

Promoting British Values

The government defined **British Values** as **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**. We believe these values are represented within our existing school aims and values, our curriculum and teaching and learning strategies, and the enrichment activities in which our pupils participate. Our mission statement says: *The children of Standlake will reach their potential by **belonging** to a supportive and inclusive community, **believing** in themselves, each other and Christian values and **building** on their successes.*

We are an inclusive Church school with Christian values that are the cornerstone of what we say and do, with the different people we meet. We have based our values on a Bible passage from the book of Colossians Chapter 3, versus 12-15:

*You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with **compassion**, kindness, gentleness, and patience.*

*Be **tolerant** with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must **forgive** one another just as the Lord has forgiven you.*

*And to all these qualities add **love**, which binds all things together in perfect unity.*

*The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decision you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in one body. And be **thankful**.*

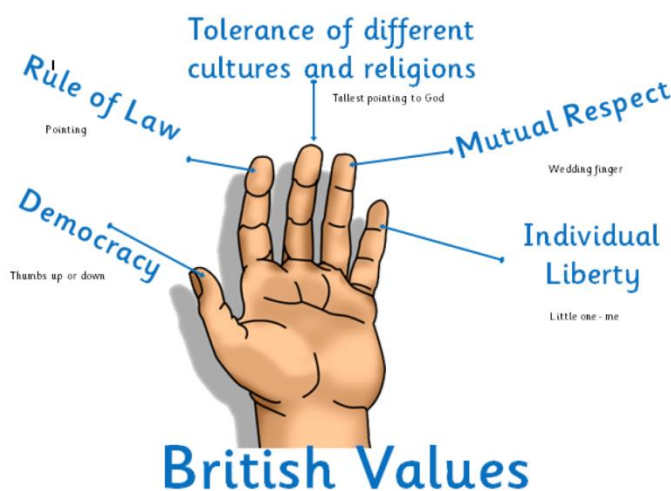
We talk to the children about 'clothing' themselves in the values and make links to Bible texts:



Tolerance	<i>Do not refuse to accept into your group someone who is weak in faith. And do not argue with him about his opinions</i> <i>Romans 14:1</i>
Compassion	<i>Help each other with your troubles. When you do this, you truly obey the law of Christ.</i> <i>Galatians 6:2</i>
Forgiveness	<i>If you forgive others for the things they do wrong, then your Father in heaven will also forgive you for the things you do wrong</i> <i>Matthew 6:14</i>
Honesty	<i>Do what is right and fair</i> <i>Proverbs 21:3</i>
Thankfulness	<i>Always be happy. Never stop praying. Give thanks whatever happens.</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</i>
Love	<i>Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not boast, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong.</i> <i>1 Corinthians 13:4-8</i>

How we are promoting British Values

The children have been taught this way of remembering the British Values:



Democracy:

- Assemblies mirror international/national events or commemoration of individuals e.g. Remembrance Days, Women's Suffragette Movement
- We have mirrored national democratic processes by having our own school votes on 'Brexit' and General Elections and voting for the choice of film for our Movie Nights!
- We have an elected School Council that meets every half term. Each class elects two representatives and meet with the Head teacher once a term
- Children are involved in aspects of school life such as organising charity fund-raising events (Red Nose Day, Children in Need)
- Democracy is promoted through the curriculum e.g. in classroom debates and PSHE lessons
- Pupils are regularly asked for their views through an annual survey and concerns are addressed through school development plans
- Wonder Wednesday assemblies teach this explicitly

The Rule of Law:

- We have high standards of behaviour and promote good behaviour by recognising individual examples as well groups such as Houses
- Our Achievement Assembly on a Friday acknowledges children or groups of children that have followed our values and rules through our Achievement Book, House Points system and Playground Book.
- We have a clear behaviour policy which outlines how poor behaviour is dealt with. This is adhered to by all staff in a fair manner and pupils know what to expect.
- There are four clear whole school rules that are reviewed and discussed in classes to identify what they should 'look like' in each particular classroom.
- Parents and Pupils sign a Home-School Agreement annually
- Wonder Wednesday assemblies teach this explicitly

Individual Liberty:

- Assemblies mirror International/National events or commemoration of individuals e.g. Black History Month, Anti-Bullying Week, Women's Suffragette Movement, Fair Trade Fortnight
- Children are taught about personal responsibility, the courage to stand up for what is right, resilience and aspiration through our day-to-day discourse with them and more explicitly in PSHE type lessons
- Pupils discuss topical current affairs as they arise, particularly through news links such as The Junior Week and Newsround
- Yearly visits from the NSPCC to raise awareness of how the children should stay safe
- Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, including online, and recent surveys show that more than 87% of children and 98% of parents feel children feel safe in school
- Bullying is not tolerated and we have a robust anti-bullying policy
- We have trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
- Parents are given the opportunity to express their views and raise concerns during 'Information Evenings' and surveys
- Wonder Wednesday assemblies teach this explicitly

Mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs:

- We promote an inclusive approach to supporting all children in the classroom regardless of learning ability or behaviour needs and help children to understand why and how we can support others that are different from ourselves
- Staff training from Traveller Advisory Teacher to enhance our understanding of our Traveller family community and how to enhance inclusion
- Children have opportunities to work and play with others from different year groups e.g. Stop Days and Playtimes
- We celebrate diversity and encourage our children to speak about their faith or culture e.g. Muslim child discussing her religious festivals
- We have invited people of other faiths to come and speak to us during our Wonder Wednesday Assemblies; Muslim, Baha'i and Jewish
- Our RE syllabus promotes and understanding of different faiths and religions
- Our links with the local church is strong and the vicar joins us for assembly every week. We have a number of services in the church throughout the year.
- We held an inclusive 'Reflective Prayer Spaces' day in the local church
- A Stop Day on Languages from across Europe
- Staff are good role models by treating others as equals
- Wonder Wednesday assemblies teach this explicitly