



**FRIENDSHIP**

**COURAGE**

**HOPE**

**FORGIVENESS**

Welcome to a new school year.

As we begin the year together, I'm delighted to introduce our first value: **Friendship**. It feels like the perfect place to start – for children, staff, families, and for me as I join this wonderful school community. Starting something new can be exciting – and sometimes a little daunting – but one of the true joys of school life is the way we come together as one. Everyone is welcome, everyone is valued. I look forward to a year filled with friendship.

*Mrs Williams*



***“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God”.  
(1 John 4:7)***

**Autumn 1 - 2025**

This month, we are exploring the value of

**FRIENDSHIP**



What *little things* have you done for a friend?

**DETERMINATION**

**WISDOM**

**TRUST**

**JOY**

**THANKFULNESS**

**PEACE**

**TRUTH**

**LOVE**

**Talk about...**

Learning to be a good friend, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how friends come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, others we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our friends?
- What makes a good friend?
- Are we a good friend to others?



**Try and learn...**

**The Best of Friends**  
by S. Jill Wolf

The best of friends  
Can change a frown,  
Into a smile,  
when you feel down.  
The best of friends,  
Will understand  
Your little trials,  
And lend a hand.  
The best of friends,  
Will always share,  
Your secret dreams,  
Because they care.  
The best of friends,  
Worth more than  
gold,  
Give all the love,  
A heart can hold.

**Do at home...**

**Raksha Bandhan**

One special type of friendship bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting friendship.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.

**Why not make a special bracelet from string, wool or paper? Add some beads, a button or even wind the wool around a pinecone. Make it worthy for your friend and bring it in for our display!**

