

Cultural Capital

Cultural capital in a primary school is about providing children with the knowledge, skills, and experiences they need for future success, both academically and socially. It involves a curriculum and experiences that build cultural awareness and competence, introduce pupils to the "best that has been thought and said," and give them the tools to aspire and achieve their goals. This is achieved through a rich and varied curriculum, including exposure to different cultural traditions, arts, and off-site experiences.

Broader Understanding of the World

At St Leonard's, we believe that children flourish in a happy, secure, and caring environment. This is central to our Christian ethos, where values such as community, hope, dignity, wisdom, perseverance, and forgiveness are at the heart of all we do. Guided by the teachings of Jesus, we see education—strengthened by faith—as the key to unlocking every child's full potential.

Our nurturing environment, enriched by faith, enables children to achieve high standards academically, socially, and emotionally. Beyond this, we want our pupils to appreciate the wider world beyond our school and local community. Through our curriculum, we aim to provide general knowledge, an understanding of life in different regions and countries, and awareness of current affairs. This helps children develop a broader perspective and prepares them for life in an ever-changing global society.

Cultural Experiences

A distinctive strength of our school is the breadth of experiences offered through our curriculum. We provide rich and varied opportunities, including educational visits and trips, residential experiences, guest speakers, and visitors. Our pupils benefit from high levels of sporting engagement, peripatetic music provision, and enrichment all of which enhance enjoyment, raise achievement, and broaden horizons.

Personal Skills

Our children are our greatest ambassadors—they are at the heart of our school and help create our positive ethos. We are proud of them, but we also want to equip them with the personal skills needed to thrive in the real world. We aim to nurture qualities such as kindness, care, resourcefulness, and resilience, ensuring they grow into confident, compassionate individuals ready to face life's challenges.