



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to share with you the results of our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS), which took place on July 1, 2026.

The Inspector gave us the higher grading of Judgement 1. Preston Candover Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school, and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

The report highlights many strengths summarised here:

- The inspector found that our Christian vision to 'encourage one another and build each other up' is lived out authentically across school life. Guided by leaders understanding of our school's specific context and needs, our vision actively shapes attitudes, behaviours and decisions making it a "transformative reality" for adults and pupils.
- The report highlights the school's "profound culture of love and hope," where every individual is valued, nurtured and believed in. This has resulted in exceptionally strong relationships and a "loving and welcoming atmosphere" where pupils thrive with confidence and purpose.
- The report notes that our leaders and governors are "devoted to the school" and work to champion our inclusive nature. Inclusion is strongly led so that pupils have a rich and meaningful experience.
- The report notes that leaders maintain a strong pastoral focus on wellbeing for all, ensuring that staff and pupils alike feel "seen and encouraged".
- Every single pupil at our school has a leadership role. This is facilitated through a bespoke whole school leadership programme, which empowers our children to be a positive influence in the school and the wider world.
- Our curriculum encourages deep reflection on global issues. The inspector specifically noted that our work on Fairtrade and trade justice impacts positively and equips our pupils to challenge injustice.
- Religious Education (RE) is well led and enabling pupils to develop a deep respect for a range of world faiths.
- Our collective worship was described as "engaging, thought-provoking," and "welcoming, joyful and purposeful".

The inspection report is a testament to the strong culture of excellence that is lived out daily in our school and how we have sustained that over time.

I would like to thank all of our staff team, our wonderful children and supportive parents and governors for making Preston Candover such a special place to learn, work and flourish. It is a privilege to lead a school where we have no glass ceilings and every individual's "light" is encouraged to shine.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway

Headteacher

Love Hope Justice

Encourage each other and build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)