

St Matthew's Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Distinctiveness

'BELIEVING ACHIEVING SUCCEEDING'

We are a Church of England Primary School at the heart of the local community. The school does not stop at our school gates but extends out into the local area and we welcome the whole community into our school.

As a Church School, the Governors and staff aim to embed our Christian distinctiveness into all aspects of school life. We do this in many ways but most obviously by promoting our School Vision. This is taken directly from the words of Jesus in the Bible – John 10.10. Jesus tells his disciples that he has come that all people 'might have life and have it to the full'. Inspired by this, our Vision is 'to enable our whole school community to live life in all its fullness'. We think about what this means within all our curriculum areas and our school improvement priorities.

We have strong links with St Matthew's Church and with the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education.

Our school provides the opportunity to experience what it is to be part of a community which celebrates and explores the Christian faith.

It is a place of welcome and hospitality, encouragement and comfort, trust and understanding. We believe that school life at St Matthew's can offer a significant and lasting experience of what it means to have a living relationship with Jesus Christ.



We aim to live out our Christian values throughout the school; by reference to the teaching of the Bible, by nurturing a sense of awe and wonder in the whole of creation and by fostering an accepting and loving community.

Prayer is an important part of school life and the school is supported in prayer through the church, governors, parents, children and others. Children from across the school worked together to write a school prayer and all children are encouraged to learn it off by heart and to use it both in school and at home.

Dear God
Thank you for our families and friends.
Thank you for nature, the food we eat
and the homes we live in.
Thank you for our school.
Help us to try hard in everything we do.
Help us to look after each other.
Help us to love learning.
May our school be a happy place.
Please may we become more like you
Day by day. Amen

'THE 5 Gs'

which we say and sign every day are one way in
which the school stays rooted in faith
throughout the day. They also help us to express
our School Vision . . .

God – is love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit - we
love because He loves.

Growing – physically, spiritually, emotionally,
intellectually, socially, confidently and happily

Grace – being forgiven and forgiving

Giving – generously to our neighbours

Guiding – our children in their journey through life

What will my child experience at St Matthew's
which may be different from other schools?

- Collective Worship (Assembly) every day –
which will be Christian in nature.
- Religious Education (which is taught as a
core subject) through lessons which cover
Christianity and other world religions.
- Regular visits to St Matthew's Church for
services to celebrate the major Christian
festivals of Harvest, Christmas and Easter
and at the end of the school year and for
curriculum activities.
- Opportunities for prayer in class and in
Collective Worship.
- A Children's Faith Team which gives the
children a voice in all faith matters.

We value the strong
partnership between church
and school, enabling children
to be familiar with the
teaching and environment of
the church. The Faith Team
seeks to ensure that the
distinctiveness of the school is
enhanced and maintained. St Matthew's Church
provides a majority of our school governors.



Helen is our Vicar. She comes in to school
normally once a week to lead Collective Worship.



We have lots of information on our website about
a wide range of subjects to do with our school.
Please do take a look.

www.stmatthews.kingston.sch.uk

St Matthew's Church website is:

<http://www.stmatthewskt6.org>

