

# The story of Kingfisher CE Academy



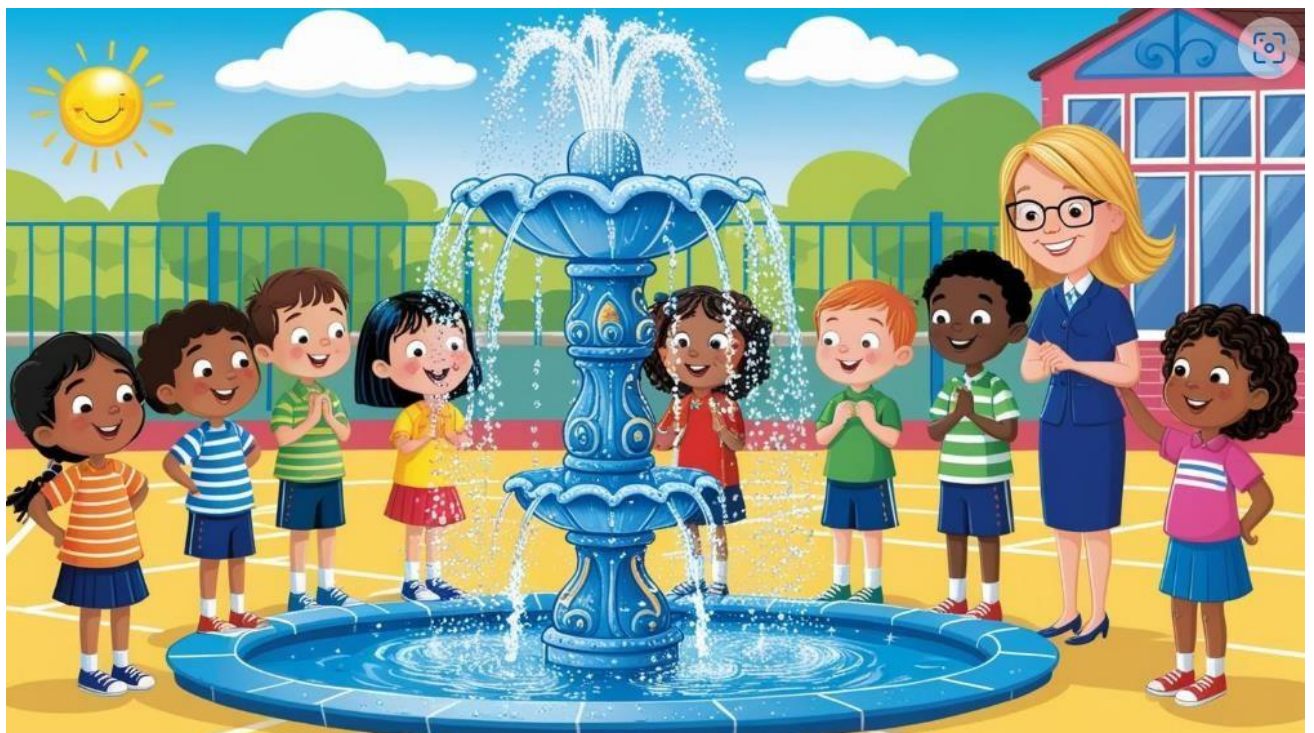
***Discovering and Learning Together, so all can Flourish.***

*'A tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season' (Psalm 1:3)*

***Wisdom – Hope – Service – Resilience***

In the heart of Wichelstowe, Kingfisher Church of England Academy was buzzing with excitement. Ms Bishop, the children's headteacher, had called them to the school playground. The children gathered around a small fountain that had magically appeared over night and was splashing softly in the morning sunlight.

