Welcome to our termly Christian Values newsletter from our Collective Worship Team.
The aim of this newsletter is to tell you about our chosen Christian Value for this term.

Our Christian Values

We believe the Christian values we have chosen are a true reflection of our Academy Trust. These values shape our community and we encourage pupils to reflect on them and share them with one another, with parents and carers, with staff, and with visitors.
The Bible offers us a wealth of timeless wisdom about how to live well—personally, relationally, and within our wider community. As a church school, we believe these qualities are not only God-given but also God-energised, equipping us to nurture the next generation with values that truly matter.
We cultivate these values in many ways: by modelling them to one another, exploring Christian scripture and stories in Collective Worship, and engaging in both whole-school and class worship. Through relationships, discussions, and Bible stories, we highlight examples of our values in action and show pupils how they can recognise and live out these values within our schools.



Our focus Bible story is the Parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32

Respect is a core Christian value at the heart of our church schools. We believe that every life is precious and made in the image of God. It deserves to be valued and cared for just as Jesus taught, *"Treat others as you would want them to treat you."* (Matthew 7:12) Respect is one of the most important lessons we can teach our children about how to live well with others. It includes showing kindness to elders, listening to different views and backgrounds and being thoughtful of one another's feelings and choices. In our schools, children learn that God created each of us to be unique and special. This diversity is something to celebrate. Through honesty, trust, and tolerance, we learn to value ourselves, each other and the wider world. Everyone deserves our care, time and attention – a reflection of God's love. Jesus showed respect throughout his life – for his disciples, for children, for the poor, the sick and those who were struggling. In our schools we follow his example through our Christian values, our work on British Values and our commitment to the 3Rs. We help pupils grow into respectful and thoughtful members of their communities.

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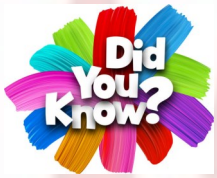
> *1 Peter 2:17*



RESPECT & REVERENCE

1. Jesus respected everyone:
Jesus treated all people with kindness and care – children, the poor, the sick and even those others often ignored. He taught us that every person matters.

2. Reverence means honouring what is sacred:
Christians show reverence by honouring God, the Bible, creation and each other. It's about being thoughtful, thankful and showing deep respect in our actions and words.

3. The Bible encourages respect for all:
The Bible tells us: *"Show proper respect to everyone"* (1 Peter 2:17). That includes our families, friends, teachers and people who are different from us.

4. Respect is valued in many faiths and worldviews:
Respect is important not just in Christianity but in many religions:

- Muslims are taught to honour their parents and elders
- Hindus believe all life is sacred and should be treated kindly
- Buddhists value peaceful living and being respectful to all beings
- Humanists believe we should treat others with fairness and kindness and that respect is essential for living well together in society

5. Caring for God's Creation is a sign of reverence:
Looking after the world – from picking up litter to protecting animals – is one way we show our respect and thankfulness to God for the beauty of creation.