

## FORT FEDERATION

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength,  
in whom I will trust; Samuel **2:22**



The FORT Federation is made up of Awliscombe and Payhembury Church of England schools that came together in 2015.

The schools lie in two valleys in the southern shadow of the sleeping giant, FORT Hembury.



## Our Vision

Living, loving and learning forever:  
becoming the best as we journey together.

Jesus came to bring life in all its fullness and in the first miracle at Cana in Galilee Jesus showed that fullness means abundant and extra-ordinary, the finest, sparkling, the best it can be. **John Ch 2**

- To create an innovative curriculum that is creative, engaging and purposeful for all children set in a real-life context of Christ.
- To ensure excellence permeates every aspect of school life
- To develop resilient learners who take risks and learn from their mistakes
- To ignite a lifelong thirst for learning.

## **Our Mission**

We believe that the journey of becoming and the journey of knowing are one. Within our schools we seek to create inclusive, holistic environments based on Christian values linked to British shared values where all adults and children can flourish.

We want our pupils to 'sparkle' and to do this we aim to provide an intellectually challenging learning experience from which all pupils can flourish.

We are devoted to raising pupil's expectations and aspirations. Our aim is for each pupil to develop a deep interest in, and love for, learning. Pupils will be taught to apply this learning to the everyday world around them.

Our ultimate goal is for pupils to become self-motivated, independent learners with a wide range of skills that will prove useful to them throughout their lives. Whilst engaged in this process we also want them to have fun: to enjoy their childhood.

We seek to make a real difference to pupil's lives by providing them with the skills they will require to be successful, both now, as children, and in the future. The curriculum we offer is designed to prepare them for life and work in the twenty-first century.

We are committed to pupils leaving this school having achieved high standards in the basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic. In addition, we wish to inspire them by offering an exciting, broad, dynamic and varied curriculum experience that embraces the arts, music and sport.

So in essence we aim for our pupils to leave us recognising and using their unique talents and strengths, the courage and resilience to face their challenges and the love of the world around them to realise the role they play within. Our pupils will be brave and strong to use their values to guide them confidently throughout their lives and to always know where help can be found.

**Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. - 1 Corinthians 16:13**

## Our Values

We are part of God's creation and as such are children of God. We seek to develop the whole child; the physical, spiritual and intellectual dimensions.

The five core values have been distilled from the general values put forward from the children, parents, staff and community. All these values are underpinned by the greatest value of love.

Our understanding of love develops from the Christ's teaching of the Great Commandment.... 'To love God and love your neighbour as yourself.' **Mark 12 30-31**

Our aim is that adults and children alike can become the best they can as they:

- **persevere** and succeed in acquiring skills and knowledge of lifelong value and experience creative opportunities to develop their spiritual life
- learn to **care** about the community and the world around them and are encouraged to explore, question and vigorously challenge inequality and injustice
- live and learn within an environment that promotes well-being and models **honesty** and forgiveness, trust, empathy and *agape* love.
- experience a community where differences are celebrated and **accepted** and where everyone is treated with dignity and **respect**.

The children would refer to these core values as PARCH

**Perseverance**- determination, motivation, achievement, persistence

**Acceptance**- tolerance, inclusion, appreciation, loyalty, hope, wisdom.

**Respect** – morals, manners, roles and responsibilities, forgiveness, understanding differences, authorities and rules, active part of society.

**Care**- kindness, consideration, thoughtfulness, sharing, togetherness, humility, empathy, selflessness, forgiveness, community, listening, dignity.

**Honesty** – trust, communication, integrity, loyalty, forgiveness

From our core values grow these other values.

**'The roots to grow and the wings to fly' from  
ROOTS AND WINGS**

If I could give you many things,  
I'd give you gold and silver rings  
Of knowledge that I've gained with years  
The gift of smiling through the tears  
Confidence, courage, determination,  
Laughter and spirit and love of creation,  
Wrapped up in a box with a bow, I'd give  
To you these gifts to keep for as long as you live.

"If I could give you just two things,  
One would be Roots, the other, Wings."  
Roots, not to tie you to the ground,  
But to guide you to where your fulfilment is found  
The nourishing start, the firm foundation,  
The source of your inner determination.  
Wings to soar over obstacles, wings to fly free,  
Wings to glide to the heights of the best you can be.

And when obstacles loom, from your Roots grows a hand  
Providing a strong, sturdy, safe place to land.  
I'd choose these two things for the gifts that are best,  
For with Roots and with Wings, you'll find all the rest.