



Collective Worship

Organisation of Collective Worship

Collective Worship takes place in a number of settings, usually the school hall but also in the classroom and sometimes in church.

Each week the Collective Worship follows a planned theme and may include a hymn or song of praise, music, a story or talk, a Bible reading, a period of reflection and a prayer which may be The Lord's Prayer or one fitting the theme.

Themes may:

- have a specific religious base e.g. the parables of Jesus, characters of the Old Testament, women in the Bible
- reflect a theme common to all religions e.g. 'Creation'
- be concerned with promoting common Christian values e.g. "Love" or "Courage."

Themes are closely related to the festivals and events of the Christian calendar. Sometimes the themes reflect and build on topics taught in RE and other curriculum areas.

We appreciate that no worship programme can ever be entirely pre-planned. There will always be the spontaneous moment or occasion when it is important, spiritually, to focus on the immediate, so that pupils become aware of how the spiritual dimension transcends all our experience e.g. the birth of a baby, the loss of a loved one.

Collective Worship Rotas (2024-2025)

'Celebration Worships', provide opportunities for pupils to be recognised for their contribution to school life as well as achievement and application. There are a variety of ways the children's achievements are celebrated. A record is kept by worship leaders of recipients. There is an open invitation to parents to join us on a Friday afternoon to share in their children's achievements.

There is an open invitation to all staff and governors to attend any Act of Worship. Occasionally outside speakers, such as representatives from charitable organisations, lead assemblies.

We have close ties with St Swithun's Church (Swanbourne), Holy Trinity (Drayton Parslow) and St Mary the Virgin Church (Mursley) and attend worship at the churches for Harvest, Advent, Christmas, Easter and the End of Year Service as well as visiting the church as part of our RE and wider curriculum.

At The Three Schools there is much for which to be thankful, much to praise, much to hope for and request and we try to include these elements in our Acts of Worship.

Collective Worship takes place in a variety of groupings in the school hall, the classroom, outside and at St Swithun's Church (Swanbourne) and St Mary the Virgin Church (Mursley). It occurs at a variety of times in the school day and is designed to promote thinking beyond the time given to Worship itself. Parents and families are invited to join us at any of the Whole School Worship and especially our Celebration assembly.

Swanbourne CE School

Day of the Week	Worship Type	Responsibility for planning and/or leading
Monday (1.20pm)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	David May (Headteacher)
Tuesday (1.20pm)	Theme for the half term linked closely with the Bible so links can be made between our values and Biblical teachings.	David May (Headteacher) OR Milton Keynes Bridge builder Trust (Half Termly)
Wednesday (1.20pm)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	Class Teacher (See Rota)
Thursday (1.20pm)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	David May (Headteacher) OR Rev Yvonne
Friday (3.10pm)	Celebration Worship	Senior Leader, Teaching staff and Pupils

Mursley CE School

Day of the Week	Worship Type	Responsibility for planning and/or leading
Monday (11.45am)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	Frances Meichtry
Tuesday (1.00pm)	Theme for the half term linked closely with the Bible so links can be made between our values and Biblical teachings.	Kate Towse (EYFS Teacher)
Wednesday (1.00pm)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	Charlene Smuts (Year 1 Teacher) OR Milton Keynes Bridge builder Trust (Half Termly)
Thursday (1.00pm)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	Tristan Thorp (Deputy Headteacher) or Rev Yvonne
Friday (9.00am)	Celebration Worship	Tristan Thorp (Deputy Headteacher)

Drayton Parslow Village School

Day of the Week	Worship Type	Responsibility for planning and/or leading
Monday (2.45pm)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	Sally Glover (Year 2 Teacher)
Tuesday (1.00pm)	Theme for the half term linked closely with the Bible so links can be made between our values and Biblical teachings.	Sophie Cadigan (RE Leader)
Wednesday (2.45pm)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	Sarah Oliver (Year 1 Teacher)
Thursday (2.50pm)	Theme of the half term within a Christian context - e.g. Christian values, the teachings of Jesus, key events in the Christian calendar	Heidi Martin (Assistant Headteacher) OR Milton Keynes Bridge builder Trust (Half Termly) or Rev Yvonne
Friday (2.45pm)	Celebration Worship	Senior Leader, Teaching staff and Pupils

