



## NEWS RELEASE

St Gilbert's Church of England School  
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# 'Pupils believe that learning is fun'

The Ofsted inspection team visited the popular St Gilbert's school in January and gave it a glowing report.

Head teacher Claire Thorley said,

'It was a very positive experience and the report reflects the good education that the children in our care are receiving. We were able to show the inspectors all the great, innovative work that we are doing, especially our Creative Tuesdays. They focussed on the lively teaching and high expectations which made the pupils delight in their school experiences.'

Chair of Governors Mrs Catherine Hammant said,

'We were particularly pleased with the top grade of 'outstanding' that we received for the school's spiritual, moral, social and cultural education. The whole school community works hard to create the special atmosphere where everyone is valued.'

The report comments on all the activities of the school and concluded,

- 'This is a good school which is moving forward strongly.'
- 'Pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding. The school's Christian ethos underpins effective pastoral care for all pupils.'
- 'The pupils' contributions to the school community are strong and well integrated within the community beyond the school.'

The leadership of the school, the teaching and support staff, as well as governors were all praised and the reason for all their effort is clear – it is in developing all the children in their care. Ofsted commented that 'mutual respect is evident between pupils and staff.'

The education at St Gilberts can be summed up in these Ofsted words; 'Pupils believe that learning is fun.'