‘Like a **tree** firmly planted by **streams** of living **water**’

Psalm 1:3

What's in a name?

Holywell

Church of England

Primary School

Holywell Church of England Primary School



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Here at Holywell,

we are a

CHURCH SCHOOL



But what does that mean?

As a Church School...

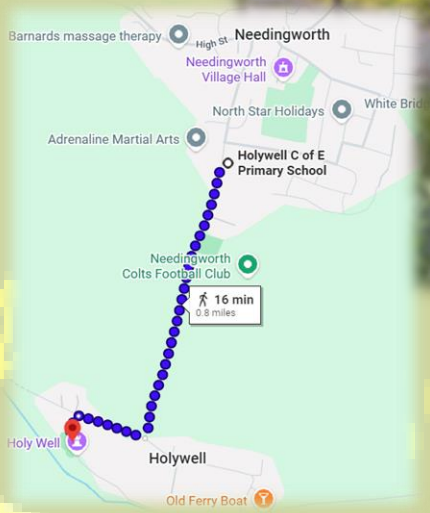
- We are a local-authority school that is free for all children to attend.
- We have a strong connection to the local church.
- We follow the same national rules for learning as other local-authority schools.

Our church school is a **primary school** with a **special link** to the **Christian church**. We are not a **Christian school**.

Our Linked Church:

'St. John the Baptist Church' is at the end of the road, in Holywell-cum-Needingworth.





Holywell C of E's Logo and our Theologically Rooted Christian Vision

'Like a tree firmly planted by streams of living water'

Psalm 1:3

We believe that like the water from the well, the school should give you the opportunity to experience:

- **Flowing** - in God's love so that you can move forward with purpose but also with adaptability.

- **Strengthening** - in terms of your character and relationships as well as your skills and knowledge.

- **Deepening** - by learning about yourself, each other and the wider world and to experience learning at a meaningful level.

What is Special About Being a Church School?

- We have a **theologically rooted Christian vision**
- We have explicitly **Christian Values**, which help us to live out our vision
- We are **inclusive to everyone** - all faiths and none
- Our lessons and daily life are guided by Christian values, many shared by other major religious and non-religious worldviews, ensuring everyone is **respected, recognised and valued**.



Our Christian Values

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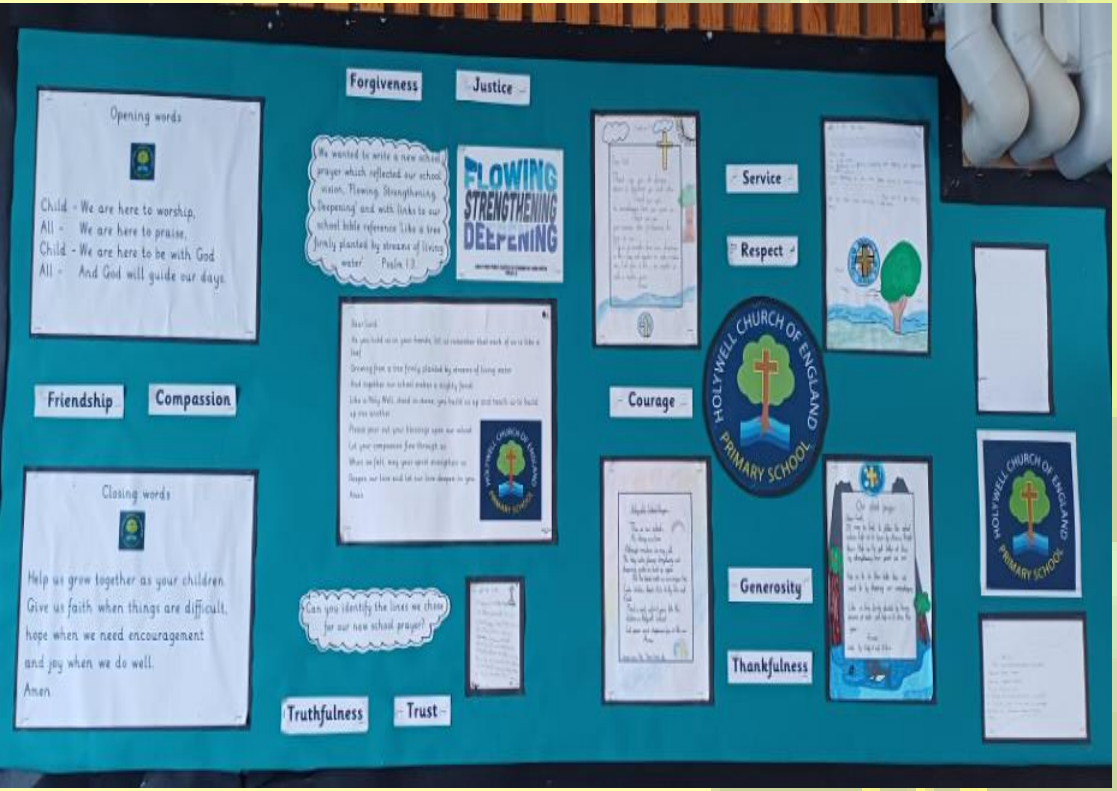
We celebrate when we catch you living our values by giving you a specific sticker in recognition of the valued you lived.

We also come together on a Friday, in Collective Worship, and celebrate lived values with certificates and the opportunity to wear the star for the week.



LIVING THE CHRISTIAN VALUES

What is Special About Being a Church School?



We encourage and support you to develop your own personal worldview.

We offer times for reflection, stillness and response.

We offer space to pray to thank God for all our blessings, gifts and talents.

We come together daily for 'acts of worship'.

We have a school prayer which was created, in collaboration with you.

A DAILY CHANCE TO BE STILL AND REFLECT

What is Special About Being a Church School?

- **RW Lessons:** lessons in 'Religion and Worldviews' (RW) means spending time learning about Christianity and God, alongside other major world faiths which enables you to make your own worldview.
- Sometimes we do extra special days to be creative and dig deeper into different themes like Creation, Incarnation and Salvation.

NOBODY STANDS NOWHERE

What is Special About Being a Church School?



Our local church community welcomes us and leads services when we visit the church itself. They also visit the school to lead collective worship.

STRONG LINKS WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH COMMUNITY

Who Can Come to Our Church School?

- **Anyone** can come to our church school, (not just churchgoers).
- You do not have to be a Christian or go to church with your family.
- **Everyone is welcome, and all beliefs are respected, welcomed and invited.**