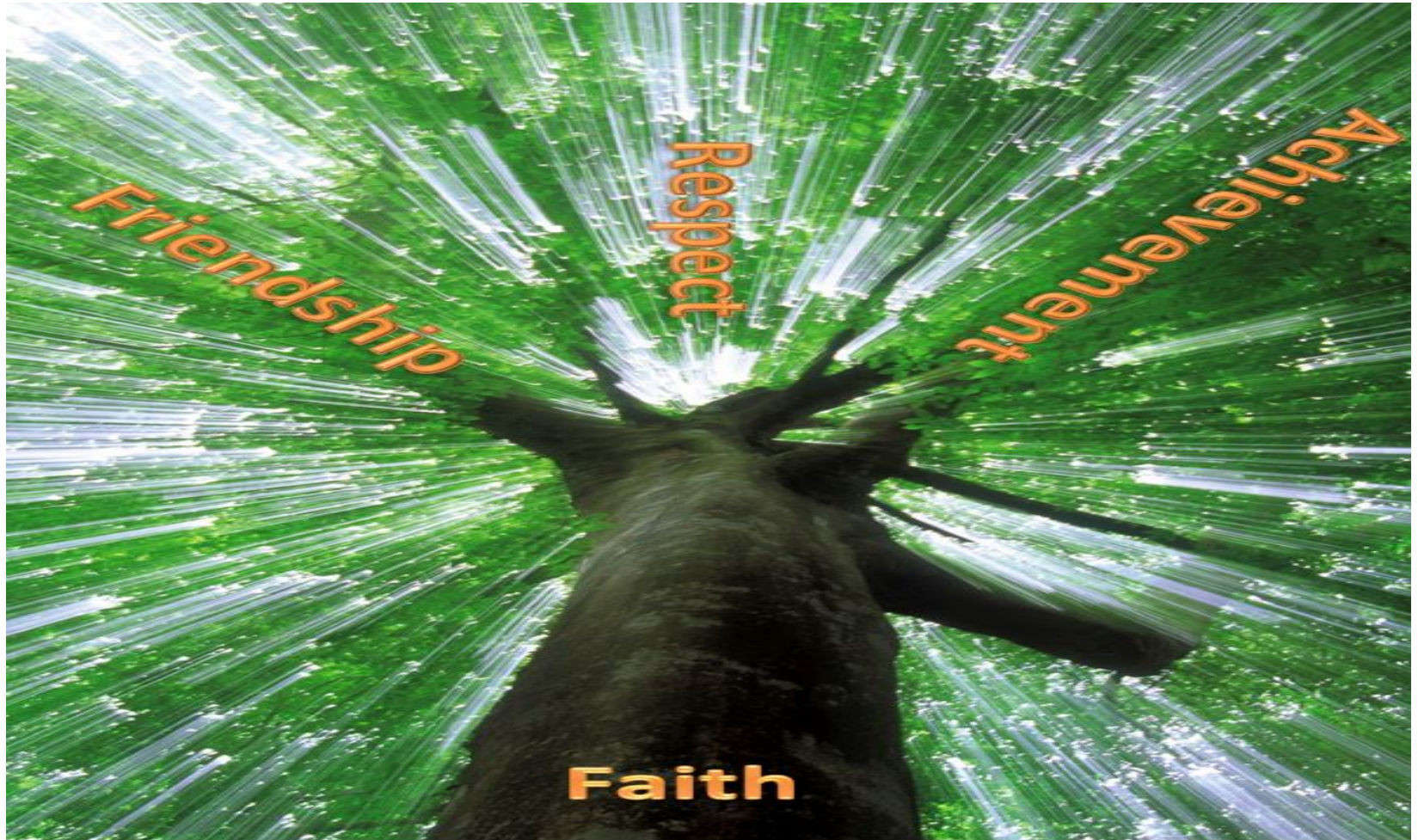


Our Christian Values



Learning to live well

At St Matthew's, we have four Christian values which have been chosen by the children, staff, parents and governors. They are **Faith, Friendship, Respect and Achievement**.

Everything we do at school is focused towards upholding our values and living them out in our daily lives. Our teaching and learning is underpinned by Jesus' teaching and the Bible which we look to as our example of learning to live well.



Faith

'Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.'
Hebrews 11:1



Christian Faith

Faith is an attitude of trust in someone you can rely on which mirrors the commitment that God has for people.

Faith involves commitment and trust. It deepens relationships and enables children to explore more fully the meaning of their own life and the beauty of the lives of others. It is an important element of all kinds of family and other social relationships.



Friendship

'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.'

John 15:12



Christian friendship

When God made people, one way they were like God was the ability to offer and receive the gift of friendship. Through stories we teach children how God never stopped longing for friendship with and between all people.

Finally, Jesus came in to the world so that everyone could see the 'forever friendship' that God offers. We teach children that Jesus is our friend who likes us and enjoys being with us always.



Respect

'Pay others the honour and respect you owe them' **Romans 13:7**



Christian Respect

Teaching and learning about Christian respect is a challenge that requires thought, effort, time, and prayer.

We teach children that respect is owed to God for who He is and what He created, that everything God created has value and we should be respectful of our valuable world and all the people who live in it whoever and wherever they may be.



Achievement

'You will give us prosperity, Lord; everything that we achieve is the result of what you do.' **Isaiah 26:12**



Achievement in a church school

Achievement as a value is a key characteristic of a church school. It is a place where Christian values can be seen working in practical reality. A place where there is welcome and hospitality, encouragement and comfort, trust and understanding, good things happen and everyone enjoys being there. In other words, a place that feels very much alive with God's love. We believe that schools like ours can do their community good. We always put lots of effort into our life in school so that we can achieve our very best.