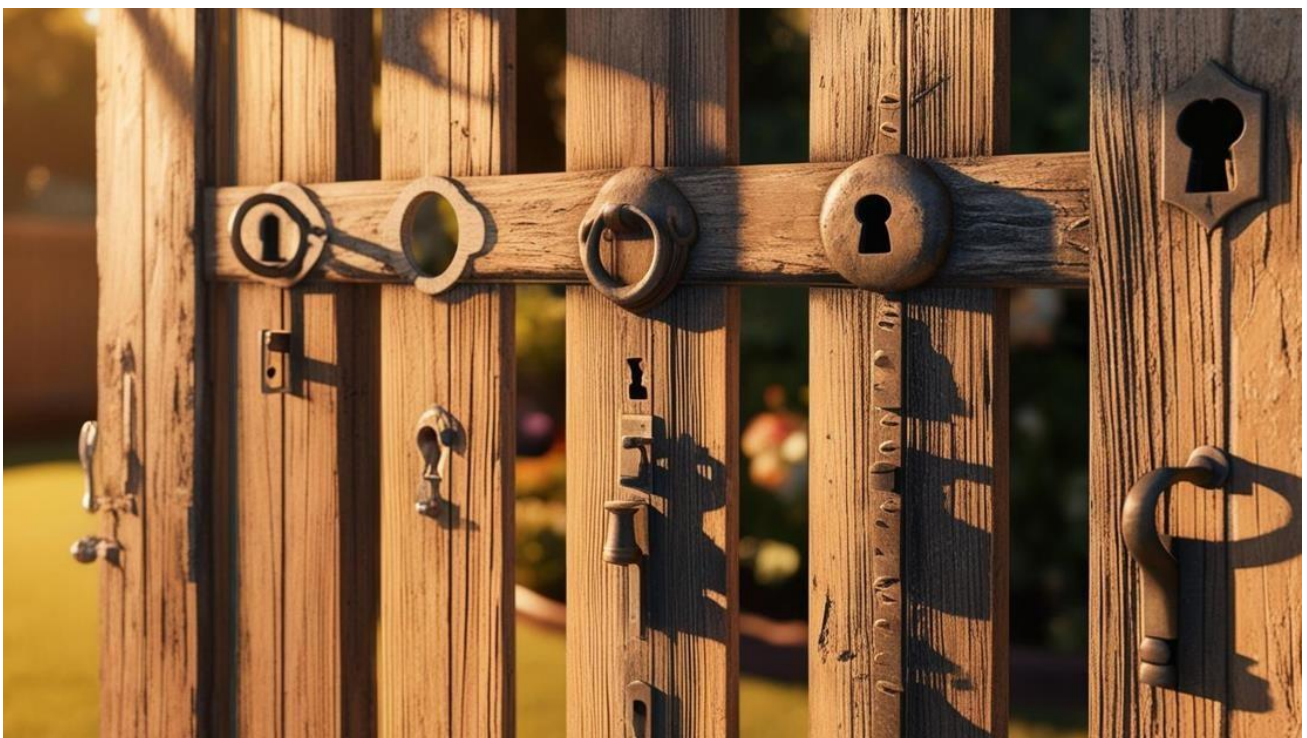
"This fountain holds a secret," Ms Bishop said with a smile. "The water flowing here leads to a hidden garden behind the school. Today, we're going to unlock its gates and discover what lies beyond."



The children exchanged curious glances. “A hidden garden?” asked Aisha.

“Why haven’t we seen it before?”

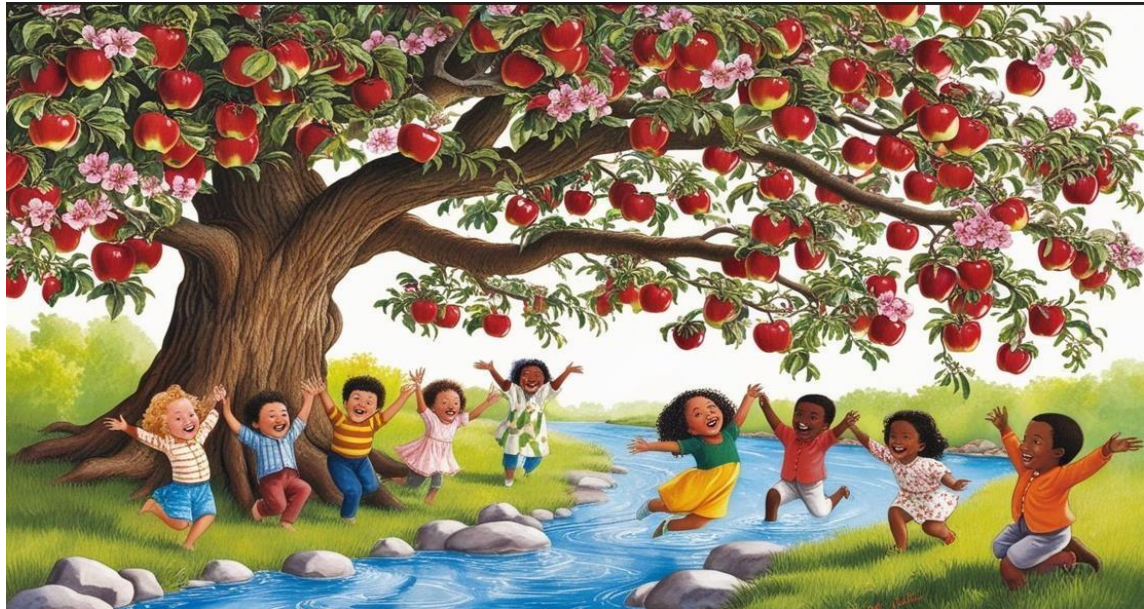
“It’s been waiting for the right moment—and the right hearts—to bring it back to life,” Ms Bishop said, holding up a bundle of golden keys. She handed one to each child and led them to the gate.



