

# The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

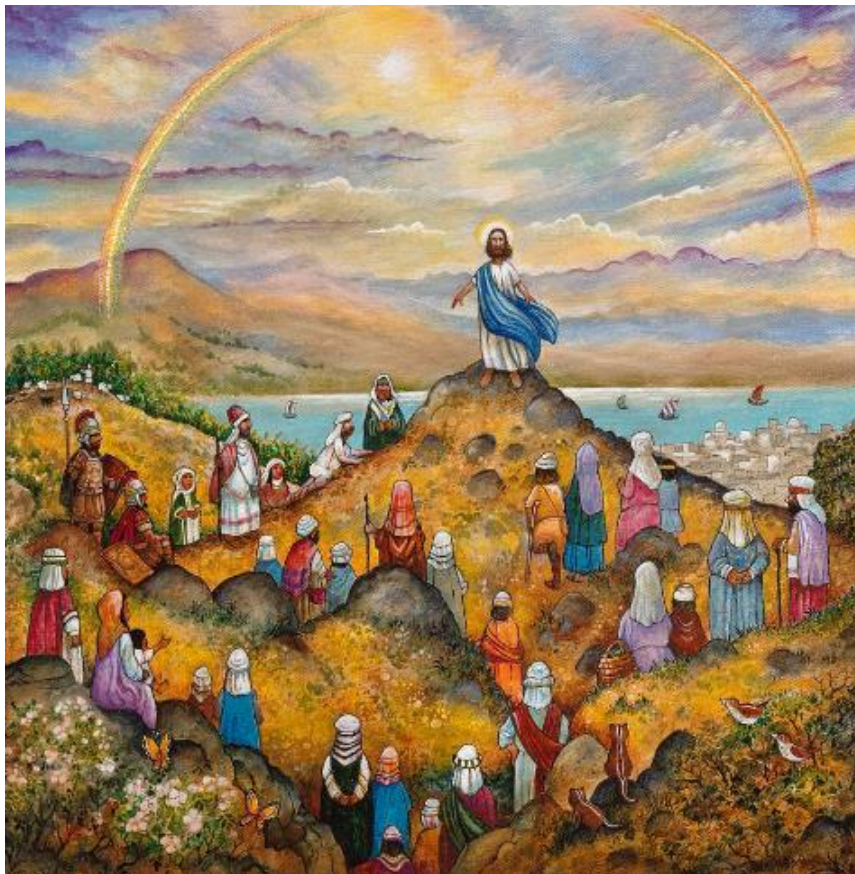
With Christ We learn to Love- Believe -Achieve & Thrive

*In the Spirit of Love and Forgiveness our family learns to grow with hope and Joy*

What makes us distinctive? We are proud of our school and wear our uniform with pride. The Holy Spirit school logo IHS is embroidered onto our uniform which translates to *Jesus* in Greek. This is a constant reminder to us, that Jesus is in our hearts. our prayer is for peace in our community. We recognise that we need to open our hearts, for us to shine bright, and be the best that we can be, so that we can be a guiding light for others. We pray to the Holy Spirit to lead us from darkness to light and believe it is peace that allows us to happy and able to shine.

Our ethos is based on the Gospel of St Matthew 5:16. "Let your Light Shine" which was the first Prayer and Liturgy from our Headteacher, she wanted the children and families of Halton Brook to know they are the salt of the earth and wants them to shine bright for themselves and others.

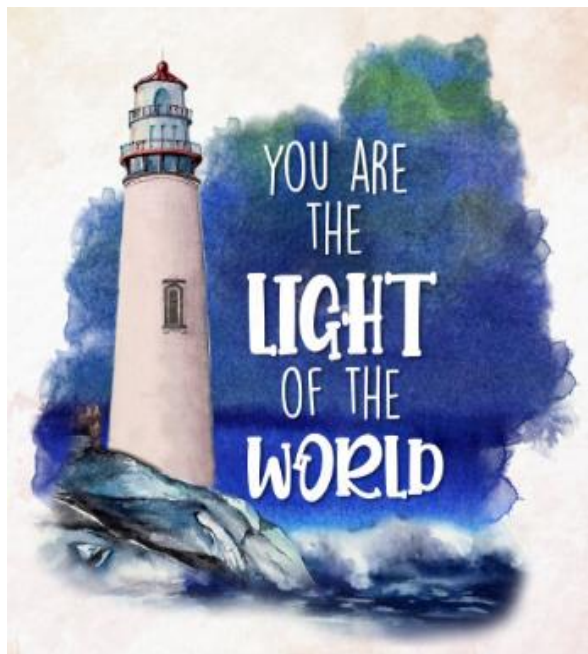
In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the crowd during the sermon on the Mount and reveals eight blessings (known as The Beatitudes). He then goes on to talk to the crowd about salt and light.



Jesus explains: "*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*"

*Matthew 5:14-16*

As a Catholic school, we seek to follow the example of Jesus in all that we do. We believe that the Sermon on the Mount is a vital chapter in scripture, teaching us to let the light of Jesus shine through us. We take great encouragement from the words "you are the light of the world"; this reveals to us, that Jesus, who himself tells us "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), is within all of us. Our actions allow us to let our light shine and follow the examples of Jesus. Our actions allow us to share the light of Jesus with those around us and be a guiding light to others.



*The children have chosen a lighthouse to describe how light is a welcome sight is for those who are lost in darkness. Our children want to help others shine bright.*

### **Being the best we can be, for ourselves and others**

Here at The Holy Spirit Primary School, we believe that every child and adult can shine and that this can be for the benefit of all. We recognise that we are all special in God's eyes and have unique talents, which we nurture so that each of us has the opportunity to become the very best person that God intended us to be. We want to see everyone being inspired and growing in wisdom, knowledge and dignity. We want to see children to achieve more than they ever thought possible. We do not want the brilliant things that we do and learn to be hidden. We want to encourage our children to aspire to great things and shine bright

### **Valuing Ourselves**

We believe that developing a sense of self-worth is of paramount importance. When He was on earth, Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12). However, as he spoke to those around Him during the Sermon on the Mount, he used the words: '**You are the light of the world**'. In addition to letting their light shine on others, we want our children to recognise the value of their own light: to be proud of their personal achievements; to value and respect themselves; and to know how loved they are both by God and by others.

We aim to develop a positive mind-set so that the members of our school are able to face the future with hope and aspiration to embrace all that life has to offer in our community and throughout the wider world; always being guided by the Holy Spirit which is the symbol of hope and peace.