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#WorldValuesDay



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Schools have a central role in our communities. With current events in the world this has become even more critical. Schools have a unique position in society, bringing together people from many different backgrounds and belief systems.

The theme for World Values Day this year is **Values and Volunteering**. By volunteering we mean doing something good or helpful for others without wanting any recognition or reward. We would love schools around the world to spend time that day really bringing their values to life, involving not only pupils, teachers and staff, but also where possible parents, carers, friends, neighbours and the wider community. Here's the plan for this year:

Date

Thursday, 15th October 2026

Time

All day

Theme

Values and Volunteering

Ask

Select an activity related to theme or invent your own.

On the day, share it on social media with #WorldValuesDay.

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Please take a look at some of the suggested activities on the next few pages. Hopefully you'll find something which captures your imagination and would be perfect for your school.

There are activities to suit all age ranges. Some call for physical activity outside while others are more reflective and sedentary. Almost all are highly interactive, and most cost nothing at all.

Get Inspired | Values in Action

Schools around the world celebrated World Values Day 2025 in creative and meaningful ways. From early years students to senior classes, educators found unique approaches to help young people explore, express, and live their values.

Here are just a few examples of how schools brought World Values Day to life in their communities last year. We hope they inspire your own celebrations for World Values Day for years to come.





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Meritton British International School, Thailand



Meritton School, Thailand, celebrated WVD 2025 by engaging students, parents and local communities in reflection about the values they most want to see in the world: for Early Years they placed ribbons representing those values on flowers; for KS1 they made art and for KS2 they created presentations; KS3 interviewed people in local markets; while KS4 debated the values most essential for their studies and careers.



Schools in Lagos, Nigeria

Schools in Lagos, Nigeria and several other states engaged a variety of activities on WVD 2025 including street interviews, community engagements, watching and discussing Captain Excellence videos, Walks for Values, the launch of a new values learning programme, and a Blow a Balloon challenge.





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Schools across India



Schools across India held a World Values Week in 2025 – 4 days of kindness and appreciation where students express heartfelt gratitude to the *unsung heroes* of their school community: the helpers, drivers, guards, support staff, and office assistants who make every day brighter behind the scenes.

"Small, genuine acts of gratitude today can build a more caring, connected world tomorrow."



St Augustine's School, Coffs Harbour, Australia

St Augustine's School, Coffs Harbour, Australia celebrated WVD 2025 alongside Grandparents Day, with open classrooms not only marking "the special bond between children and their grandparents, but also the values that unite us as a community, the things that make our school, our families, and our world a kinder, stronger, more hopeful place".





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Showcase of Learning

Cost: Nil | School Age Range: 8-18

Inviting the community into schools is a fantastic way to increase community engagement, making our schools accessible and open to visitors to re-affirm their place as the centre of local communities. Invite guest speakers to share their own experiences of school and engage in discussions about how things have changed...and what remains the same.

Reading Across the Generations

Cost: Nil | School Age Range: 2-10

What a great way to bring our community together – sharing a story. We have piloted grandparents, community policy officers, school nurses and local keepers sharing their favourite story or one from the class library. Children love having a new voice read to them.



Vintage Playground Olympics

Cost: Nil | School Age Range: 5-12

Revive classic games like Elastics, Bulldog, Hop Scotch, skipping rhymes and many others by inviting parents, grandparents and community members to share their own experiences and demonstrate the games they loved as children.



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Community Values Sanctuaries

Cost: Variable to school | School Age Range: 8-18

Develop a peaceful space for reflection and conversation. Involve the local community in making a place where nature can thrive. This could be a few plant pots filled with herbs and flowers, or an entire garden with water and willow dens, creating a serene communal legacy.



Coffee & Discussion

Cost: Nil | School Age Range: 14-18

Arrange open chats between senior pupils and community members such as local shopkeepers, police, and other residents, who will respond to positive interaction with young people and can be a great source of insight and advice.

If none of the activities shown above meet your requirements, you might want to explore the amazing values-based ideas below which have been developed by some of our global supporters. And if you have some further suggestions of your own to offer we'd love to hear them at info@worldvaluesday.com.





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SuperKids

Free downloadable lesson plans

Cost: Nil | School Age Range: 6-17

[Click here for link](#)

SUPERKIDS is an educational program that seeks to spread education, awareness, empathy, kindness and understanding.

The lesson plans are broken down into age groups which makes it a fantastically easy to access resource.

Lesson plans are available in English and French



Global Poetry Showcase

Cost: Free and Donation | School Age Range: 7-18

[Click here for link](#)

This is an exciting opportunity to bring out the poet in everyone. People in communities all over the world can express their thoughts, feelings, wishes and dreams about the future. Join with others in your community (school, family, club, company, street, village, church, group etc) to apply your creative energy into poetic words, in written, performed or digital formats. You can also submit songs.

Experienced poets and beginners are all welcome as are different styles and formats of poetry. You can submit in English or any other language.

Just express yourself in poetry! You can enjoy a safe space to inspire poetry-led sharing, thinking, insight, reflection, exploration and conversation.



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ValuesJam

It is our ambition to create harmony all over the world by inspiring one million values-led conversations. What contribution could your community make to celebrate World Values Day from 1-31 October?

This playful card game is quite simple to play. Just pick a values card (by choice or at random), start with the first question on the reverse and see where the conversation takes you. You can use none, some or all of the other questions and before you move on to another card, make sure to ask the final question. Be open, honest, respectful, kind and curious.

Cost: Nil | School
Age Range: 8-18
[Click here for link](#)

Above all, listen and feel the vibe – every card is different. There are no right or wrong answers. Just share your stories and go with the flow. It's also OK "not to know" yet.

If that's the case, see what ideas are sparked by listening to the other ValuesJammer(s). You can play 1:1 or in small or larger groups. You can also download your FREE Values for Communities guide to help you make best use of your card deck/s. Watch out for the arrival soon of ValuesJam JUNIOR (4-11 years).

More Resources for Your School

Looking for ways to engage your whole school community with values? Explore these resources designed specifically for schools:

Values Challenge for Schools: A ready-to-use activity guide to help staff and students explore and practice values. [Click here](#)

Values Guide for Schools: Comprehensive support for embedding values into your school culture and curriculum. [Click here](#)

These tools offer practical ideas and frameworks to make values education engaging and impactful throughout the year.