## St.Barnabas Church....

A place for worship and reflection, enabling the school and church community to praise, give thanks and rejoice.

A place to access support

A teaching space and resource

A performance space for theatre groups and the school choir

An exhibition space to share and celebrate school work and artwork

A' pop up' prayer space

A venue for staff interviews, lead CPD sessions

#### Worship at St.Barnabas Church

Worship held in St,Barnabas church in carefully planned to ensure there is a range of opportunities for the school to take an active part within the prayer life of the church.

St.Barnabas Church regularly welcomes the school community to join them in prayer and reflection throughout the church year. For example, to rejoice and give thanks during class led worship such as Harvest, praying for support for ourselves and others at challenging times. Children take an active part, leading parts of the service and singing in the choir.

A termly whole Eucharist is held in school , children in KS2 attend the Wednesday Eucharist service held at St.Barnabas Church

# St.Barnabas Church and School Partnership



### Church links, Impact on our Curriculum: .

RE: St.Barnabas Church provides a sacred space, a living resource to support the teaching of RE. The partnership enhances the teaching of RE.

The church community support the teaching of storytelling and Bible stories. through the story tent workshops.

Rev. Timmis plans and delivers a series of confirmation classes for KS2

Rev.Timmis and the church community plan and lead a KS2 local history afterschool club for pupils and families

Members of the church community volunteer on a regular basis within school, for example, listening to readers, helping on school trips

## St.Barnabas Church/school partnership

St Barnabas school and church have organised activities throughout the church year, some of the events have been established over an number of years. They uphold our Christian values and virtues and hold a strong sense of tradition, to enable our community to let their light shine. We are also constantly evolving ways we can strengthen our partnership in creative and innovative ways which will benefit and support our local and wider school community.

Worship is held in school and church throughout the year events Harvest linked to Courageous Advocacy, Christmas including Christingle, nativity performances, Crib and Christmas Tree exhibitions, Easter as series of community events including whole school worship and flowering of the cross activities. Warrington walking day.

Regular opportunities to reflect as a whole school community through worship led by both children, Rev Timmis,

Pop up prayer spaces in both school and church.

Community Art events Christmas nativity display and artwork displays both inside and out, stations of the cross sculpture, Easter art eggs. May Westwell poppy cascade.

The partnership promotes charity events Macmillan Coffee afternoon, Christian Aid, Children's society, St Barnabas Lazy lunches.

Members of St.Barnabas church distribute

The parish priest from St. Barnabas church leads worship in school each week and supports many activities linked to the development of the children's faith and understanding. She prepares Y6 children for confirmation during school time. The school worships in the parish church for major festivals. Visits to the church make an excellent contribution to children's spiritual development and to their understanding of key Christian celebrations. This creates a unique link with the worshipping life of the parish and the Anglican tradition. SIAMS 2016

The partnership with the nearby parish church of St Barnabas is very strong and mutually beneficial. The vicar is a frequent and highly respected visitor in school. Pupils and their parents enjoy their many visits to the church. These effective links strengthen the school's Christian character, connect the church with families and enable pupils to benefit as members of a vibrant Christian faith community. Keeping on Track visit 2018