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## Francis Holland Preparatory School, south-west London

Bringing together pupils' creative and collaborative talents, the prep's floral interpretation of Flowers in Fashion – the 2025 theme for Chelsea in Bloom – won a prestigious Gold Award, as well as a special mention in the Innovation category.

At the heart of the dried, fresh and handmade flower-strewn display is the school's symbolic *Fearless Girl*, covered entirely in mosses and blooms. With a book held tightly in her hand, she's dressed in the uniform's bespoke tartan skirt and navy jumper. Inspired by Kristen Visbal's New York statue of the same name, it represents how Francis Holland pupils, through engaging in the eight Cs – collaboration, craftsmanship, curiosity, compassion, commitment, confidence, communication and creativity – identify as powerful and passionate thinkers who learn to debate with gusto, reflect on the world around them with empathy, solve problems creatively and appreciate the bigger picture.

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