



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Christ Church CE (c) Primary School

Collective Worship enables spiritual awareness and its development. It is a focal point of the school day when people come together for reflection. It provides an opportunity to delight in achievements, to share in sorrows and to promote appreciation, empathy and compassion. It is a time for praise, thought, prayer, learning and development.

Collective Worship at Christ Church School mainly follows the Christian tradition, but from time to time will include stories and festivals from other world faiths to promote respect and tolerance of other world religions. Experiences which promote an appreciation of the rich diversity of our community and which encourage awe and wonder in God's world, are included. It may include celebrating our achievements and the achievements of others or exploring current events nationally or worldwide.

To provide students with variety in their experience of worship:

- Acts of worship take the form of a whole school act of worship for all pupils or separate acts of worship for students in different age groups. Each class has regular class worships enabling students to contribute and respond individually.
- Collective Worship may be held at any time during the school day.
- Collective Worship may be led by the Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher or class teachers. The Vicar and members of the Church community lead worship in school. Representatives from organisations in the wider community are also invited to lead worships.
- Classes lead whole school worship, usually on Fridays. Pupils choose stories, music, dance, drama, hymns and prayers to explore and reflect on Christ Church values: Respect, Care, Responsibility, Relationships, Resilience, Risk Taking, Reflective, Resourceful and/or the British Values.
- Pupils regularly go to Christ Church for Collective Worship. Parents are invited to join the children in worship led by members of the Church. Reflections from these worships are then taken back into school and children are given the opportunity to apply and develop thoughts and ideas from the service.
- Parents are also invited to Church to join pupils in celebrating special occasions and festivals: Reception and Year 1 Christmas, Year 2 the Holy Trinity, Year 3: Easter, Year 4 Easter and Pentecost, Year 5 Harvest, Year 6 Christingle and Leavers' services.
- Pupils in KS2 join with other schools for worship at Lichfield Cathedral.



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- When possible, Collective Worship may take place outside, in the outdoor classroom, in the reflection garden or other areas in the school grounds.

Music is played to create atmosphere and candles may be lit to mark the beginning and end of worship. A table with cloths of appropriate liturgical colours is used in hall to display artefacts.

The Lord's Prayer, School Prayer or prayers from the prayer tree, written by pupils, are used to allow extra opportunity for quiet reflection. Hymns are sung with the words displayed on the screen. These prayers are displayed in each class reflection area. Class reflection areas are used as a focal point for class worships. Children also have Reflection Books which they make personal to themselves and use for quiet, thoughtful time in class.

The RE leader is responsible for selecting weekly themes for worship, for allocating classes to lead Friday Worship and staff to lead other collective worships throughout the school year. The RE leader works with the Church to timetable worship in Church for all year groups and also for members of the Church community to come into school to lead acts of worship. The RE leader will maintain a record of worship themes and will assist with ideas and arrangements.