parents of year group leading prayers.
Thursday - Time to be still	A time of peaceful reflection together	Whole School and staff
Friday - Head teacher/ Deputy	We come together to celebrate children's individual achievements both inside and outside of school and acts of kindness that may have been spotted during the week.	Whole school and staff



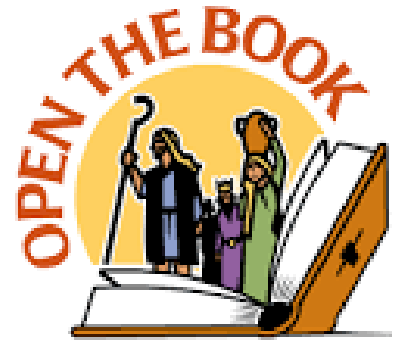
Children led prayers are the joy of our weekly Collective Worship





Revd. Heather Carty
Collective Worship





Open the Book, our local Christian Group led by Andy Avery, took Collective Worship outside on this sunny day. We try to make adjustments so that all may be included, take part and have the opportunity to hear the stories of the bible told with such fun by Andy, ending with a prayer.

All classes get a chance to visit St. John the Baptist Church through the year.





What have you done today to make us feel proud!



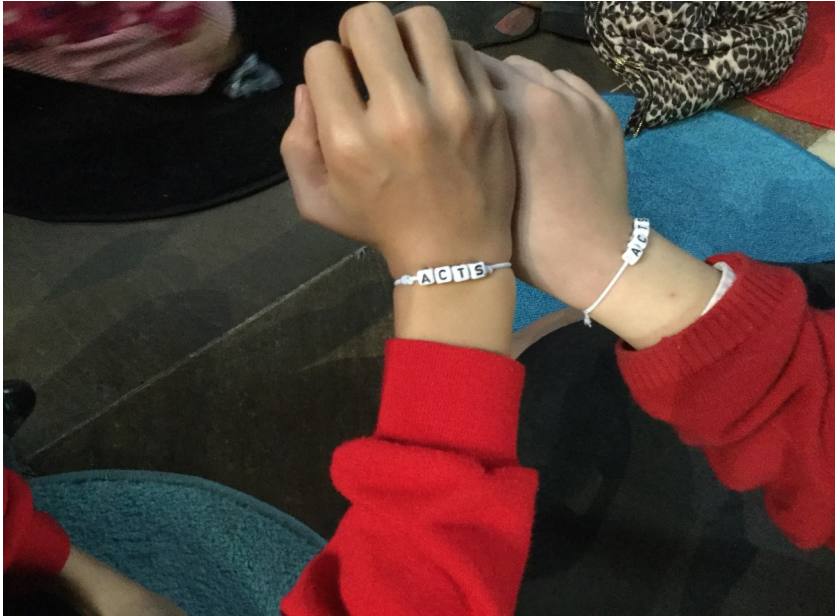
Celebrate!!





School community - fond farewell to much loved Caretaker of 30years





Chester Cathedral Pilgrimage



Following the footsteps of the monks



Monday 11 March 2019

Can I compare the sad and happy times of the Easter story? (1)

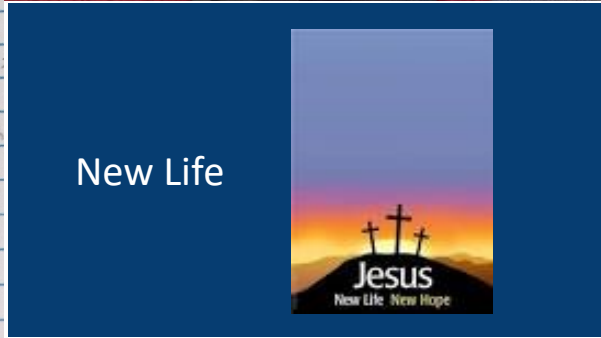
Me	Teacher

It was happy at the last supper because they were all together. It was sad at the last supper because Judas betrayed Jesus.

It was happy when Jesus was on the cross because he gave his life up for us. It was sad when Jesus was on the cross because he died.

It was happy when he came back to life. It was sad in the tomb because he was alone.

Fantastic reasons! Well done comparing the happy and sad times! 😊





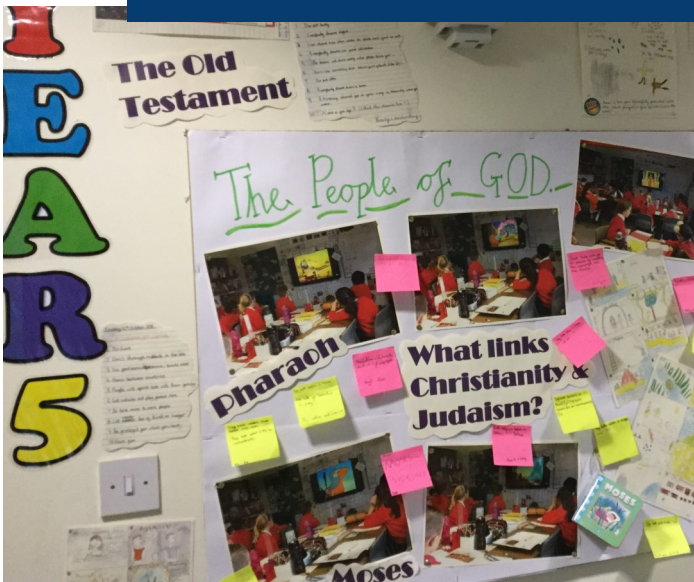
School/ Church links

Harvest



Thankfulness

Judaism & Christianity





Islam

Dignity & Respect
we are all
God's children

Hinduism



Baha'i, Buddhist, Zoroastrian, Muslim, Hindu, Jew



Playground leaders



Outdoor learning

R.E.



