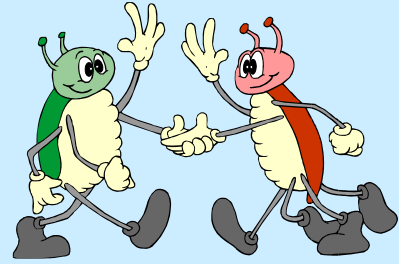


# Hands of Friendship at St Matthew's



# Friendship Week

Last week you investigated questions such as:

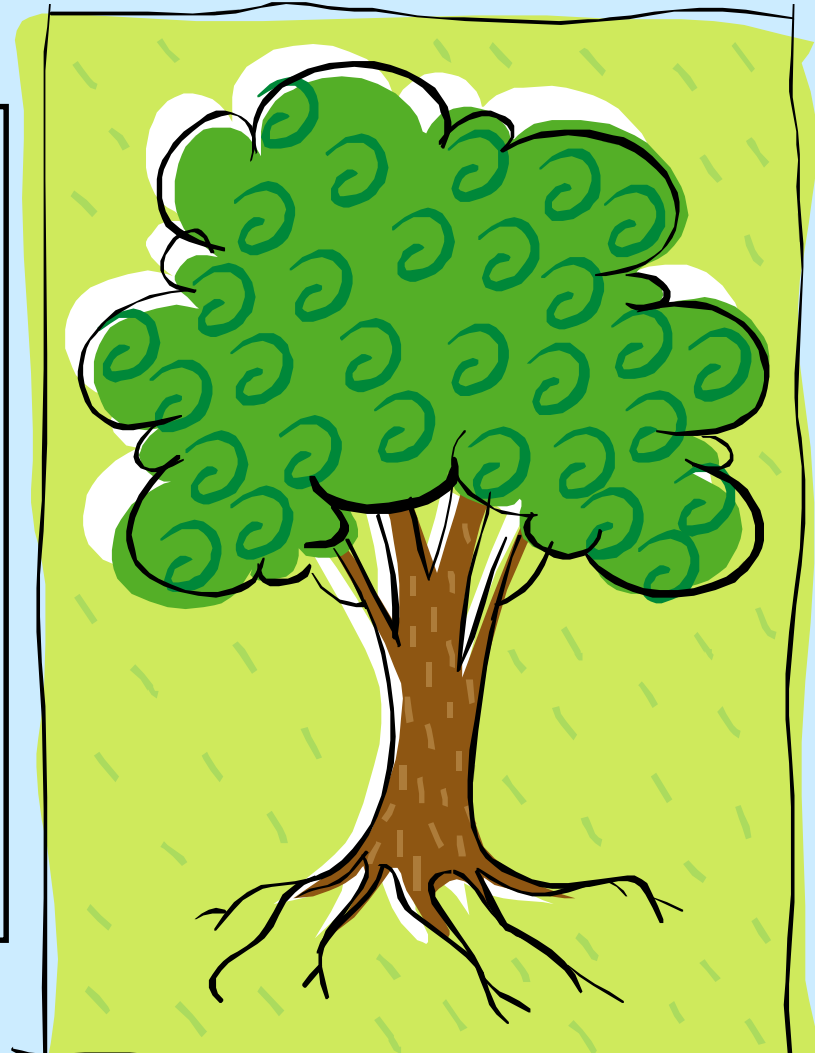


- Who are your friends in school?
- Why are they your friend?
- Do you have the same interests?
- Does your friend help you when you find something difficult?
- When you are feeling sad, does your friend cheer you up?

