



*Together, we aim high, with God's love we can fly.*

# STAND UP SPEAK UP

2026

## Developing Pupil Voice, Oracy and Leadership Through Debate

The Stand Up, Speak Up initiative this year was a whole-school event designed to raise the profile of pupil voice, debate and oracy, while strengthening links to the school's Super Leader initiatives. All classes from Year 2 to Year 6 participated in age-appropriate debates linked to real-world themes such as wellbeing, equality, digital responsibility, charity and leadership.

The event was launched through a whole-school worship, explicitly linking debate to Fundamental British Values, protected characteristics, and our commitment to equality, diversity and respect. Pupils were supported to express opinions confidently, listen actively to others and disagree respectfully.

**Respectful Dialogue:** Children showed a clear understanding of how to listen to others and disagree politely, even when views differed.

**British Values in Action:** Democracy, mutual respect, tolerance and individual liberty were seen in practice during debates.



**Improved Oracy Skills:** Pupils demonstrated increased confidence in speaking clearly, giving reasons and structuring their ideas.



**Equality and Inclusion:** Pupils engaged thoughtfully with issues linked to fairness, diversity and protected characteristics in an age-appropriate way.

**Leadership Development:** The Super Leader themes gave pupils a meaningful context for advocacy, responsibility and positive change.