When they arrived, she explained, “This gate has many locks and will only open if we all turn our keys at the same time. It takes teamwork and trust.”



Together, the children counted, "Three, two, one!" As the keys turned, the gate creaked open to reveal a breath-taking sight.



In the centre of the garden stood a magnificent tree, its roots stretching deep into the earth and its branches reaching high into the sky.

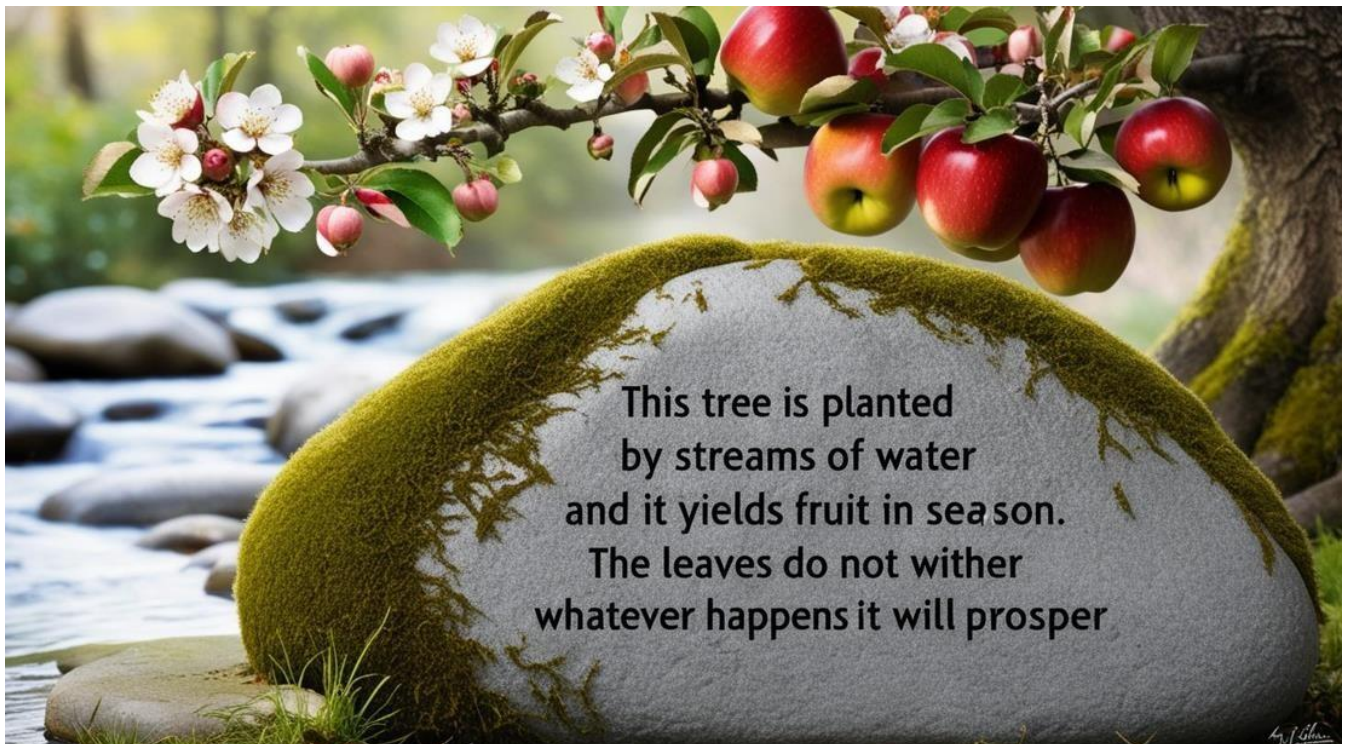
Streams of crystal-clear water flowed around it, feeding a carpet of wildflowers in every colour. Birds sang sweet melodies and the air was filled with the scent of tree blossoms.



At the base of the tree was a smooth stone with words carved into it:

"This tree is planted by streams of water and it yields fruit in season. The leaves do not wither, whatever happens it will prosper."

"What does it mean?" asked Toby, his eyes wide with wonder.



