

## Vision for St Bridget's C of E Parton

History	Current context	Vision summary	Biblical underpinning
<p>The school we are in now was set up in 1838 as a girl's infant school (the village already had the Joseph Williamson Boy's school based in the current village hall). The two schools were then amalgamated onto the current site.</p> <p>Equality and the opportunity to reach potential and experience a rich range of experience and opportunity for all no matter how rich or poor are at the heart of our foundations.</p> <p>Today we are a voluntary controlled Church of England primary school.</p>	<p>Parton is seen as distinct from Whitehaven and has a community spirit.</p> <p>The village has a beach and a train station.</p> <p>There is an active village hall and because the school has no hall of its own, we use this for PE and some events. We also, on occasion hire the church hall at Moresby.</p> <p>Some members of our community are part of the St Bridget's Church congregation. Others attend events and wedding/funerals/christenings. Some have no faith and some other faiths.</p> <p>The community has members whose families have lived here for multiple generations and those who have moved in from out of Cumbria and within Cumbria. Some pupils attend from Whitehaven and Lowca. Some have joined from abroad.</p> <p>Some families who fall into all of the afore mentioned categories do not explore much outside the immediate area, others travel abroad and holiday with the uk .</p>	<p>As a community ( church, parish council, parents, pupils, governors and staff) we came up with a comprehensive list of what we want children to achieve or experience whilst at St Bridget's. The detail of this is in our vision document.</p> <p>Children were involved in selecting Christian values to explore and live.</p> <p>The vision summary is:</p> <p><b><i>At St. Bridget's C of E School, as a community, we are: happy, caring, hard-working, achieving, responsible, resilient and become the very best that we were created to be.</i></b></p>	<p>Our motto, <b>'Letting Our Lights Shine'</b>, highlights our vision desire to best we were created to be, and references Matthew 5:16:</p> <p><b><i>'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'</i></b></p> <p><b><i>"I came so that they could have life — indeed, so that they could have life to the fullest"</i></b> John 10</p> <p>At St Bridget's this not only underpins the C of E vision, but our history.</p> <p><u>Caring-not just for ourselves but all</u></p> <p><b><i>do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.</i></b></p> <p>Philippians 2:4</p> <p><b>For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.</b> Ephesians</p> <p><i>'If one falls down, a friend can lift him up'</i> Ecclesiastes 4:10</p> <p><u>Achieving/hard-working-not just for ourselves but all</u></p> <p><b><i>so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.</i></b> 2 Timothy 3:17</p> <p><u>Resilient</u></p> <p><b><i>For nothing is impossible with God</i></b> Luke 1:34</p> <p><u>Love with embraces all our vision.</u></p> <p>I Corinthians 13: 4-7: <b><i>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.</i></b> The value of 'Love' underpins what we do in school. We believe that through a focus on Love by working together as part of a strong and supportive family, we can all achieve more – socially, emotionally and academically.</p>