



# Values @ Home

April is upon us, and our value for this month is appreciation. Spring is a wonderful time to appreciate the world around us - the flowers growing, blossom on trees and warmer weather (hopefully). The children will be thinking about appreciating not only the world around them but also the people.

Sometimes there are things people do for us that we take for granted so it is important to remember and appreciate the little things people do for us as well as the big things.

## Spring Walk

Be a Spring detective when you go for a walk and look for signs of Spring. Why not take photos of the different clues that Spring is on its way? You could print them out and make a collage or take some paper to sketch some of the things you see. How about hanging it up at home to appreciate the beauty in your local area.

## The Little Things

Why not make a card to tell someone how much you appreciate the things they do for you? You could write their name in the middle and/or then write or draw the things they do around the outside!

## Positive Noticing

Children reflect the language they hear around us. As parents and teachers we can model how to be appreciative to others.

Part of our approach to behaviour at school focuses on positive noticing. This builds relationships and is both immediate and long lasting. This is a culture we can have at home and school of noticing and appreciating when we do the right thing.

Every year at Oatlands we also have a Positive Noticing Day to focus on appreciation- watch out for more information later this month! You can hear Paul Dix talk about the importance of positive noticing here:  
<https://shorturl.at/KwnOf>



## April 2026 - Appreciation

