

Our school values underpin everything we do and everything we teach

	Truth	Perseverance	Respect	Thankfulness	Friendship & Forgiveness
The learning environment	Proverbs 12:22 tells us that ' <i>The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.</i> ' This reminds us Everyone in our school community will understand the need to challenge prejudice, to stand up for what is right and to develop their own moral compass to follow. Hope is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon. Our school community relies of each other to be the best they can be.	In Romans 5:4 we are told that ' <i>endurance produces character, and character produces hope.</i> ' This reminds us to keep going and be the best we can be when things are difficult. By supporting everyone to face challenges, have aspirational targets and approach situations with positivity and enthusiasm we ensure that we will all develop the resilience and skills we need to deal with situations for the rest of our lives.	Luke 6:31 <i>tells us 'as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them'</i> . By treating each other with respect, love and understanding, whilst setting the highest standards of behaviour and learning, we ensure that we will all grow in respect and tolerance, and will feel worthy in our own lives. We recognise that the Holy Spirit is the invisible power of God that comes alive in us when we live with respect for each other and the world around us.	At St Thomas à Becket School we teach thankfulness not only through words but also in actions. When children can show appreciation for what they have and for those around them, they feel happier. Staff and children have frequent opportunities for reflection and appreciate the learning environment and the opportunities we have as well as showing thanks for God's magnificent world and the gifts He has given us. Psalm 107:1 teaches us to ' <i>give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.</i> '	Our school community is based on love, support and care. Our nurturing environment ensures staff and children will enjoy learning together and developing friendships through shared experiences. Colossians 3:13 teaches us to ' <i>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.</i> ' By supporting our friends and tolerating individual's differences we forgive each other when mistakes are made. Showing acceptance and tolerance towards others and celebrating our differences draws us together as human beings.