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It will next be reviewed by September 2025

St Andrew's C of E Primary School Collective Worship Policy Statement

At St. Andrew's CE Primary School, the daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our mission statement: *As God LOVES us, so we show LOVE to one another. Because we are loved we are able to LEARN, GROW and FLOURISH in all that we do: taking God's LOVE into the world as a positive influence on all those we meet..* It is a time where we come together to share our love of God and celebrate our achievements (and sometimes failures). The worship of the school is based on promoting the Christian values which permeate the ethos of the school. As such, the contributions of staff, pupils, church clergy and other visitors are valued highly.

Christian Values

Although difficult to define, we identify the values of forgiveness, justice, service, friendship, courage, generosity, trust, thankfulness, respect, perseverance, compassion, and thankfulness. These values are embodied in the New Commandment that Jesus gave us:

John 13:34-35 *"...love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples".*

We also actively seek to encourage the attitudes of awe, wonder and reflection.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in the 1988 Education Reform Act 6 (1) and 9 (3), which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of worship either as a whole school, class or group. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from the act of worship either partially or wholly. Any parents wishing to do so should contact the Head teacher. Teachers also have the right to withdraw from leading and taking part in worship.

Organisation

We aim to provide a variety of worship experiences for the children. We have regular visits from Messy Church, Open the Book and a Youth Minister. Our current schedule is as follows:

Monday	Whole school worship led by the Head of school
Tuesday	Class assemblies led by teachers
Wednesday	Junior Worship Team Led or led by Head of school/RE lead

Thursday	Whole school worship through singing led by the Music Leader
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Friday	Whole school celebration assembly. Children are rewarded for their achievements both in school and out of school. Parents and friends of the school are invited to this assembly. We celebrate academic achievement as well as visions and values.
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In addition to this, visiting groups and individuals are welcomed into the school to lead worship. The assembly/worship should last approximately 20 minutes.

Our values are taught through worship on a 2 year rolling programme.

Autumn 1	Generosity
Autumn 2	Compassion
Spring 1	Courage
Spring 2	Forgiveness
Summer 1	Friendship
Summer 2	Respect

Autumn 1	Thankfulness
Autumn 2	Trust
Spring 1	Perseverance
Spring 2	Justice
Summer 1	Service
Summer 2	Truthfulness

Planning, Content and Detail

The themes for **Monday's** collective worship reflect our Christian Value for the half term, the Church calendar, our school ethos and current events. The worship begins with the children entering the hall accompanied by a piece of music for the week. Sometimes music is chosen and played by children on their own instruments. The candles on the altar table are lit and the worship begins, sometimes with the children singing a hymn. The children are regularly involved in the worship, which finishes with a prayer. The candles are then blown out. The children then lead out as the music is played.

Tuesday's Collective Worship is led by teachers in class. We follow Picture news, using the collective worship version that has biblical text and values threaded throughout the resource.

Wednesday's Collective Worship We follow the programme set out in Roots and Fruits and Twelve Baskets led by the Junior Worship Team. They plan and deliver the worship with support from the RE lead/head of school.

Thursday's worship through song aims to develop the children's understanding of new hymns as well as learning them. The session ends with a time for reflection or a prayer.

Friday worship celebrates the children's achievements both in and outside school. Normally, teachers choose two members of their class to receive a special mention and certificate. They also choose one member of the class to receive an award for showing one of the 12 values. Heads of School also chose a member of the school to receive an award.

Prayer and Reflection

Collective worship always includes a time of prayer and/or reflection, including singing through worship. A range of prayers is used including the Lord's Prayer, prayers written by the children and others and our school prayer. They are introduced in an appropriate manner with a short time of quiet. At the



beginning of the whole school worship reflection and quiet is encouraged by the above or on the altar table.

Prayers are said in each class before made up by the children.

led by the Head of school, a time of lighting of candles. A cross is also displayed

lunch time. These may include prayers

Other Faiths

Although our worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values, we are committed to respecting each other's faith stance and culture, showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs.

Evaluation and Monitoring

Evaluations are completed by different members of staff and governors and are kept in a file in the Head Teacher office.

Visits and visitors

As part of the curriculum, St. Andrew's CE Primary School ensures that appropriate visits are made available for the children in order for them to have first-hand experiences and gain a greater

understanding of various places of worship. Visitors to the school are welcomed and enabled to share their experiences and knowledge – their role is to educate, not to evangelise. St. Andrew's Church is our

most valuable and frequently used resource, with the whole school attending and contributing towards annual Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Leavers' Services.

Parents/Governors/Diocesan Liaison and Local Community Issues

- Children may be withdrawn from Collective Worship at the wish of their parents. The Head teacher will ensure that suitable provision is made for such pupils.
- We have Foundation governors on our governing body including our vicar. The R.E. coordinator and link governor liaise to discuss various aspects of R.E. and this ensures an effective line of communication between the coordinator and the governing body.