



**This is our Christian Character display. It can be seen around the school. It encompasses our Motto, Core Learning Values and Christian Values and celebrates what makes us distinctive as a Church School.**

### **What is the meaning of the fish symbol?**

The fish symbol has been chosen for two reasons. Firstly, we believe that we should be good 'Stewards of the Earth' and fish form part of God's wonderful creation.

Secondly, the fish symbol was used by early Christians because it pictorially represented the word, Ichthys, (which means fish in Greek) and was used as an acronym for Iesous Christos, Theou Yios, Soter, which means *Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour*.

### **Why is our motto made up of three parts?**

#### **Stewards of the Earth, Eager to Learn, Faithful to God**

Our motto overarches everything and is an umbrella over all that we strive to do at Turners Hill. We recognise the importance of taking care of God's creation. Each term we have a 'Green Week' where we focus specifically on an aspect of being good stewards. Example topics are recycling and solar panel

energy. Throughout the year each class also has an area of responsibility and Tots and Year 3 take part in Forest Schools projects.

As a school, we recognise that our primary purpose is to teach the children. We strive to provide a fun, stimulating and challenging environment and curriculum where the children are eager to learn, in order to foster a lifetime love of learning.

As a Church School, we celebrate our distinctive Christian ethos, which underpins the moral and spiritual development of the children that attend the school. Religious Education lessons are valued highly. Each day, the school community gather for Collective Worship. Each class has a reflection area and they pray daily at lunch time and the end of the day.

### What are there Christian Values and Core Learning Values?

Central to all that we do are the 18 Christian Values, which are positioned in the centre of the fish. Four Core Learning Values are situated below them because along with the Christian Values, they underpin our motto. The Values work together and are focussed on over a four year cycle (see below). We provide opportunities for children to become independent, confident and creative learners, who enjoy being challenged alongside recognising the importance of Christian Values. Values in Action are celebrated in school and certificates are awarded during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Year A 2014 – 2015	<b>Autumn</b>		<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Core Learning Value	Creativity		Confidence	Challenge
Christian Value	Truthfulness	Generosity	Responsibility	Thankfulness

Year B 2015 – 2016	<b>Autumn</b>		<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>	
Core Learning Value	Independence		Creativity	Confidence	
Christian Value	Humility	Compassion	Friendship	Trust	Peace

<b>Year C</b> 2016 – 2017	<b>Autumn</b>		<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Core Learning Value	Challenge		Independence	Creativity
Christian Value	Courage	Justice	Forgiveness	Perseverance

<b>Year D</b> 2017 – 2018	<b>Autumn</b>		<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>	
Core Learning Value	Confidence		Challenge	Independence	
Christian Value	Service	Hope	Creativity & Creation	Respect & Reverence	Wisdom