



A Christian Welcome

Goodrich Church of England Primary School

Achieve, Believe, Care

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.

Welcome to Goodrich Church of England Primary. We are a popular, thriving school at the heart of the village of Goodrich in the Wye Valley. Situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, we are lucky to be reminded every day of the magnificence of God's creation.

Our pupils are drawn from Goodrich and the surrounding villages and also from the market town of Ross-on-Wye.

We have very strong links with St Giles Church in Goodrich. Some of our families worship at St Giles or at the other Anglican Churches across the adjoining parishes.

We warmly welcome Christians, families who worship other faiths or who have no declared faith.



As a Church school, Goodrich has a distinct Christian character which is expressed across the whole school community.



The Vision and Values of the School



Our Motto

Achieve ∞ Believe ∞ Care

Our School Vision

'But I will bless the person who puts his trust in me. He is like a tree growing near a stream and sending out roots to the water. It is not afraid when hot weather comes, because its leaves stay green;

it has no worries when there is no rain; it keeps on bearing fruit.' **Jeremiah 17:7-8** (Good News)

Goodrich Church of England Primary School nurtures children to grow into resilient individuals, trusting in God as they develop strong **roots** through our Christian values. (**Believe**)

The structure allowing them to develop learning behaviours is the **trunk**. We live out our values in all that we do, demonstrating that we are **TIPTOP** (Thoughtful, Independent, Pioneer, Team Player, Organised and Persevering).

Through our **branches**, a broad and balanced curriculum is provided to give our learners a range of skills, knowledge and experiences. (**Achieve**)

We develop **leaves** of opportunity to enrich their primary school journey. We give them the time to share their learning and talents with the confidence to take risks, in a safe and secure environment.

As the children move through the school, they **blossom** as they grow as unique individuals, benefitting from the strength and faith of our school. They know who they are and are prepared to contribute positively as part of society. They are ready to make the most of opportunities they meet and the attributes to face challenges as they arise.

The **fruit** of our Goodrich tree. (**Care**)

Achieve

Philippians 4:13 (International Children's Bible)

'I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.'

At Goodrich Church of England Primary School, we work as a school community to share knowledge, skills and understanding required now and for the future to help each individual **achieve** their potential. The school provides an academic, physical, emotional, social, and safe environment supported by Christian values, where children are supported to engage in their learning through a broad and well-balanced curriculum so that they become confident, independent and resilient learners.



Believe

Matthew 5:14 (Good News)

'You are like light for the whole world.'

We **believe** that each individual should be given the opportunity to gain an understanding of themselves both personally and spiritually within an environment that embraces difference. Members of the school community are encouraged to consider their thoughts and actions as people of the wider world.



Care

Colossians 3:12-13 (Good News)

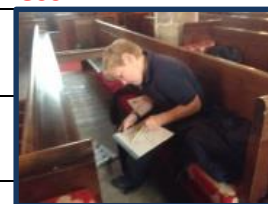
'You must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another.'

The school community is encouraged to **care** about themselves, one another, the local environment and the wider world. High expectations with regard to manners, behaviour and courtesy to one another underpinned by Christian values help the school community to treat others and the world around them with respect.



We are TIPTOP Learners

	LEARNING BEHAVIOURS	HOW THEY LINK TO OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES
T	Teamwork	We are team players. We show trust, friendship and forgiveness .
I	Independent	We use our own ideas. We value wisdom .
P	Persevere	We never give up. We show endurance .
T	Thoughtful	We peacefully reflect. We show humility, compassion and thankfulness .
O	Organised	We are prepared for anything.
P	Pioneer	We are hopeful . We enjoy a challenge.



What does it mean to be a Church of England school?

Our school provides a welcoming hub of the community where children and adults are actively involved in learning and sharing the gifts and talents God has bestowed upon them.

Throughout their school experience, the teaching of Jesus, biblical stories and prayers are used to encourage their curiosity and develop their ability to ask questions about their own faith and relationships with others.

For our pupils this means:

that every pupil is valued and nurtured as a unique and special child of God. Pupils flourish and are encouraged to work hard to achieve their potential. Through strong moral and spiritual development, together with an emphasis on Christian values, pupils are empowered to become self-confident, caring and polite individuals.



For our parents this means:

that they know that they can expect a range of exciting and enriching educational experiences for their children with an emphasis on Christian values. Our parents say they welcome this. Parents often join us in Collective Worship, including our regular services at St Giles Church.

For our staff this means:

that they are committed to deliver high-quality religious education and collective worship to enable pupils to engage seriously with, and develop an understanding of, the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. Our staff support the Christian ethos of the school and role model the Christian Values in all they do.

For our governors this means:

that they are strongly involved in setting and monitoring the Christian ethos of the school. Our governors do this by being actively involved in many aspects of our school life.

For the Church and the wider community this means:

that they know that the school is responsive to, and fully involved in, the Church and wider community. Goodrich is a school that is not contained within four walls, but a Christian family with a strong Christian ethos whose reach extends into the local community and beyond.



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