Themes for Collective Worship

Themes for Collective Worship are planned by the Executive Headteacher and Foundation Governors. Planning focusses primarily upon the study and appreciation of a value as follows:

Term	Focus (Value/Theme)
Autumn 1	Joy, Thankfulness, Compassion and Harvest
Autumn 2	Community, Trust and Christmas
Spring 1	Perseverance, Justice and Epiphany
Spring 2	Courage, Dignity, Lent and Easter
Summer 1	Wisdom, Peace and Friendship
Summer 2	Hope, Respect, Truthfulness and Pentecost

Collective worship takes place in a variety of groupings in the school hall, the classroom, outside and in church. It also occurs at a variety of times in the day but is always designed to promote thinking beyond the time given to worship itself.

Timing of Daily Collective Worship is flexible but approximately 15 minutes is allocated with longer on a Friday for Worship and celebration assembly.

Timing of Daily Collective Worship can be flexible. This may involve classes, different age groups, whole classes at any time of the day, but should be held on school premises or at St Mary the Virgin (Mursley), Holy Trinity (Drayton Parslow) or St Swithun's (Swanbourne) churches.

We visit St Swithun's, Holy Trinity and St Mary the Virgin churches each term for services often planned and led by the children. The whole village community is welcome to join us in our worship.

Collective Worship Overviews

Each school has a Collective Worship Overview these are not fixed and can be moved due to Bridgebuilder Trust, visitors or other significant events e.g. 'Shine day' - I thought it would be best to have something in place that can be moved rather than nothing to use.

We have the following plan in place;

- 4 days of Worship (Based on a particular Value/Theme for a period of 3 to 4 weeks)
- e.g. Autumn 1 - Generosity, Thankfulness, Compassion and Harvest
- e.g. Autumn 2 - Compassion, Trust and Christmas
- 1 day of Celebration Worship

Each Worship is taken from one of the following resources;

- **Roots and Fruits** - All links to the bible, scripts, resources, instructions, songs and background information are in the book (All pages are referenced in the plan) - All Autumn pages and resources are in the Collective Worship Folder for each school.

- **Roots and Fruits 2** - All links to the bible, scripts, resources, instructions, songs and background information are in the book (All pages are referenced in the plan) - All Autumn pages and resources are in the Collective Worship Folder for each school.

- **Big Start Assemblies** - Accessed via the web-page which provides all links to the bible, scripts, resources, instructions, songs and background information

- Big Start Assemblies which can be downloaded from Big Start Assemblies - bigstartassemblies.org
- Once you arrive at the site you will need to click on LOGIN and then enter the following details;
- Username **DMay1905**
- Password **Abi12345%%%**
- Once you are logged in, you can then click on DASHBOARD
- Then scroll down to the SEARCH FOR ANYTHING bar and enter the code number from the Collective Worship overview, hit SEARCH and then it will bring up the assembly you will need.
- You will then need to click VIEW
- Then you will need to click DOWNLOAD ASSEMBLY RESOURCE and then the assembly materials (Script and PowerPoint or Video) will download into a zip file which you can then open and use in your assembly/worship.
- Please ensure you have a look at the assembly prior to the assembly/worship as there are some which require additional resources and/or may need to be adapted due to the current COVID restrictions - Such as singing or children doing some performance/participation.

Reflections on Collective Worship and Values

Finally, we will continue to use the '**Values Reflection Journals**' which link directly to the Values covered each half term.

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 pupils will continue to have the opportunity to share their reflections slips/Post-Its and reflect/consider the given value covered in worship and have these displayed in the hall for the 2 to 3 weeks while a value is being explored in Worship.

These will then be collated in the Values Reflection Folders.

The displays for Spirituality should also be used to allow the children to reflect on Worship and the main concepts covered during worship sessions.

After each half term, I will continue to collecting up KS2 responses and have as evidence for a whole school values reflections folder, if we could continue to do the same for KS1 that would be great.

I really appreciate you all having a think around Collective Worship - I want it to be relevant and successful at each site and I can only achieve this with your support.