

Crockerton CE Primary Spiritual tree

Be joyful. Encourage each other. Grow to maturity. Live in peace and harmony.

The sun, which we mature towards, represents the 'beyond' that is a source of awe, wonder and spiritual growth.

The animals that live in and visit the oak tree represent the national community of Britain and the global community. These are people who show us how to become courageous advocates and explore life in all its fullness. They encourage and inspire us: religious and spiritual leaders, charities for whom we raise money, artists, authors, musicians, sports people, scientists.

The acorns are our school values. They have grown as we mature in beliefs and actions as a harmonious community, chosen by the pupils, staff, governors and parents. We value friendship, trust, perseverance, compassion and respect.

Now ready to become part of the wider community, the leavers are the leaves. Their achievements and the memories they live will encourage us and be a source of ongoing joy. With them, they will carry our school values out into the world, spreading joy and harmony.

The branches represent the wider school community, branching out. We are encouraged by our families, the people who live in our villages and towns. We are always looking to strengthen joy, peace and harmony in our parish community.

The growing trunk of our church school shows the pupils at the centre of the school community. They hold the school up with their joy. It is essential that they are provided with an environment in which they can flourish.

The staff and governors are the roots of the tree. They persevere through adversity to keep the school rooted peacefully in our beautiful forest, allowing the all to mature. Constantly reaching for spiritual and joyful opportunities for all.

The ground in which the oak is rooted, represents our precious natural world around us in which we grow. Acting courageously to care for the natural world is a source of joy and wellbeing for all.