# Friends...we all need them!

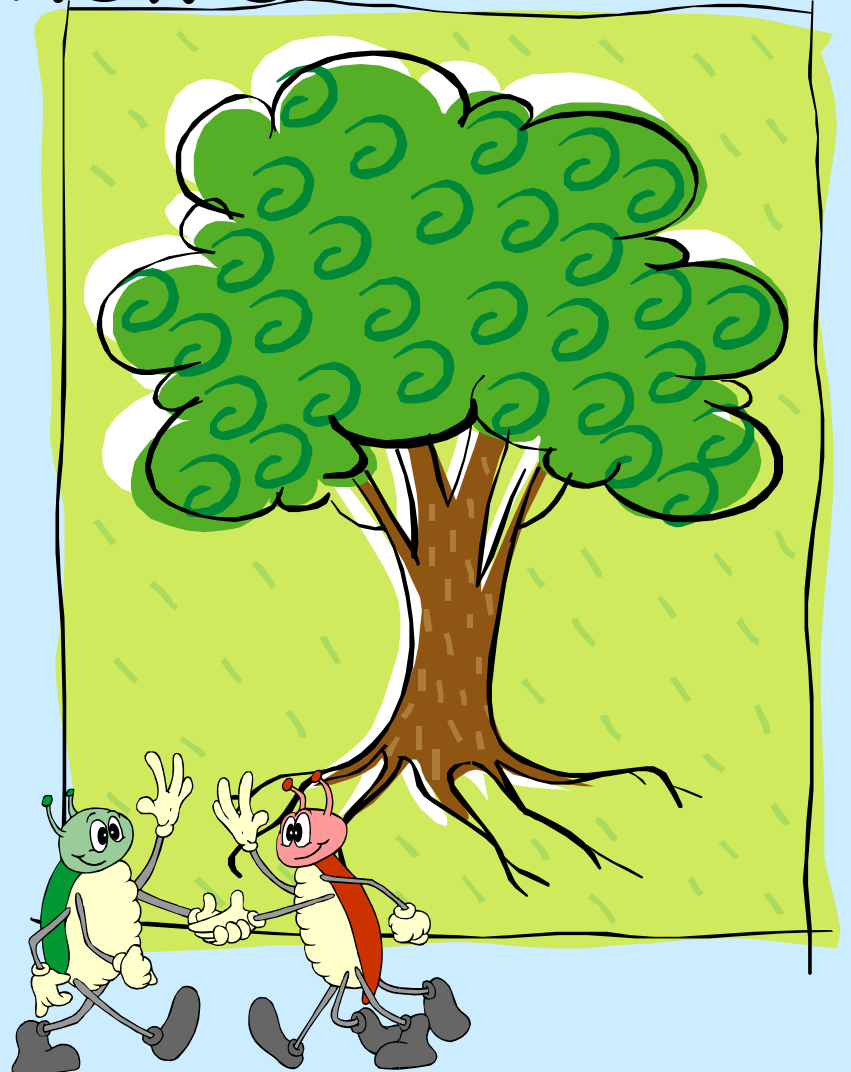


- My friend helps me when I feel sad and she makes me coffee and cake to cheer me up.
- My friend laughs at my silly jokes.
- My friend never lets me down.