Ethos Group



Helping Every Child to Succeed



'...the school caters exceptionally well for pupils' academic development and for their social and emotional well-being.'
Ofsted 2017



Enrichment

Extra curricular activities are a crucial part of school life. They give children the opportunity to try new activities, work as a team and take part in competitive events.

A variety of clubs run throughout the year with some being provided by our staff and others through the use of expert coaches or musicians.

The music curriculum runs through the school from Reception to Year 6. Additionally, Year 4 have an opportunity for brass, guitar and samba drumming lessons each term, at no cost. Through outside music tutors, the school offers private tuition for most instruments.

We want our curriculum to be as exciting and vibrant as possible and so we regularly visit places of interest or invite visiting speakers or drama groups to school. We usually ask for a voluntary contribution to subsidise the cost of the activity, however no child is excluded from taking part.

Year 4 visit Kingwood Colomendy and Year 6 have the opportunity to go on a residential trip to a Christian outdoor adventure centre in Wales, Min-Y-Don. This is an important part of our curriculum where the children can build up their independence and excel in activities outside of the classroom. In safe surroundings and through the care of our staff and the centres' trained instructors, the children have a fantastic time, though not much sleep!



Glee Club

Art Club

Judo

Fencing

Choir

Breakdancing

Mad Science

Football

Hockey

and many more.

'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding.'

Ofsted 2017



The Learning

Experience

At Guilden Sutton, we like to keep the curriculum lively, practical and interesting, with experiences that the children will remember for a lifetime. Our aim is to ensure that standards across all areas of the curriculum are as high as those in the core subjects of English, mathematics and science. We link a variety of subjects including English and mathematics into themes which hook the children's interest. Curiosity, creativity and compassion are promoted through a rich and exciting curriculum which challenges everyone to think about themselves, their local and global community.

Teachers carefully plan tasks based on Bloom's Levels of Thinking so that each child is challenged to think hard, problem solve and be creative.

We are committed to inclusion and differentiate the learning tasks so that everyone has the opportunity to reach their potential. Children and staff are encouraged to have a go at new experiences, without worrying about getting it wrong. Our philosophy is that people who have never made a mistake, probably have never made anything!

'Teachers and teaching assistants display energy and passion for learning. Their infectious attitude creates a positive learning atmosphere for pupils, who consequently thrive under their guidance.'

Ofsted 2017

'The carefully planned curriculum contributes exceptionally well to pupils' outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.'

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Visiting Authors: Rachel Rooney & Eamonn Reilly



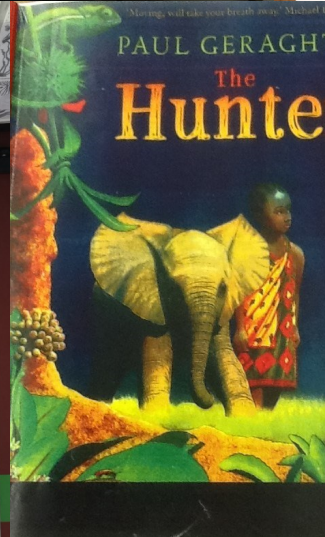
Inspiration





Singing
And Music





Healthy Bodies

Healthy minds

It is important that all children know how to live healthy lives and can cope with the inevitable 'ups and downs' of life by being resilient and resourceful.

By teaching them in practical ways about nutrition, exercise and mental wellbeing, we aim to foster good habits that will last them a lifetime.

As we are a Church of England school, an important element of our ethos is to develop a sense of spirituality and mindfulness.

Children and staff are supported in becoming lifelong learners, curious about the world and also responsible for it.

Having as much fun as possible along the way is a top priority!





Together everyone achieves more





Sports Day Fun
We all take part!





Parental Involvement

The partnership between Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School and home is of vital importance to us and we know that parents want to be closely involved their child's school life. This may be through sharing information with us, supporting home – school work or coming into school to help with a variety of activities. Grandma and Grandad are also very welcome to share their talents!

The website also gives a flavour of what is going on in school, we do have an open-door policy so if any there are any concerns, please feel free to come and talk to us.



We are very proud of our school/parent links. Many children that have gone to our school are now parents and even grandparents themselves . All these children in this photo are second and even third generation Guilden Sutton C of E Primary school pupils.

School Day

Opening Times

School doors open 8.50 am

Reception and Key Stage 1 8.50am - 3.10 pm.

Key Stage 2 8.50am - 3.20pm.





Happy !



This is what the Lord requires of you:
Do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

—Micah 6:8



‘A small school with a big heart.’

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