



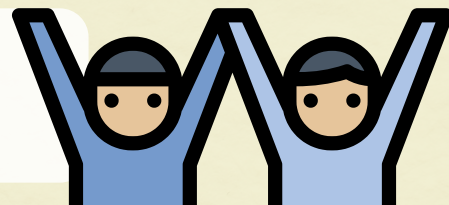
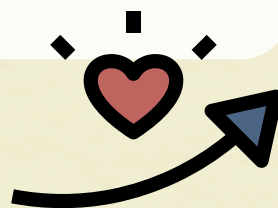
# A New Beginning

Welcome and Welcome back!



## Word of the Week

Matthew 13: 1-8



That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

What does this Parable teach us as we begin our new school year together?

In our Word of the Week Jesus gives us a mini gardening lesson, reminding us that plants need the right kind of soil to grow.

It also reminds us of our mission statement: Growing together in the spirit of Christ's love. As a school community we are called to grow, but need the right conditions to allow ourselves and each other to grow properly.



## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Bless our school as we start this new year together. Let compassion, honesty and respect live here.

Fill our hearts with love so that we can show kindness, friendship and forgiveness, as we are learning, caring and growing together in the Spirit of Christ's love.

Amen.





## "Growing together in the Spirit of Christ's Love."

This week's theme encourages us to reflect on and pray with our school mission statement: "Growing together with the Spirit of Christ's Love."

In this week's Word of the Week Jesus is comparing himself to a vine and saying that we are the branches.

He wants us to stay joined to him so that we can produce fruit, in others words so we can do wonderful things in our lives, using the gifts God has given us. If we stay close to Jesus we will do amazing and great things. He does not want us to separate ourselves from him.

*We are all called to grow together in unity over time.*  
-Amanda Idleman

### What do you need to grow and flourish?

As we heard in our Word of the Week seeds need the right soil and conditions in order to grow and flourish. So if we are to grow and flourish this year what do we need from our school community, our teachers, our peers and our friends.

As a form think about what you need from each other in order to grow and flourish this year. Make a list and think about writing them up as a form contract, something you can all sign to show you are committed to doing all these things for each other.



Think about our school mission statement.  
How can we grow together as a school community?



How does our mission statement fit with this week's bible reading?



If you were to have your own form mission statement what would it be? What is your form mission this year?



Song: I will Fear No More  
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God, go with me to school Prayer  
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Song: Hey Seed Sower  
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## Sowing Seeds of Welcome

This week we welcome our new Year 7 pupils.

Can you remember what your first day at All Hallows was like?

Let us pray together this morning for our new pupils that they may be welcomed into their new school community, and that they have a wonderful first day.

Let us pray... Dear God, we pray especially today for our new Year 7 pupils. Walk with them today and fill them with the courage they need to make a great start and make new friends. Help us Lord to sow seeds of welcome throughout our school so that each new pupils feels part of our community and are able to be their true selves and flourish.

Help us all Lord in our first days of this new year and help us to make our school community the best place it can be for everyone.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.