



Courageous Advocacy at
Birchington CE Primary School
Christianity in Action!

The Christian gospel says that every person has a unique task to do, with God and for God whether or not they know it!

At Birchington, it's really important that our school, local, national and global community see Christianity in action! It's all very well saying the words but we need to let this shine out in practice!

In Strand 3 of our SIAMS Self-Evaluation, the church states the importance of courageous advocacy. This is explained in more detail in the presentation attached to this section of our website.

As members of a Church of England School and as members of our Birchington family we are all aiming to be courageous advocates. We work hard to learn and develop our ability to empathise, understand, take action and respond to causes and be advocates for positive change. Skills such as courage and resilience are built while engaging in social issues within a framework of hope and aspiration.

We create the confidence in our children so they know however young they are, they are able to make real change. It's their world, so it's important that they have a loud voice!

During 2021-2022 we have a range of opportunities for pupils to be courageous advocates, including working towards: The Christian Aid Global Neighbours Award, The Archbishop of York Youth Trust Young Leaders Award and The International School Award.

Our pupils are also involved in: -

- ✓ 'Good to be Me' weeks
- ✓ Courageous Advocacy Action Week
- ✓ Anti-Bullying Week
- ✓ Welcoming visitors such as our local MP
- ✓ Watching Newsround
- ✓ Recycling and litter picks
- ✓ Recycling Crisp packets and making them into blankets for the homeless
- ✓ Intergenerational Club - with a local care home (Covid-19 allowing)
- ✓ Debating and Democracy Club
- ✓ Collecting stamps for Pilgrims Hospice/Air Ambulance
- ✓ Collecting spectacles for the Thanet Lions
- ✓ Collecting mobile phones for Guide Dogs for the Blind
- ✓ Learning about Fair Trade
- ✓ National days of commemoration such as laying a poppy wreath at the Birchington Remembrance Day Parade and attending the annual community church service
- ✓ Flag raising on Armed Forces Day
- ✓ Singing in the local community
- ✓ Learning about different topics linked to this area across the curriculum
- ✓ Their own personal advocacy such as saving their own pocket money and buying and delivering items for the local foodbank

