



Autumn 1

Our Values

At Woods, we have adopted 6 core values, one for each half term of the school year.

These values provide an important framework for helping to define and validate the work of the school beyond the curriculum. Each value is used as the theme for collective worship, the focus for classroom reflection and quiet corner displays.



Our values are love, respect, peace, kindness, patience and perseverance.

Our value for this half term is LOVE

'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.' - Matthew 22:37-39

We want to show love and care for others and to be unselfish. It is not just the love we feel for our friends and family - the Bible invites us to put others first and show love even to people we might not like.

Our school rule - **We put others first and show love to each other as Jesus taught us.**



We believe this value is integral to the growth and well-being of our school community.

At our school, we strive to foster an environment where love is not only expressed but also practised daily. Love, in this context, goes beyond mere emotions; it encompasses respect, kindness, empathy, and understanding. Encouraging our pupils to embrace love and actively demonstrate it provides them with a solid foundation for personal and social development.

In our pursuit of instilling the value of love, we believe it is essential for both school and home environments to align. Thus, we would like to share some ways we can collectively promote love within our community:

- 1. Lead by example:** As parents, you play a crucial role in modelling loving behaviour. Demonstrating respect, empathy, and kindness towards others both within and outside the family unit will greatly influence your child's perceptions and attitudes.
- 2. Encourage kindness:** we can teach children the importance of showing kindness and empathy towards their peers, teachers, and members of the wider community. Acts of kindness such as helping a classmate in need, volunteering, or being inclusive can go a long way in fostering a loving and supportive atmosphere.

3. Promote understanding and acceptance: Sharing experiences, stories, and values that promote understanding, tolerance, and inclusivity can help children develop empathy towards others. Encouraging conversations about different cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives can broaden their horizons and cultivate love in their hearts.

4. Support positive relationships: Encourage your child to build positive and healthy relationships with their classmates and teachers. Teach them effective communication skills, conflict resolution, and the importance of mutual respect.

5. Practice gratitude: Teach your child to appreciate others and express gratitude for their actions. This fosters feelings of love, reinforces positive behaviour, and strengthens social connections.

6. Teach self-love: It is equally important for children to develop self-love and self-compassion. Encourage them to nurture their own well-being, both mentally and physically, and recognise their worth and strengths.

At school, we make it a priority to incorporate all of our values into our curriculum. Our teachers create a welcoming and inclusive environment where children learn to appreciate the value of love in various aspects of their lives.

We kindly request your support in reinforcing these values at home, as we believe that a strong partnership between home and school enhances a child's overall development. By working together, we can create an environment where love flourishes, allowing our students to grow into caring and responsible individuals.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school's mission. Should you have any questions or further suggestions about how we can encourage love within our community, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our dedicated team.

Regards,

Mrs Rankin

