



"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16



Our Vision: "Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

These words of Jesus are at the heart of our school's vision. They inspire and motivate our whole school community. Jesus reminded us in Matthew's gospel that we are lights for the world. As we seek to follow him, we can share his light with others and change the world! We believe that every child and adult can shine and that this can be for the benefit of all. We recognise that we are all special in God's eyes and have unique talents, which we nurture so that each of us has the opportunity to become the very best person that God intended us to be. We want to encourage our children to aspire to great things and for their light to shine and make a difference in their classrooms, their community and the wider world.

We believe that developing a sense of self-worth is of paramount importance. Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12). As he spoke to those around him during the Sermon on the Mount, he also used these words: 'You are the light of the world'. In addition to letting their light shine on others, we want our children to recognise the value of their own light: to be proud of their personal achievements; to value and respect themselves; and to know how loved they are both by God and by others.

We want to celebrate, explore and promote our school values as our children learn, grow and develop across our two schools. We do this within a caring ethos, ensuring that our children are educated to the highest possible standards and enabled to "let [their] light shine". These values play a crucial role in our children's ability to let their light shine.

Gratitude | Friendship | Perseverance | Forgiveness | Honesty | Compassion

At Polehampton, spirituality is reflecting on how our light shines for ourselves and onto the path of others. We nurture spirituality through the Windows, Mirrors and Doors approach.

- Windows encourage us to look out with curiosity and wonder, noticing the beauty, diversity and complexity of God's world and learning from the experiences of others.
- Mirrors invite us to look within, reflecting on our thoughts, feelings, beliefs, values and the unique gifts God has given us, helping us to understand who we are and how our light shines.
- Doors inspire us to respond with courage, compassion and hope, putting our values into action by making positive choices, serving others and sharing God's love within our school, our community and the wider world.