Walk On Water

Spirituality at St. Paul's

With God ALL THINGS ARE possible MATTHEW 19:26

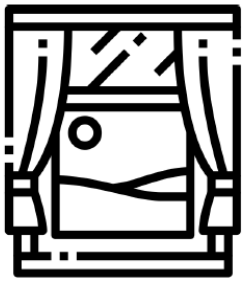
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Our **spirit** is a part of us, not a physical part, that consists of our character and feelings. The word originates from the Latin, 'spiritus' meaning breath. Therefore, to be spiritual is to 'breathe' or exist.

Spirituality, or to be **spiritual**, therefore, is actions relating to our thoughts and beliefs, being concerned with reflection, opinions, our own space in the world and our soul.

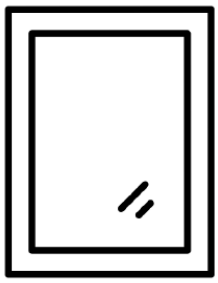
As a church school, **spiritual development** is separate from Moral, Social and Cultural development. At St. Paul's, we use the model of Windows, Mirrors and Doors to demonstrate our ability to find planned and spontaneous opportunities to be spiritual.



Windows – Presenting opportunities to the children to 'view' something from the safety of their own school.

Examples at St. Paul's include:

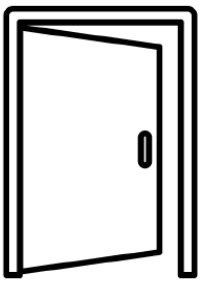
- Picture News
- Collective worship that focuses on charity events, national awareness days and national holidays
- Curriculum content that focuses on key worldwide events – climate change, deforestation, inclusion etc.



Mirrors – Providing opportunities for us all to reflect on our own learning, our lives, our opinions and to question how these things make us feel.

Examples at St. Paul's include:

- Reflection time at the end of collective worship
- I wonder questions after Godly Play
- Pupil voice in lessons
- Big questions in RE
- Exit tickets



Doors – Opening doors for our staff and children to engage in spiritual thinking, to engage in wider world events and to work alongside others from outside school.

Examples at St. Paul's include:

- St Paul's Challenge Award
- Extra-curricular trips, events and clubs
- Visitors
- Local community support – subway painting etc.
- Sporting events and competitions
- Links with St Paul's Church (churchyard tidy up, WOW club)
- Recognition of courageous advocacy in WOW worship