

Our definition of Spirituality



At Streatley, together we grow as a tree within our community enabling us to be happy, healthy humans. 'A tree is known by its fruit.' Matthew 12:33. Our school is known by our children.

A core part of this vision is to offer regular opportunities for all members of the school community to explore their spirituality.

Spirituality is that which gives life and animation to something. It is the essence of being human. By being spiritual we are exploring beliefs and our experiences; we respect all faiths, feelings and values; we enjoy learning about ourselves, others and our world; we use our imagination and creativity; we reflect. As a Church of England school this often reflects our distinctively Christian character. There are many planned opportunities for reflection both during lessons and in collective worship, as well as spontaneous opportunities when they arise. This can be seen through their sense of fascination in learning about the world around them and the use of imagination and creativity in their learning.

We provide children with opportunities for spiritual development in three ways:



Windows (Learning About)

Giving children opportunities to look out at the world; to be aware of the world in new ways; to wonder about life's diversity in all its fullness.



Mirrors (Learning From)

Giving children opportunities to reflect on their experiences; to explore and ponder life's big questions and to consider their own insights as well as those of others



Doors (Learning into Action)

Giving children opportunities to act and respond; to do something creative as a means of expressing and putting into action what they believe and value.