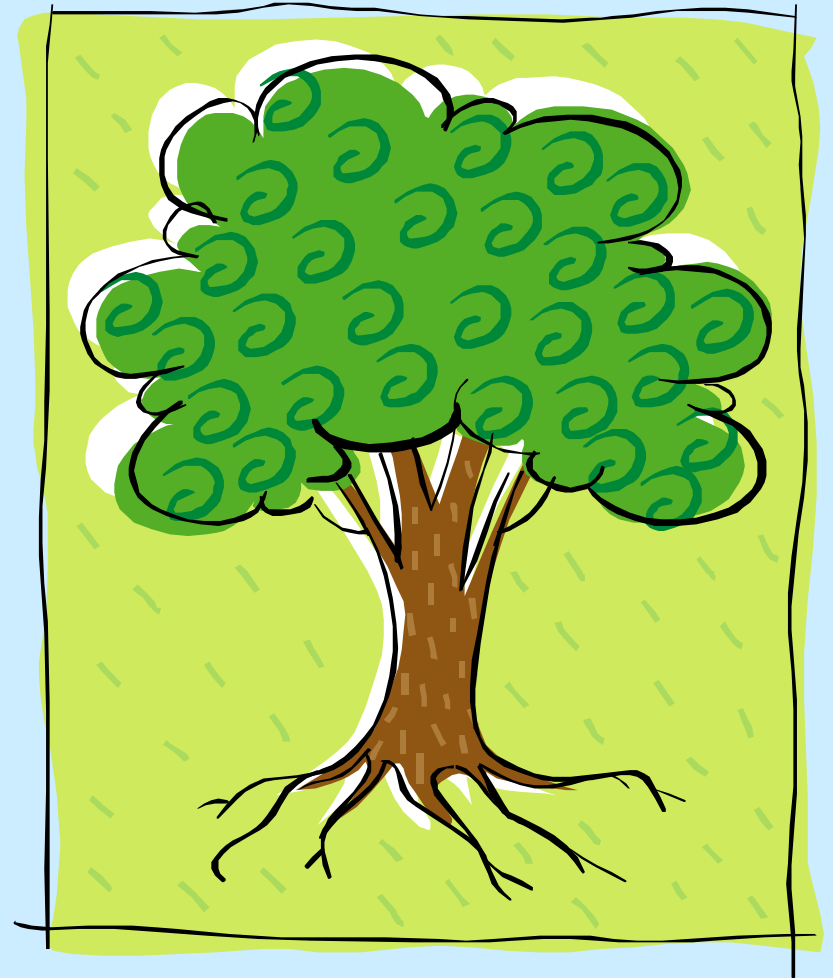
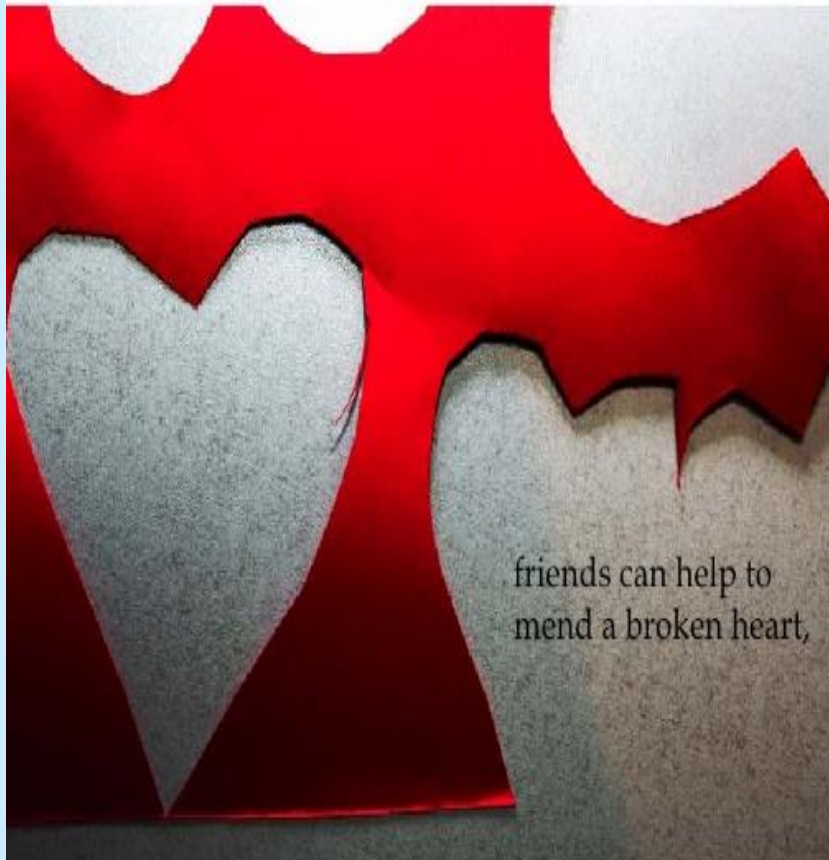


# How to find a Friend at St Matthew's

- Smile
- Say something nice.
- Look for someone on the yard who is on their own.
- If you can't find a friend on the yard a play mentor will help you.



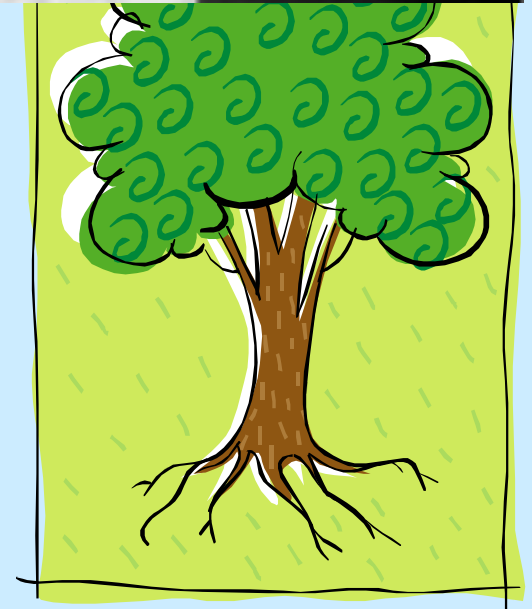
# Why are friends important?



friends are  
there to  
share the  
joy,



friends are there to hold your hand,



Friends are important... friendship is sharing things like feelings, wishes, hopes, plans and dreams...

