

British Values

Our vision

- Every child matters to us.
- We aim to enthuse and challenge our children.
- We have high expectations for every child.
- We ensure that the skills of Literacy and Numeracy are rigorously taught.
- We embrace equal opportunities. We take account of individual ability and differentiate learning so that every child progresses in every lesson and achieves their potential.
- We reward effort as well as achievements
- We develop children's awareness of moral, spiritual, social and cultural values, physical well-being and a sensitivity towards the needs of others.

At Shilbottle First School we uphold and teach pupils about the British Values as directed under new Ofsted guidance, September 2014. Democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths are taught explicitly through PSHE, Citizenship, RE and collective worship. We deliver a broad and balanced curriculum and have achieved the following external accreditations which demonstrate evidence of our commitment to British Values.

At our school we value the diverse ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and undertake a variety of events and lessons to celebrate these. We have found this approach to be enriching for all parties as it teaches tolerance and respect for the differences in our community and the wider world. Underpinning all of this are a range of curriculum topics which have strong links to the British Empire.

As a whole school, we have celebrated the Olympics, with Olympic themed sports days and opportunities to learn about the history of Olympians in this country. Our school regularly competes in partnership sports events .

On a more general level, the school undertakes daily acts of worship which uphold traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance. These are also taught within formal SEAL, PSHE and RE lessons and on an informal nature throughout the school days.