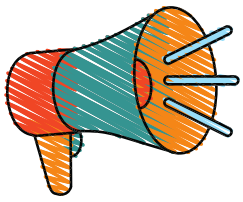


Courageous Advocacy at Christ Church School

What is courageous advocacy?



Speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard.



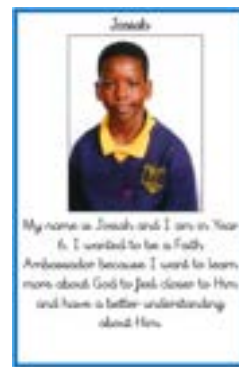
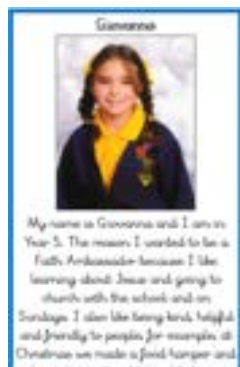
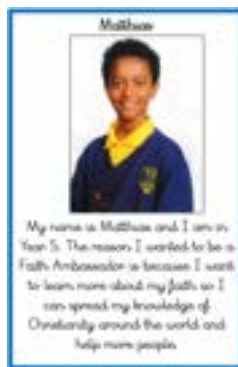
The Christian faith is at the heart of our school community. At Christ Church, we are passionate advocates for the greater good, both locally, nationally, and globally. Our approach to 'courageous advocacy' empowers pupils and the wider school community to develop a deeper understanding of the challenges others face and to recognise how they, as individuals, can make a positive impact in our school, local community, and beyond.

'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.'
~ Ephesians 2:10

We acknowledge that life is full of highs and lows, and everyone, at some point, will encounter difficulties that require support to overcome. As stated in our Christian vision, we are committed to serving both our school community and the wider community.

Faith Ambassadors

At Christ Church, the Faith Ambassadors have taken on a special role in promoting and sharing the values and teachings of their Christian faith within the school community.



The faith ambassadors help to ensure that the school's Christian Vision are reflected in the everyday actions of the school. They regularly meet and suggest ways to make RE learning and collective worship even better. They think about ways to help the community. They help to make the school a more loving, caring place where all pupils can grow spiritually and academically.

Charities we support & communities close to home

At Christ Church, we encourage children to be the voice for those who cannot speak, and the change for a world that needs courage. We teach that when you stand up for what's right, no matter how hard it seems, you inspire others to do the same. We have organised fundraising efforts to raise awareness of important issues and support those working to bring about change.

Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 17th December 2024



Children were invited to wear a Christmas jumper and bring a contribution for our collection for Save the Children.



Community Kitchen - 15th-21st December



Some KS2 children visited the Surma Centre with Paula, Amy and Sylvie. They led the younger children in creating Christmas crafts.

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November 2024



On Remembrance Day, the entire school came together to observe a two-minute silence, honouring those who served and sacrificed. Children also brought in donations for the Poppy Appeal.



Each class marked the occasion with a variety of different lessons and activities. The Nursery children got creative for Remembrance Day by making poppies using fruit printing techniques. They enjoyed exploring textures and colours while learning about the significance of poppies.

Pennethorne House - 15th-21st December



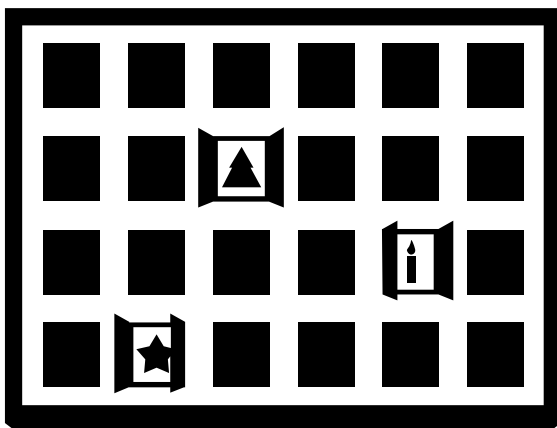
This week, our Faith Ambassadors visited Pennethorne House to deliver a Christmas Food Hamper.

