

Collective worship is an important part of life in our school community. It takes place at the beginning of the school day and sets the tone for the day. Details of how we use worship in our school can be found in the school's Collective Worship Policy.

All adults and children should attend collective worship each day (unless a parent has opted a child out of collective worship). This is because;

- we all belong to our school community, and collective worship is one of the few times when that community comes together.
- collective worship provides opportunities for the each member of our school community to reflect on their response to their place in our world and to grow in their own spirituality.
- it means that everyone hears the same messages and these can be referred to and reinforced during the day / week.

It is recognised that there may be occasions when a member of staff or a child cannot attend collective worship because something unavoidable needs to take place. When this is the case permission should be sought from the Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher.

Planning worship

Our worship usually connects to a number of themes;

- Our school adopts a number of Christian values – Love, Forgiveness, Peace, Courage, Creativity, Trust, Justice, Thankfulness, Compassion, Friendship, Hope, Truthfulness, Humility, Generosity, Respect, Wisdom, Perseverance, Service and Responsibility. Different values form the focus of worship each term.
- SEAL themes that we follow in school for most PSHCE work.
- Special themes relating to the Church year, other major world religious festival days or particular national events.
- Our worship themes will also respond to the needs of our school community and may change to accommodate this.

Before each term classes are asked to mind map their ideas for the themes that are to be followed. Each mind map is used and ideas are collated into a worship plan. In addition contributions are added by staff.

Planning is distributed amongst all staff and a copy is placed on our school website so that parents can follow the worship themes.

All worship follows a similar pattern.....

- A song / hymn is sung as children enter the hall / church (for class reflections this may be a piece of music). Sometimes this might be replaced with a piece of music or a film that reinforces the worship theme .
- Children prepare the worship area - liturgical coloured cloth is laid, items are placed on a table - candle, cross, Bible etc.
- The candle is lit (usually by a child) and the worship leader will remind everyone that the lighting of the candle indicates that this is a special time of the day for our school community. In the main hall our theatre lighting will illuminate the worship area and reflect the correct liturgical colour.
- We will endeavour to include children in part of the worship (e.g. introducing worship, with readings or prayers, taking part in drama etc.) and adult worship leaders will include all teaching staff.

- We try to make worship as engaging as possible through the use of visual aids or aspects of worship that include all of the children.
- If a particular image or object is used then we will try to leave that on the focus display so that children are reminded of the story / message and so it can be referred back to in subsequent weeks.
- A prayer and a time for reflection is included in all of our worship. At least once a week this will include the Lord's Prayer.
- At the close of worship the candle is extinguished and a song / hymn is sung as children leave the hall / church. Sometimes this might be replaced with a piece of music or a film that reinforces the worship theme.

Weekly worship will usually follow a particular theme

During the week our worship will generally include;

- One or two stories (often Bible stories) that reinforce the weekly / termly theme.
- A time when we learn new songs / hymns - during which we explain the words of the song / hymn and relate it to our worship theme.
- One day a week when we attend worship in St John's Church (this alternates between Key Stages). This is currently on a Wednesday and parents are invited to attend.
- A time of celebration - where we reinforce the skills and talents we have, and where we mark the individual achievements that children have made. Parents are asked to attend this if their child is being presented with a certificate.

What is delivered each day may not follow a set weekly pattern and will depend on the availability of staff. Who delivers worship and what is delivered is set out below, but may change and final plans are identified on our weekly school diary sheet.

Children withdrawn from collective worship by parents will take a reading book to the library. The planning sheet identifies cover for each day. Where worship is in class, withdrawn children will stay in class but will not take part in the reflection.

Themes for Term 2 –

Values – Forgiveness, Compassion, Justice, Courage

Church Festivals – Remembrance Day, Advent, Christmas / Christmas around the world

Trinity – God the Son

SEAL – Getting on, Falling out

Special Days

(Further information and other dates are available from <http://www.happy.co.uk/about-happy/free-publications/festivals/>)

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| 1 Nov - | All Saints Day (Christian)
A day to honour all saints and martyrs of the church. |
| 11 / 12 Nov | Remembrance Day / Sunday
Day of remembrance to those fallen in wars. |
| 24 Nov - | Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadu (Sikh) |

A champion of religious freedom, executed for refusing to convert to Islam.

- 30 Nov - St. Andrew's Day (Christian)
Celebration of the patron saint of Scotland.
- 3 Dec - Advent Sunday (Christian)
The beginning of the Church year and a time of reflection and preparation for Christmas.
- 8 Dec - Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
A day when some Buddhists celebrate Gautama reaching enlightenment under the Bodhi tree.
- 13-20 Dec - Hanukah (Jewish)
The Jewish Festival of Lights, celebrated for eight days. It commemorates the Jews' struggle for religious freedom. During Hanukkah, Jews light one more candle each night.
- 25 Dec - Christmas Day (Christian)
The day celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Class contributions to Collective Worship

- 6th November – Class 4AW - “Shipwreck” (Acts 25 – 27) (See Lion Bible page 338) (Courage)
- 13th November – Class 3FC – “Daniel & the Lion” (Daniel 6) (See Storyteller Bible page 56) (Courage)
- 20th November – Class 5MB – “The Lost Sheep” (Luke 15)(See Lion Bible page 248) (Forgiveness)
- 27th November – Class 3DT – “Jesus Heals a Leper” (Luke 5) (See Lion Bible page 235) (Compassion)
- 4th December – Class 6HS – “The love of God” (Romans 8 & 1 Corinthians 13) (Lion Bible p330)
(Compassion)

Week Beginning – Tuesday 30th October 2017

Main Theme / Value – Courage



Date / library	Leader	Content	Children's Music Selection / Readings for children / Leader
Tue Elaine Lyon	Paul Reid	Whole School. Setting the scene..... When do you need courage?	
Wed Ann Smith	Jo Blackbourn Julia White	KS1 in Church. The story of the Lion & the Mouse which was suggested by Year 2 & relate to the courage shown by Christ. KS2 Choral Worship	
Thur	Class Reflection	Have you ever had to find courage to overcome something? How do people with a faith gain courage from their faith?	
Fri Elaine Lyon	Jo Blackbourn Paul Reid	KS1 & Y3 Celebration Y4 – Y6 Celebration	

Evaluation of this week's collective worship

Class _____.