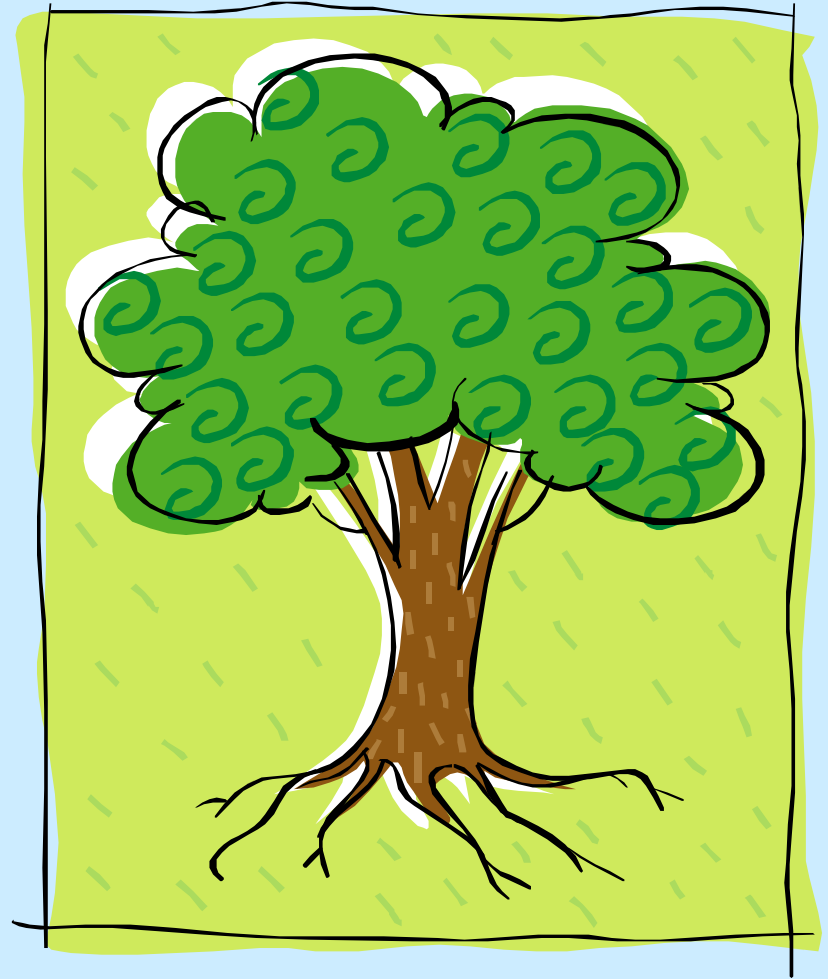
friends are there when you're lonely,



and if you're very lucky, friends are there til you're old and grey.

# True Friends

- A cautionary note:  
Lots of people can pretend to be a good friend but always remember... a real friend will not ask you to do things that are harmful and against the law.



