



## **Bleasby**

### **Church of England Primary School**

Christian Vision

***“Achieving, Belonging and Caring***

***as unique children of God,  
in a diverse and changing world”***

Bleasby Church of England Primary School welcomes those of all faiths or none and wants to see every member of its community flourish as unique, precious, and beloved human beings who have been created in the image of God. We work towards this goal by supporting our children and staff to **achieve** both personally and academically; by encouraging children and staff alike to **belong** together as one school family; and by nurturing everyone to **care** for one another and the wider world in which they find themselves, both now and in the future.

Our vision and associated mission is rooted in the Christian understanding of creation. In the words of the book of Revelation “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being” (Revelation 4:11). We believe that we are all God’s children, that we have been created by God in His own image (Genesis 1:27), and that this image is displayed most perfectly in the person of Jesus Christ, for whom we have been created (Colossians 1:15–16). This means that we are all utterly and infinitely valued, of intrinsic worth, and are purposed to share in God’s own life by loving God and neighbour after the pattern of Jesus himself (Matthew 22:37–39). The Bleasby **ABC** is therefore founded on the values of wisdom and perseverance, friendship and respect, and service and compassion, as these are enacted in Jesus’ own life.

We look to achieve, therefore, through **wisdom** and **perseverance**: we encourage and support our children and staff to take one step at a time to grow ever more fully; both personally and academically. We aim to educate and equip our children and staff with the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to nurture wisdom and perseverance, and so to be able to deal confidently with challenges in the context of our school

community and the community of a wider world. As Paul writes to the church in Rome, “be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:2). And in the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, “let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:1–2).

Further, we look to belong through **friendship** and **respect**: we encourage and enable our children and staff to be kind and inclusive, and to form positive relationships with one another so as to belong together as one school family. We work towards educating and equipping our children and staff to listen to and understand others, believing it vital in an ever-changing and increasingly diverse world to learn to disagree well. As Jesus says to his disciples, “Do to others as you would have them do to you. ... Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you” (Luke 6:31, 37–38). And in the words of the first Epistle of John, “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ... if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us” (1 John 4:11–12).

Finally, we look to care through **service** and **compassion**: we encourage and nurture our children and staff to use their gifts, skills, and talents to care for others both as members of our school community and a wider world community. We seek to educate and equip our children and staff to have empathy and to show compassionate concern towards one another in ever deepening ways, looking always to put others before ourselves. As Paul writes to the church in Philippi, “In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others” (Philippians 2:3–4). And in Paul’s words to the Corinthian church: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Corinthians 1:3–4).

Each value is represented in our school’s life by the Jigsaw Cross which we build at the start of each collective worship.



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