Ms Bishop knelt beside the stone. "This verse, from Psalm 1:3, teaches us that, like this tree, we can flourish when we are given what we need. Our school is rooted in wisdom, hope, service and resilience which will help us grow and thrive.

The children eagerly set to work. Toby, who loved exploring, followed the stream and discovered where the water flowed, life was flourishing.

Aisha, full of creative ideas, suggested planting seeds they found nearby. Ravi, who enjoyed building, crafted wooden benches for the garden, while Lily, who always saw beauty, painted signs with hopeful messages like "Grow Together" and "Bloom with Love."





At first, the work was challenging. The ground was hard, and weeds seemed endless. “This is too difficult,” said one child, feeling discouraged.

Ms Bishop reminded them, “Look at the tree. Its roots have survived many storms, they stayed strong because they were nourished by the streams. Resilience grows when we keep going, even when it’s hard.”

Inspired by her words, the children supported one another, sharing tools, encouragement, and laughter. Day by day, the garden transformed. Flowers of every colour bloomed, the streams sparkled brighter, and the tree began to bear golden fruit. When the children tasted the fruit, it was sweeter than anything they had ever imagined.

"This fruit is the result of your hard work and service," Ms Bishop explained.

"You've cared for the garden, and in doing so, you've cared for one another.

Look at how you've grown, just like this garden."

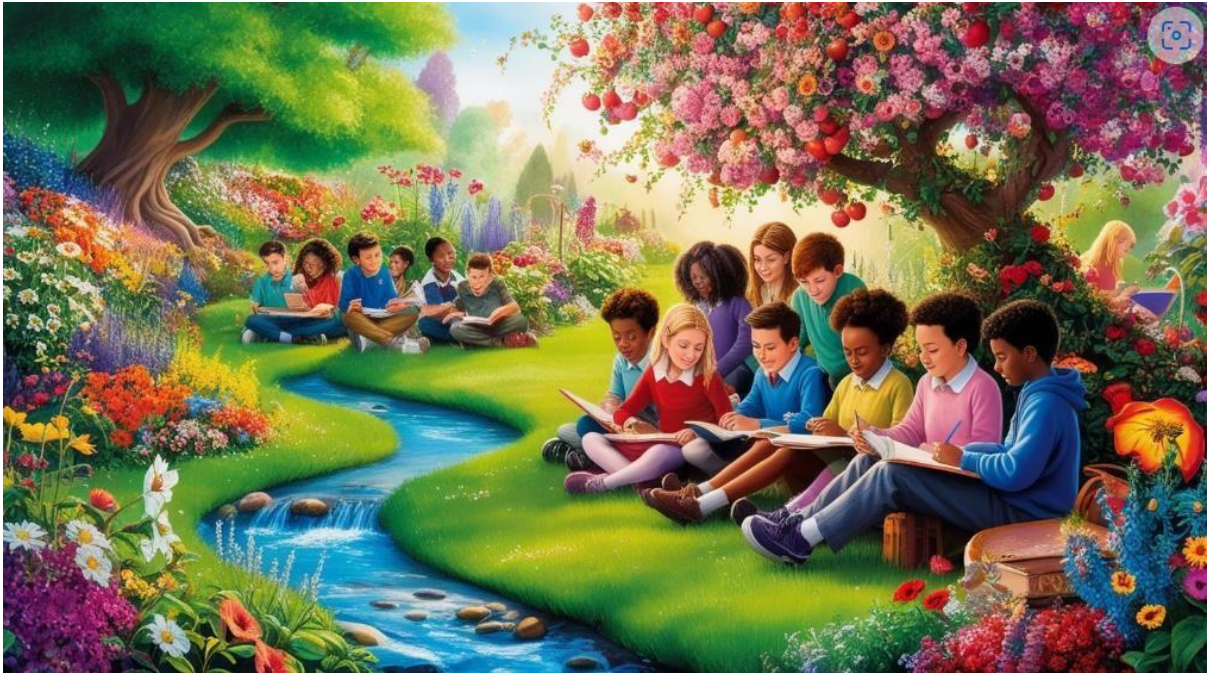


The garden became a place where they gathered to learn, share, and dream. They discovered important lessons:

- **Wisdom** to guide their choices.
- **Hope** to see light in every season.
- **Service** to care for others selflessly.
- **Resilience** to face challenges with courage.

The garden thrived as the seasons passed, and so did the children. It became a reminder of the promise carved into the stone: that those who are rooted in love and kindness will flourish, bearing fruit that blesses others.

And so, in the garden of living streams, the children of Kingfisher Church of England Academy grew into people who shone brightly for their community.



# The End.

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