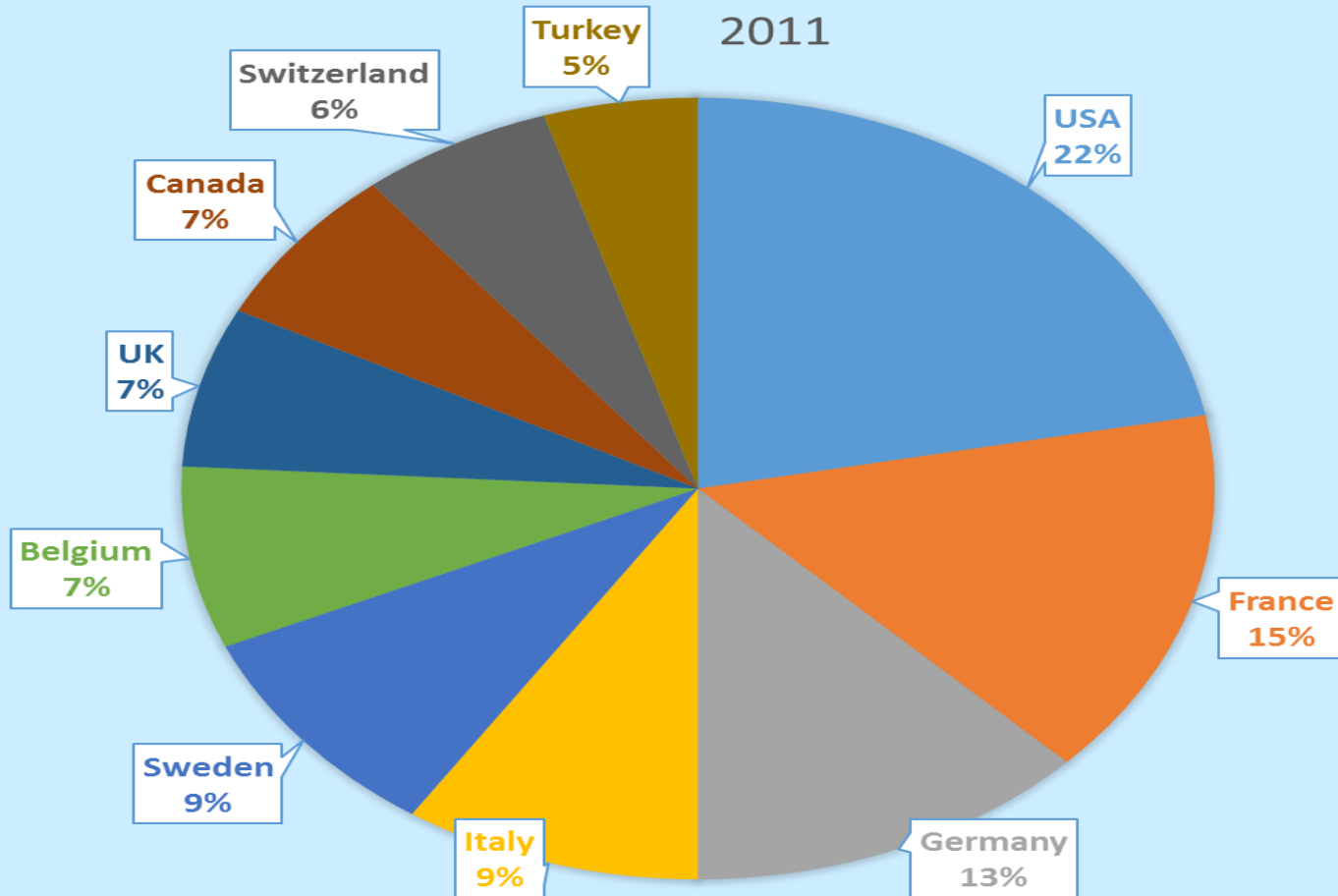


# Reaching Out

- We have spoken lots about children who have travelled from other parts of the world looking for sanctuary – a place of safety.

## WHO IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD TAKES THE MOST ASYLUM SEEKERS?

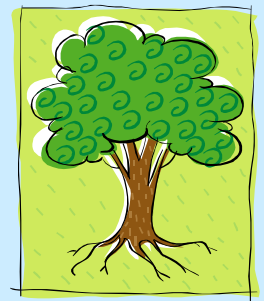
PROPORTION OF ASYLUM CLAIMS PER RECEIVING COUNTRY



# St Matthew's

## School of Sanctuary

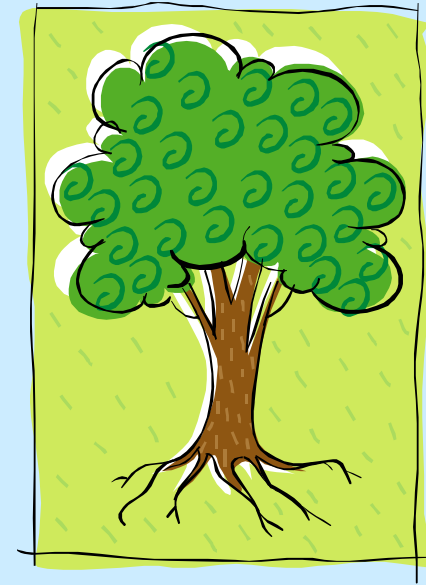
- Many families now live in our community and soon children will come to our school looking for a warm welcome and friendship.
- They are looking to make strong foundations and start their lives again.
- We have prepared and look forward to meeting our new friends if they come to our school.