What do children say the key messages were to think about?

What aspects of the worship this week did children like?

What could have been done to make worship even better this week?

Week Beginning – Monday 13th November 2017

Main Theme / Value –Courage / Remembrance



Date	Leaders	Content	Children’s Music Selection / Readings for children.
Mon Sheron	KS1 – Amanda Cooke KS2 – Revd. Frances	KS1 Choral Worship Please find something on our theme of courage or remembrance. Thank you.	
Tues Elaine Lyon	Paul Reid	Whole School – Class 3FC – “Daniel & the Lion” (Daniel 6) (See Storyteller Bible page 56) (Courage). See values for life page 32. Relate to Remembrance.	
Wed	N/A	No Worship because of theatre production.	
Thur	Class Reflection	So last Saturday and Sunday it was the national act of remembrance. So why is it still important to remember all these years later?	
Friday Ann Smith	KS1 – Jo Blackbourn KS2 – Helen Stray	Celebration Worship	

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Week Beginning – Monday 20th November 2017

Main Theme / Value – Forgiveness



Date	Leaders	Content	Children's Music Selection / Readings for children.
Mon Elaine Lyon	Paul Reid	Whole School - Class 5MB will help with this worship – “The Lost Sheep” (Luke 15)(See Lion Bible page 248) (Forgiveness). Linked to idea that God celebrates 1 person who changes and is forgiven.	
Tues Claire R	Sarah Bird Helen Stray	The story of the Lost Son was suggested by Class HS to help us understand more about the idea of forgiveness. Please base you CW around this.	
Wed Sheron	Debbie Clark Revd Pat & Paul Reid	KS1 – Please if possible base your worship around our theme of forgiveness. Thank you. KS2 – In Church. Please, if possible, base your worship around our theme of forgiveness. Thank you	
Thurs	Class Reflection	Wolves get a really bad press – 3 Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood etc. How easy is it to forgive them.... And what about humans. Are there people we should not forgive.... And would God agree?	
Friday Ann Smith	KS1 – Jo Blackbourn KS2 – Paul Reid	Celebration Worship	

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Week Beginning – Monday 27th November 2017



Main Theme / Value – Compassion

Date Library	Leaders	Content	Children's Music Selection / Readings for children.
Mon Elaine L	Helen Stray	Class 3DT will help with this worship – “Jesus Heals a Leper” (Luke 5) (See Lion Bible page 235) (Compassion)	
Tues Claire R	Amanda Cooke Julia White	Choral Worship	
Wed Ann Smith	Paul Reid Debbie Clark / Nigel Crick	KS1 In Church. Loafs & fishes. See VfL page 172. KS2 (Please choose something, if possible, around our value for this week which is compassion)	
Thurs	Class Reflection	What is the most difficult thing to share, and in what circumstances would you share it?	
Friday Elaine L	KS1 – Paul Reid KS2 – Helen Stray	Celebration Worship	

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Week Beginning - Monday 4th December 2017

Main Theme / Value – Advent / Compassion



Date / Library	Leaders	Content	Children's Music Selection / Readings for children.
Mon Ann Smith	Paul Reid	Whole School – Class HS will help with today's worship - "The love of God" (Romans 8 & 1 Corinthians 13) (Lion Bible p330 (Compassion) Link to the birth of Jesus and Advent.	
Tue Sheron	Amanda Cooke Julia White	Choral Worship	
Wed Claire R	KS1 – Lisa Evans KS2 – Paul Reid	The story of the Selfish Crocodile was given by Class LE / MP to help us understand the value of compassion. Please link to Advent. In Church – choral worship	
Thur	Class Reflection	Advent – what does it mean and why coloured candles? Is our getting ready in collective worship for Christmas the same as everyone else's getting ready for Christmas.	
Friday		No Worship because of panto in the Main Hall.	

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Week Beginning – Monday 11th December 2017

Main Theme / Value – Advent – looking towards Christmas.



Date / Library	Leaders	Content	Children's Music Selection / Readings for children.
Mon Claire	KS1 – Revd. Frances KS2 – Nigel Crick	Please use anything around Christmas and advent to help with our worship today. Thank you. There are many ideas at www.assemblies.org.uk Please choose one.	
Tue Elaine	Paul Reid	Whole School - Advent	
Wed Ann S	KS1 - Paul Whitley / Jo Blackbourn KS2 – Julia White	KS1 In Church. Please choose something around our theme of Advent. Choral Worship / Carol Service practice.	
Thur	Class Reflection	We use the colour purple at Lent and Advent as it indicates a thinking colour as we think about Christmas and Easter. What also would be worthy of our thinking colour.	
Fri Ann S	KS1 – Jo Blackbourn KS2 – Paul Reid	Celebration Worship	

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Week Beginning – Monday 18th December 2017



Main Theme / Value - Christmas

Date	Leaders / Library	Content	Children's Music Selection / Readings for children.
Mon Ann Smith	Paul Reid	Christmas	
Tue Office	Revd. Pat	Carol Service beginning at 1.45p.m. in Church	
Wed	Holiday		
Thur	Holiday		
Fri	Holiday		

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