

St. Benedict's C of E VA Junior School Christian Values

In 2020, we revisited our school values. Previously, we had 15 school values, which were difficult for our school community to remember, so we decided to trim this down to six values: one for each half term. Mr Ranger asked all members of our school community what they thought were the most important values; the characteristics that should define the way our school runs and behaves from day to day.

He asked the following groups:

- Pupils,
- Parents,
- Governors,
- All staff members.

The following six values came through loud and clear:

- **Peace**
- **Community**
- **Hope**
- **Trust**
- **Compassion**
- **Forgiveness**

Mr Ranger then announced these results to the school community and asked the pupils which values they thought were best suited to each half term. As a school, we agreed on the following:

Term	School Christian Value	Link/reason
Autumn 1	Community	Link to belonging and making new starts, establishing our place in a new (school) community. Link to local community as part of wider curriculum.
Autumn 2	Peace	Link to Christmas, a peaceful time and a time to consider others.
Spring 1	Hope	A new start to the year, which we start with hope in our hearts. Resolutions and new beginnings.
Spring 2	Compassion	Kindness and compassion towards others, acts of kindness in school and in our wider lives/the community.
Summer 1	Trust	The importance of trust as something that underpins our actions.
Summer 2	Forgiveness	A chance for reflection of the school year – do we need to forgive/seek forgiveness from anyone?

These values will underpin our thoughts and actions at school and be linked to our themes for Collective Worship. Teachers will make links to these values in their wider curriculum planning, referencing them in different subject areas.