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 11th October 2023



St Mary Magdalene's Church and Christ Church families donated to our Harvest Festival. These contributions will be given to families in our local community who are in need.

Reverse Advent Calendar - December 2024



Each day, we opened a door of our reverse Advent Calendar. Children were given the name of an item that they were invited to bring in for our Christmas food bank collection.

Equality Week - Autumn 2024



Equality Week was a dedicated time when we focused on promoting fairness, respect and equal opportunities for all.

During this week, we celebrated diversity, raised awareness of equality issues and encouraged everyone to recognise and challenge discrimination. It was a chance for children and adults to come together, learn about different perspectives and commit to making our school a more inclusive and supportive place for everyone.

Anti-Racist School



Leading by example



World Summit on Women and Girls - 8th November 2024



This week, eight Years 5 and 6 girls attended a prestigious event called the World Summit on Women and Girls, commemorating the United Nations International Day of the Girl. The event took place at the Houses of Parliament.

Tanisha delivered a speech focused on equal opportunities in education. She believes that access to education is about giving girls the tools to shape their own futures and make a difference in the world. Eden-Rose's speech focused on gender equality in pay. She believes that it is important for fairness, growth and improving lives.

Walking the dogs at Regent's Park - March 2024



JAM Club weekend - March 2024



Anita, Sylvie and Paula took our JAM Club children to the Cotswolds for the weekend.

They went climbing and hiking and they learnt survival skills, including how to light a fire to toast marshmallows. They enjoyed learning more about their faith.

It was a wonderful experience!



St Paul's Cathedral - week of 2nd December



Years 5 and 6 visited St Paul's Cathedral to participate in a workshop centred around the 60th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr's visit. Whilst there, in 1964, he had delivered a sermon to 4,000 people entitled *The Three Dimensions of a Complete Life*.

The children learnt about the core message behind the sermon and they enjoyed listening to a sound recording of MLK Jr paraphrasing the poem *Be the Best of Whatever You Are*.



Surma Centre Young Guardians Conference - week of 24th May 2024



We were so proud to have joined the Community Champions Young Guardians project with Majid (Sophia's Dad) and Ellie (Fitzrovia Youth in Action). We attended our first conference with our new group of Mini Young Guardians who will be working on the project to find ways to improve our local area.

Peace Pledge Competition - 12th January 2024

CHRIST CHURCH
PEACE PLEDGE



Liyana, Oak Class

I pledge to use my words in a kind way,
I pledge to help others as I go throughout my day,
I pledge to care for the Earth with my healing heart and hands,
I pledge to respect people in each and every land,
I pledge to join together as we unite the big and small,
I pledge to do my part to create peace for all!

Confirmation at St Mary Magdalene's Church - June 2024



Ronnie, Lacey, Max, Emily, Ibu and ex-pupil Emily Farnham on their baptisms/confirmations/re-affirmations of faith and First Communion. It was a very happy service including a performance from the School Choir.



Prayers

We also take time to reflect on and appreciate the privilege of being part of such a nurturing school environment, surrounded by supportive peers and staff. This atmosphere allows us to fully embrace life and grow as individuals.

The children and adults pray together in class twice a day – before lunch and before the end of the day. During the end of day prayer, children are encouraged to construct their own prayers using the 'teaspoon' format: Thank you; Sorry; Please

Christian Value: Wisdom

Dear God,

Thank you for your faithfulness towards us.

You are always there and never give up on us.

We are sorry that we don't always treat others kindly.

Please bless our school and help us be shining lights in our community.

Amen

(Written by Rowan Class)

Christian Value: Reconciliation

Dear God,

Thank you for the universe, the shining stars and all of the planets in the solar system.

Sorry for not always taking the time to listen to our friends.

Please help us use kind hands and kind words to make the world a better place.

Amen

(Written by Sycamore Class)