

## **Aim high; in life, in learning, with God, together**

At St Catherine's, we believe a child gets the best start when staff, families, governors, the local authority, the church and local community work together.

Working in partnership, our vision is to:

- Promote collaborative living and learning as exemplified through our Christian values
- Ensure children master/secure knowledge and understanding across the curriculum, having the skills to apply and express them articulately
- Develop independent children who are equipped for the world they are living in, prepared for the challenges of the future and strive for excellence in all they do
- Develop children who appreciate the richness, diversity and potential of the world beyond their own, including their responsibilities within it
- Provide opportunities for children to take risks, explore and have the courage to follow their own curiosity

## **Ethos**

St. Catherine's is a Church of England Primary School and recognising our historic foundation, we will preserve and develop our religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the St. Catherine and St. Paul's Church and The St. Alban's Diocese.

St Catherine's is a great place to grow and learn.

We aim to service our community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. We encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promote Christian values through the experiences we offer to all our pupils.

We have a strong, committed staff who work collectively to ensure all learners feel safe, respected, valued and supported.

Our strong links with the church and local organisations strengthen our key role within the town's community.

A project-based curriculum enables children to make connections to the world around them as well as giving them opportunities to publicly exhibit their work.