

## The six principles of

### Nurture

- 1.Children's learning is understood developmentally*
- 2.The classroom offers a safe base.*
- 3. Nurture is important for the development of self esteem.*
- 4. All behavior is communication.*
- 5. The importance of transitions.*
- 6. Nurture is a whole school approach.*



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# **Nurture Provision at St Mary and St John CEVA Primary School**



*Let your  
light shine*

*Matthew 5:16*

## Our Nurture vision

As a Christian school, our values of compassion and kindness strengthen our whole-school nurture approach. We believe that children's wellbeing lies at the heart of our community, enabling them to flourish and achieve in every aspect of school life. We are committed to an inclusive and holistic approach to education—one that supports, challenges, and develops the whole child.



## Our 6 Nurture pledges

### **1. Everyone is important**

We know that everyone is special and deserves to be listened to.

### **2. Every action tells a story**

We can tell others how we feel by the way we act.

### **3. People listen, understand and respond to us**

When someone listens and answers us, it helps us learn about our feelings and how to understand them.

### **4. Transitions are special steps which help us grow.**

We support each other through these times.

### **5. Feeling safe and happy makes talking easier**

When we feel comfortable and cared for, we are more confident to speak and share ideas.

### **6. Everyone learns at their own pace**

Some children learn words quickly, and others take more time. That's okay—everyone is different.

*These pledges were written by our Year 6 Nurture council 2024-2025*

*We are working with NurtureUK to achieve the National Nurturing Schools award. Their aim and ours:*

***Make nurture the norm. And see children safe and #HappyInSchool***

## Nurture in Action

As part of our whole-school Nurture approach, every child is cared for and supported within a safe and welcoming environment. Children are encouraged to develop independence and resilience, to understand their own emotions, and to show kindness and support to others.

Our nurture practice includes:

- Warm, positive greetings from a trusted adult each morning to ensure a calm and encouraging start to the day.
- Visual timetables to help children manage transitions confidently and independently.
- A safe, structured environment for both learning and play.
- Daily emotional check-ins, along with worry and question boxes in every classroom.
- Access to quiet, calming spaces to support self-regulation or co-regulation when needed.
- Celebration of achievements both in and beyond school to build confidence and motivation.
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health development taught through our *Jigsaw* curriculum.