

LPS

Lacock Primary School

Learning together, playing together, and succeeding together.

Vision

Our vision is that Lacock C of E Primary School will continue to grow as a place where the whole school community can indeed learn, play, and succeed together. Our foundation as a Church of England school informs this, as we believe that encounter with Jesus leads to abundant life in all its fullness.

Learning – the Bible is passionate about wisdom and the importance of teaching and learning. The pursuit of wisdom, knowledge, and skills is consistent with the way God has shaped the world and ourselves. As the writer of proverbs remind us, ‘Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding... [wisdom] is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed’ (Prv 3.13,18). Jesus himself gathered his own community of learners (disciples) with whom a great deal of his time was spent in conversation and learning.

Playing – of course the Christian faith is holistic, concerned for the whole person. Learning is not simply about understanding, it is also about being creative just as God is the ultimate creator. Isaiah reminds us to ‘Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: who created all this?’ (Is 40:26a). It is also about fun and enjoyment – those who work hard are reminded that it is God’s gift to find satisfaction in it, and ‘that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live’ (Eccl 3:12).

Succeeding – God promises us a ‘life in all its fullness’ (Jn 10:10), and along with the belief that *everyone* is valued and loved by God equally, whatever religion or tradition they identify with, impels us to work to fulfil everyone’s potential. The Psalmist reminds us that those who are open to God ‘are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.’ (Ps 1:3).

Together – ‘For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.’ (1Co 12:12, 21, 26). This passage talks of the Church, and of the school, as one body with many parts, all having an important part to play, and all having equal worth. Additionally, our ways of connecting with God, each other, and the community around us are underpinned by Jesus’ two greatest commandments, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself”” (Mt 22:37b-39).