National poetry Competition
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WE ARE ONE
1st Place

Community isn't just a word teachers say
or something printed on a school poster.
It's the moment you realise we're all carrying something
a responsibility that creates change, a spark of happiness
and suddenly you understand:
THIS is community.

I've seen people serve in so many different ways.
As a Muslim, I grew up watching my family give Zakat
quietly, without showing off,
believing that helping others is our duty and our faith.
My neighbour practises Tzedakah,
teaching me that giving brings balance
and makes sure no one is left behind.
At the gurdwara, I watched Langar being served
no questions asked, just "Sit. Eat. You're welcome."
That simple warmth stayed with me forever.
A Christian kid that I see packs donations
because "that's what Jesus would've done."

And many people with no religion still choose kindness
because the world is rough enough already.
Different paths, different beliefs,
yet somehow they all lead to the same place:
one person reaching out to another.
Because, Community isn't about being the same
or praying the same
it's about knowing none of us can always get through life alone.
Serving others builds bridges,
helps others feel noticed,
and reminds us that we all matter.
Together we grow, together we serve,
and together, we become are a community.

Year 9, Seven Kings School

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COMMUNITY TOGETHER WE SERVE

2nd Place

What does helping look like?
It is hands open not closed
Lifting another's burden as
if it were our own.
Voices rising in harmony a
song of shared purpose,
where no note stands alone.
Without kindness
What would we be?

A crowd without connection,
Walls without windows.
But when we serve,
The air itself softens,
A smile becomes hope.
We gather like threads in tapestry,
Each colour is bright because of the next.
We build bridges from small gestures,
A greeting, a gift, a glance that says
You matter here.
Together we mend what's torn,
What is new, grows
becoming something larger
than any one of us could dream.
By serving, we find answers,
and each other.

Year 8, Archbishop Holgates School

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STREAMS OF KINDNESS: TOGETHER WE SERVE

3rd Place

In school each day, I watch us flow,
like little rivers on the go,
each one different, each one new,
with hopes to share and things to do,

Some start small, just drops of rain,
others strong, like flowing main,
Each carrying a story true,
a piece of me, a piece of you,

Some shine bright like stars above,
spreading kindness, light, and love,
Some grow steady, soft and slow,
like garden seeds that learn to grow,

We help with lunch, we hold a door,
we lift each other to do more,
A shared "you're okay," a saved seat,
small acts that make our days complete,

My faith teaches hearts to care,
to give, to lift, to simply share,
Other faiths teach this too,
that love is stronger when we do,

So all our streams, though not the same,
join together like one flame,
A river strong with every heart,
each person playing their own part,

Community is more than feet,
it's love that makes our currents meet,
It flows through halls, it flows through eyes,
through whispered thanks and friendly ties,

And when we rise as one, we find,
a flowing force shaped by the kind,
Together we serve, together we grow,
a river of love, in steady flow.

Year 8, Azhar Academy Girls School