

St James CE Primary School Values



We are beacons of joy for the world around us.

- Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. *Mother Teresa*
- We need joy as we need air. We need love as we need water. We need each other as we need the earth we share. *Maya Angelou*
- You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. *Proverbs 16:11*

Joy is the expression of inner happiness and contentment. It is beyond the emotion of happiness but is about seeing lives being positively changed and relationships enhanced - being that beacon of joy in the community. At St James, we encourage children to achieve a sense of fulfilment, trust and hope that we can hold onto, even in times of struggle.

Joy should mark the life of our community and all relationships between us as we live and work together. At school, children and adults achieve through praise and encouragement so that they can be a source of joy to others.

At school we take every opportunity to teach children this value by:

- Connecting with one another.
- Inspiring curiosity and creativity.
- Cultivating autonomy and mastery.
- Promoting collaboration and diversity.
- Nurturing well-being and resilience.
- Modelling joy and enthusiasm.

This value is reflected in our curriculum by:

- Celebrating diverse human achievements that inspire us all.
- Teaching expressive subjects that embrace and celebrate individuality and uniqueness.
- Engaging children in a responsive curriculum that reflects the world around them.