

LONGSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Vision

At Longstone CE Primary School, our vision is to be the school of choice for our local communities where every child is nurtured, a love of learning ignited and each child shines.

We are an inclusive and nurturing Christian school rooted in the heart of our rural communities. We want our children to be passionate about learning and to equip them with the tools that will enable them to flourish academically, emotionally and spiritually.



St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians
Chapter 4 Verse 32:

*"Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, as God in Christ
forgave you."*



NURTURE

We want our children, families and staff to feel valued, happy and cared for. Our expert staff are highly trained and pride themselves in knowing each child as an individual.

We foster our children's independence and confidence. We encourage parents to work closely with us to nurture their child's potential and teach core spiritual and moral values.

Longstone School is inclusive and diverse, welcoming all children and their parents irrespective of their culture, faith, background or ability.

We treat every child as a unique individual, allowing them to flourish as the best version of themselves.

The Christian values of love, forgiveness, hope and respect are lived out in the everyday life of the school.



Colossians
Chapter 3 Verse 23
***"Whatever you
do, work at it
with all your
heart."***

IGNITE

Our curriculum is accessible, inspirational and motivating for all children. It encourages everyone to be creative and try new things - to spark a curiosity within.

Our specialist sports teacher, abundance of music opportunities and array of extra-curricular activities allows all children to explore their personal interests and ignite a love of learning and life.

At Longstone we want our children to persevere, show resilience and learn from their mistakes to embed the skills of lifelong learning.

We provide opportunities for all children to explore their own thinking and we want all children (of faith, no faith or of different faith) to experience a deeper awareness of themselves and of the world around them.

We have high expectations for every child so that they can make good progress in their learning, no matter their circumstances.

Blessed with our wonderful setting in the heart of the Peak District, we devote time in the curriculum to those subjects that will encourage children to discover and understand the part they play as stewards of their shared world.



SHINE

We instill in pupils and staff a love and celebration of learning. All pupils are given the opportunity to shine, to surprise themselves and others without any boundaries to their learning.

We encourage a positive growth mindset in all our staff and learners so that they understand effort is the route to success.

Children will thrive and shine as lights in the world in the happy, nurturing and safe environment of our school.

We encourage a culture of challenge and support for staff and children, celebrating success and valuing achievement.

We recognise that children today need to be able to take their part and succeed in a diverse and rapidly changing world. We develop their understanding and respect for the modern world by teaching them about other places, cultures and faiths.

Being able to make friends and communicate, whilst obtaining skills and values for life will enable everyone to grow as members of society and as global citizens.

Our pupils will grow and shine as courageous advocates, striving to make a difference in our world.

Philippians
Chapter 2 Verse 15
*"Shine like stars in
the world."*



Our Church Links

As a Voluntary Aided Church of England School we are specifically required to:

- Have a daily act of Collective Worship that is consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England
- Include Religious Education that is consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England.

Reflection Spaces

We have a reflection space in each classroom. The aim of this space is to focus the children and staff on the theme for the week, and to provide a focal point for reflection, spiritual thinking and sharing ideas.

Collective Worship

The School holds a daily act of Collective Worship. Every second week we follow a main theme, which is further split into daily sessions. Worship sessions follow a clear and structured order of service.

Reserved Religious Education

Children at Longstone have the opportunity to take part in engaging, creative and interactive R.E. themed weeks. We follow the Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus for RE and teach about beliefs, culture and spiritual and moral diversity via a series of big questions.

Church Links

We are very proud of our links with St Giles's Church in Great Longstone. Visiting speakers from the church lead Collective Worship in the school on a weekly basis. All classes visit the church on the first Wednesday of every month as well as for end of term and celebratory services.