



“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.

Our Values

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, as well as live and breathe our curriculum drivers: curiosity, community and cultural diversity.

Gratitude	Friendship	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Honesty	Compassion
Thankfulness Appreciation Creation Wonder Blessing Praise Joy	Hope Kindness Respect Service Loyalty Harmony Honourable Amicable	Resilience Courage Faith Belief	Love Peace Mercy Kindness Tolerance Patience	Truth Trust Integrity Sincerity Faithful Responsibility	Tolerance Inclusivity Empathy Humility Generosity Thoughtfulness
“Give thanks in all circumstances.” Thessalonians 5:18	“If one falls down, a friend can lift him up.” Ecclesiastes 4:10	“You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours.” Psalm 128:2	“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13	“Walk with integrity, be righteous, speak with truth.” Psalm 15:2	“Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

Spirituality at Polehampton

At Polehampton, spirituality is reflecting on how our light shines for ourselves and onto the path of others. We question the world around us to develop ourselves in mind, body and spirit.