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

We are a community in which everyone is offered the opportunity to fulfil their full potential, to understand themselves and be valued for who they are. Through a stimulating and challenging learning environment, we pursue academic excellence and seek the flourishing of all. This is because we know we are all God's children.

TRUST



Our focus Bible story this term is Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6) which can be found in the Old Testament.

Trust is at the heart of all positive relationships. We teach our pupils that in life trust has to be earned and that trust is key to living together in harmony and so it is to be valued and honoured. The Bible tells Christians that God is trustworthy because of His nature and that they should have confidence in Him. The Bible strongly advises us all to trust in God and to have faith in His grace, protection, and salvation. There are 39 references to trust in David's Psalms alone and there are an endless number of Bible stories that we can draw on as a model for trusting God and others. When we talk about trust we also talk about faith. We understand that they are two different concepts but at the same time they complement each other. Christians have faith in God because He is trustworthy.

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped." Psalm 28:7

HALL OF FAME

Mahatma Gandhi (1869–1948)

Why is Gandhi famous for trust? He led India's movement for independence peacefully, trusting that non-violence (ahimsa) was stronger than war. People trusted him because he always stood by his values of truth and justice. He believed in trusting others and working together to create change without violence. Gandhi's life teaches us that trusting in truth and kindness can change the world, even in difficult times.



Trust is a really important Christian Value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone, it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are trustworthy
- practical ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy
- why it is important to be able to trust others when working together as a team

FAMILY FOCUS

Here's a fun activity based on Proverbs 3:5

"Hidden Surprise"

You will need a small box or bag and a surprise inside (candy, sticker, small toy, etc.)
Show the closed box/bag to your child and say, *"There's something good inside, but you have to trust me and reach in without looking!"*
Let them reach inside and discover the surprise.

Discuss these questions:
How did you feel before opening it?
Did you trust that something good was inside?
How is this like trusting God even when we can't see what's coming next?

Just like they trusted that something good was inside the box, we can **trust God** even when we don't know what's ahead. He always has good plans for us! (Jeremiah 29:11)

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
Psalm 56:3