

**Promoting British values**

We agree with the Department for Education’s five part definition of British Values:
• Democracy
• The rule of law
• Individual liberty
• Mutual respect
• Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

We believe it is incredibly important that these British Values permeate through every school in the country. At St Botolph’s you will encounter these values throughout our everyday school life. In particular throughout our promotion of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural around the school. We believe that our Christian identity plays an important role in upholding British Values within our school community.
Below is just a snap shot of how we promote these values in our school community:

**Democracy:**

Pupil voice plays a big part in life at St. Botolph’s. Our pupil elected school council play a strong role in our school. They are elected by their class peers and are involved in making St. Botolph’s a better place to learn. Pupils have input in their learning and what they would like to learn which promotes pupil voice. Pupil questionnaires and interviews are also conducted throughout the year. We know that the formation of the school council and the active participation of our pupils will sow the seeds for a more sophisticated understanding of democracy in the future.

**The Rule of Law:**

Our pupils will encounter rules and laws throughout their entire lives. We want our pupils to understand that whether these laws govern the class, the school, the neighbourhood or the country, they are set for good reasons and must be adhered to. This understanding of the importance of rules will be consistently reinforced through assemblies and our curriculum. The involvement of our pupils in the creation of the school rules helps them to understand the reasons behind rules and the consequences if rules are broken. Throughout the year we welcome visits from members of the wider community including police, war veterans, the fire brigade and many more. We believe that clear explanations and real life stories emphasise the importance of the Rule of Law for our pupils.

**Individual Liberty:**

We invest a lot of time in creating a positive culture in our school, so children are in a safe environment where choices and freedoms are encouraged. We offer a range of clubs which pupils have the freedom to choose from, based on their interests. Through our E-Safety, SEAL and PSHE sessions, we educate children on their rights and personal freedoms as well as supporting them in recognising how to exercise these freedoms safely. At St Botolph’s we believe that valuing choice and freedom in daily school life will foster a value for individual liberty as the children embark upon their adult lives.

**Mutual Respect:**

Our school promotes:
The acceptance and appreciation of the differences in those different than myself. Children learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect.

**Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs:**

 Whilst we are a Church of England School, we offer a culturally rich and diverse curriculum in which all major religions are studied and respected. Parents and leaders of different faiths are welcomed to the school. At St Botolph’s we strongly believe that tolerance is gained through knowledge and understanding. Through our curriculum and the routines of our daily school life, we strive to demonstrate tolerance and help children to become knowledgeable and understanding citizens who can build a better Britain for the future.