- Today I would like to tell you about 2 girls. They are friends through their shared love of dancing.

Remember: We all dance to the same tune

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgcgFP9nGqY>



Here are two friends who met at Eleonas, a refugee camps outside of Athens.

**This is Rolian**



**This is Nazia**



# Rolian

**Left her home because it was no longer safe for her to stay there.**

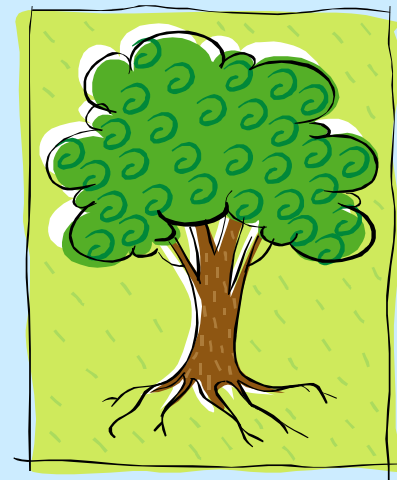
- Despite the relief of reaching Europe alive, Rolian still thinks about what she has left behind. “I miss my friends back home and I miss my grandmother whom I haven’t seen in 4 years,...I also miss my home; I remember we left everything inside the house but I don’t know if our house is still there.”

**Rolian recalls meeting Nazia,**

- “I saw Nazia and her family waiting with their bags in the camp’s reception and offered her to come to my container while their accommodation was being sorted. She didn’t speak any Arabic and I didn’t speak any Farsi but we somehow managed to communicate.” Ever since, Nazia has been teaching me Farsi and I have been teaching her Arabic and now we understand each other perfectly well.”

# Nazia is sad because her family is moving to France ...

- She is going to lose another friend.
- She has already lost most of her family.
- She feels scared of starting again. Nothing feels safe or secure anymore.
- The girls have vowed to meet again when they are older



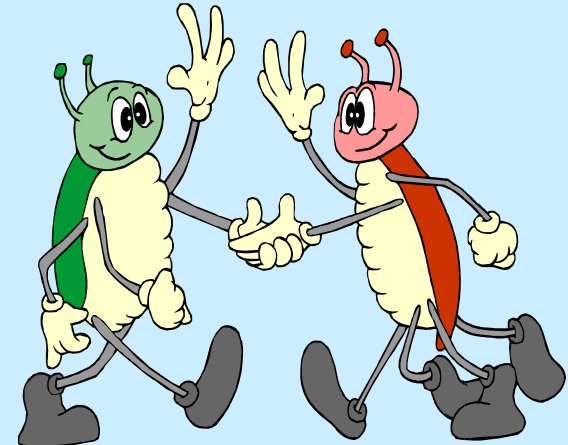
# Rolian and her family want to come to the UK

- She could come here...
- last week some classes wrote recipes for friendship. Perhaps we could use these recipes in our new welcome booklet

# A Recipe for Friendship

## You will need:

- a pinch of happiness
- one handful of kindness
- two spoonfuls of gentleness
- three cups of sharing
- a teaspoonful of helpfulness
- four heaped tablespoons of laughter
- a bowl of smiles
- a bucketful of hope
- a sprinkling of cheerfulness
- and stir in some love.



## Method:

- Mix all these together. Then you will have the perfect friend.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75Oct1Qv8x0>



- Soo-----
- TO HAVE A FRIEND...BE A FRIEND!
- Remember the Golden Rule of Friendship...TREAT OTHERS AS YOU'D LIKE TO BE TREATED!
- SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, A FRIENDSHIP IS WAITING TO START!



We have some new friends here  
today

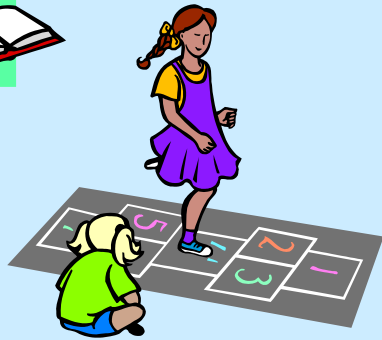
The Lord Mayor of  
Liverpool

Nick Small

Jill Rowland

Donna Palmer

# Friends of St Matthew's Friendship Tree



My friend is \_\_\_\_\_ because

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