

## Our Christian Vision

*"As Jesus fed the five thousand, so we feed our diverse community; serving them practically and spiritually striving to meet their individual needs. We work to foster a strong sense of belonging, empowering everyone to have faith in themselves and others. By following the example of Peter stepping out of the boat, our staff and pupils will overcome challenges, develop resilience, and grow to be the best they can be. We strive to expand opportunities and widen horizons for all."*

Rooted in the theological scriptures of 'Jesus feeds the five thousand' ([Matthew 14:15-21](#)), and "Jesus walks on water ([Matthew 14:22-33](#)), our vision explains our Christian understanding of God, inspiring us all to be educators. As Jesus showed love when feeding the five thousand, we use his teachings to allow love to bring us together and inform our behaviour. Respect and responsibility will increasingly bind pupils and staff together as a community and promote a strong sense of belonging.

Our belief about ourselves and each other is reflected through our vision. We model ourselves on Peter as he stepped out of the boat (Matthew 14 :22 -32); we take risks, show faith and are courageous. Peter's attempt to meet Christ by walking on the stormy Sea of Galilee demonstrates the power of aspiration and growing faith. It reminds us of our need for a consistent and committed approach towards Christ, as if we lose our focus we will be drawn into the swirling waters as Peter so nearly was. We are challenged to be the best we can be through expanding opportunities and widening horizons for all. We believe life is filled with challenges; we will come across difficulties, but if we believe in Jesus, he will always be there to calm the storms of our life and support us to live life in all its fullness. We shall do all we can to help the children to learn from opportunities and to develop resilience. We are thankful for the challenges we face as this embeds a positive climate of hope which we live through at St. Botolph's. We will teach them that having faith in their God through times of worship and reflection, can help calm the tempests of life. Faith will also help us to make thoughtful decisions and grow in confidence. We shall maintain a positive climate of hope and aspiration in the lives of all at St Botolph's School.

Our vision reflects our belief about our school, the wider community and the world. At the Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:14-21), Jesus demonstrated his love and generosity to all the community by ensuring that everyone had what they needed. Our aspiration is to equip our children and their families with everything that they need to be valued, successful citizens, with high expectations, ready to face the challenges of life.

Our vision and ethos, values of respect, responsibility, and resilience along with our high expectations, will nurture strongly the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of each person. This underpins our resolve to be inspired by Jesus, helping children to become the best they can be.