



Collective Worship

Aims

- To give the school's identity and self-understanding a grounding in Christian worship and prayer.
- To provide opportunities for children to experience worship of God in the context of a broadly Christian character.
- By the corporate activity of worship to enable children to develop an individual spiritual awareness with acceptance of self and others based on the premise of God's acceptance of us.
- To enable the children to understand some of the features of worship in a Christian community, e.g. praise, reflection, celebration, thanks, saying sorry and sharing.
- That the children be familiar with stories, customs and activities associated with the Christian calendar.
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes
- To provide an opportunity for calm reflection

Collective Worship

We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves members of our school community coming together in a variety of ways, for example: as a class, a key stage or a whole school. We encourage everyone, children, staff, parents and governors to reflect and participate.

Worship Themes

This year (2017-18) the values we are exploring are:

Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B
Harvest St Faith's Day	Remembrance Advent		Easter		Graduation
POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS [RESPECT]	CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES	RESPONSIBILITY	HOPE	SAFEGUARDING	ACCEPTANCE

Organisation of Worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship in our school. This may include music, song, stories, and shared experiences, readings from sacred writing, prayer and reflection.

We conduct Worship times in a dignified and respectful way. It is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask children to be quiet and thoughtful and to listen carefully to the teachings and participate fully in prayer and hymns. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using prayer, music, candles or other objects to act as a focal point for the attention of the children. The pupils are encouraged to express their ideas and points of view.

Our Friday Family Worship time reflects the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate by sharing their learning to the school community. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. We invite parents and carers to our Family Worship as this promotes the community spirit of the school.

The following weekly pattern has been adopted for the delivery of collective worship:

Day	Leader	Audience	Place	Time
Monday	Head teacher or Phase Leader	KS 1&2 + F2	Hall	10:45 – 11:00
Tuesday	Senior Leaders Fr Gordon,	Class	Hall	10:45 – 11:00
Wednesday	Extended worship / singing	KS 1&2 + F2	Hall	10:30 - 11:00
Thursday	Class teacher	KS 1&2 +F2	classroom	10:45 – 11:00
Friday	Senior Leader / class	Whole School Parents	Hall	9:00 – 9:30

Special Occasions

We have identified particular days as special occasions where special acts of worship are organised: Harvest, St Faith's Patronal Feast, Advent, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost and National days of celebration: Remembrance Day.

Withdrawal

Parents may ask for their child to be totally or partially withdrawn from collective worship in accordance with the Education Act. They are advised of this right in the school brochure and are asked to contact the head teacher to make arrangements.

Worship Displays

Each class and an area in the hall reflect the Worship theme for the half term. Each class display includes the following: a candle, crucifix, class prayer book, class reflection book, key theme words and questions for children to reflect upon. The atrium has a prayer focus where children, parents, staff and visitors are able to write a prayer or thoughts.

Monitoring and Review

We monitor the effectiveness of collective worship Monitoring occurs through questionnaires and informally through staff discussion with valued feedback from parents and visitors. It is the role of the Children, Families and Community Committee to monitor the policy and practice of collective worship. Governors are welcomed to all acts of collective worship during the week and invited for particular special occasions.

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