

9:00 Assembly

9:15 Classroom

How can we shine in what we do?

On our school website it says....

## Welcome to Wincle Primary School

### Our school vision:

Wincle School aims to deliver an enriching and outstanding rural education, nurturing the whole individual: body, mind and soul, inspiring rounded, happy, courageous children who shine in all that they say and do, exhibiting a passion for learning, a confident faith, a loving concern for community and an inclusive respect for all.

**'Shine like a star'**

### *Philippians 2:15*

Today, in this class, we are going to look more closely at the 'who shine in all that they do' bit...

So, in Philippians 2:15, we are encouraged to 'shine like a star'.

The Bible also gives us this verse from Matthew...

[Matthew 5](#): 14-16: *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Discuss and explain what these verses mean.

We are encouraged, in the bible and at school, to 'Shine like a star'.

- Why?
- Whose light are we shining when we 'Shine like a star'?

Discuss these questions in small groups, ready to share your ideas.

9:30 Share your ideas with the class

(Mrs Metcalfe to record on a mind map)

- What is the difference between boasting and shining?
- Why do we sometimes find it difficult to 'Shine like a star'?

Discuss again and share once more.

9:45 share the website below

Share : '[Let Your Light Shine' Matthew 5:16 Meaning Explained \(crosswalk.com\)](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/topics/matthew-5-16-meaning-explained/)

explains about hoping winning over despair and explores what this means and suggests these four ways...

Let's examine four ways that you can let your light shine, starting today.

### **Examine Your Heart**

It cannot be light and dark in the same place. A lantern breaks through the darkness. Examine your heart for any hindering secrets or shame. Wisely share your hurts and struggles with God or a trusted confidant. When our burdens are brought to the light, they can't hide anymore. The darkness flees, allowing us to be who we are and show that reality to others.

### **Be Authentic**

According to the article "10 Ways to Shine Bright for Christ" on [ibelieve.com](https://www.ibelieve.com/), authenticity is a way to shine for Christ. We've all gone through trials. The façade of perfection can diminish the impact of our light since it's easy to see the rays when the sun is already out. Our light shines bright when we wisely share our struggles with others, showing it's possible to have hope amongst sorrow and hardship.

### **Encourage Others**

As mentioned on [biblestudytools.com](https://www.biblestudytools.com/), one way to let your light shine is to be an encouragement to the world. The article suggests reaching out to friends and family with a positive text or phone call. Slip a card in the mail or use your social media influence as a beacon of hope. Really listen to others. One way to encourage is to simply be there for one another and show we care.

### **Read the Word**

The article on [ibelieve.com](https://www.ibelieve.com/) goes on to say that Christians can shine brightly by reading the Word. The Bible is the handbook for our lives. Everything in the Word is true. To embrace these truths, we first need to know what they are. When we read the Bible, we can immerse ourselves in God's rich words and illuminate them to others. God has given us an incredible gift in his light. We are not meant to hide or hoard this gift. His luminescence can glow within

us and then shine out into the world. When we show up as our authentic selves, we demonstrate to the world that light is possible in the darkness. We can ingest God's truth through his words and then share his brightness to encourage others.

10:00 work in 4 groups. Each group will have an A1 sheet

1. Examine your heart
2. Be authentic
3. Encourage others
4. Read the word

Make a mind map to try and capture what this means and how we can get even better at shining like a star.

Allow time to feedback to the group and finish with the thoughts below...

[10 Ways to Shine Bright for Christ \(ibelieve.com\)](https://www.ibelieve.com) (it shares thoughts from a Mum's perspective, trying to cope when her children were little.)

### **10 Ways to Let Your Light Shine Bright:**

1. Remember your aim is to please the Lord, not man.
2. Speak in ways that are right, true, honorable and trustworthy.
3. Listen to others opinions. Be slow to anger and quick to listen.
4. Decide if others are pulling you into sin. You may need to retreat and bless them through prayer.
5. Realize that Christ has already determined your value - now you are free from the need to please.
6. Authentically praise the name of the Lord when given the opportunity.
7. Pray! Pray! Pray! Trust that God will lead you in his ways.
8. Speak truth - no matter what. Balance it with love.
9. Be who God created you to be, despite how others feel. God created you as you for a good reason.
10. Daily immerse yourself in the Word of the God.

Remember our job isn't to be perfect, it's just to be the best version of ourselves, as God loves us all equally.