

How is the school's vision a clearly-articulated theologically rooted Christian vision?



Our Vision

A foundation for lifelong learning,
to reach our full potential,
by following the example of Jesus.

Respect

"We treat others
as we would like
to be treated"
Matthew 7:12

Compassion

"We are
sympathetic and
caring towards
others"
Peter 3:8

Perseverance

"We are resilient,
and never give up"
Galatians 6:9

Friendship

"We encourage
and support each
other"
Thessalonians 5:11

Forgiveness

"We are kind and
forgiving"
Ephesians 4:32

Trust

"We put our trust
in God"
Psalms 56:3

Link to vision statement and explanation on website

Our vision: 'A foundation for lifelong learning, to reach our full potential, by following the example of Jesus.'

Along with the vision, our core values of **Respect, Compassion, Perseverance, Friendship, Forgiveness** and **Trust** determine all that we do at Nutley.

In John 13, Jesus shows us how serving others can help us to reach our potential, though acting with humility and love. We believe that we guide children through their education, learning to respect and show friendship to those around them. As a Christian school, we believe that children live their best lives when they know they are **respected** and respecting others; shown how to use their **compassion, friendship and forgiveness**, and taught that having **perseverance and trust** in God and in themselves can lead to life-long learning and positive change. Our purpose at Nutley is for all children to achieve their true potential, lead happy and fulfilled lives and contribute positively to their communities and wider world, through the “**example that you should do as I have done for you**”.

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- **Nutley’s Vision Statement:** ‘A foundation for lifelong learning, to reach our full potential, by following the example of Jesus’.
- In **John 13:34**, Jesus tells us that He set an example of how to live our lives, through humility and love, and that in this way all things are possible with God. We believe that we give children the best start to their education by giving them the values and confidence necessary to live a purposeful and full life.
- **Respect:** ‘*We treat others as we would like to be treated*’. In **Matthew 7: 12** – Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, He illustrates the meaning of treating others with the same kindness, respect, and love that you desire for yourself. Our first Golden Value serves as a summary of all moral guidelines in the scriptures.
- **Compassion:** ‘*We are sympathetic and caring towards others*’. **Peter 3:8** teaches us to be humble, sympathetic and to respect one another. This encouragement to unity and compassion serves as a foundation for a harmonious life both within our school and reaching out into the local community.
- **Perseverance:** ‘*We are resilient and never give up*’. **Galatians 6:9** describes Paul’s message to Christians not to grow tired of doing good. God will often allow His people to see how their investment to do good matters both in this life and in the life to come. In the same way, we learn to persevere even when things are tricky, in order to have a lifelong love of learning,
- **Friendship:** ‘*We encourage and support each other*’. In **Thessalonians 5:11** the Apostle Paul’s letter is a call to believers to provide mutual spiritual support and growth within the community. It highlights the importance of fostering love and strengthening faith, even among those who may hold different opinions. In our school and in the wider world, we want our children to respect and support the views of others, just as Paul advocates for in this passage.
- **Forgiveness:** ‘*We are kind and forgiving*’. **Ephesians 4:32** calls for active kindness and empathy among all people, using God’s forgiveness of believers through Jesus as the ultimate example. Through Jesus’ example we want our children to forgive, even through the hardest times.
- **Trust:** ‘*We put our trust in God*’. **Psalms 56:3** is a reminder that even through adversity, we can put our trust in God. David’s words show us that fear is part of life, but through God and Jesus, all things are possible. We want our children to know that God and Jesus are always with them and therefore they can cast fears aside to reach their full potential.

