



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

September 2023

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Philosophy

Worship is an important part of the school week as it gives us the opportunity to come together as a community. It is attended by all students (F2 to Y6), staff and any visitors in school are very welcome to join in.

At Hooton Pagnell All Saints C of E Primary School we recognise that Collective Worship is an important opportunity to provide opportunities for our students Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development.

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- As Christian worship in a Church of England school we think about the mystery of God and give praise and honour to God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- To provide an opportunity for children to consider religion and their own response
- To develop an understanding and use of liturgy
- Support the Social and Emotional development of our pupils through making use of the PHSE scheme of work
- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity experience stillness and quiet and reach out to God
- To develop in children a sense of community and to encourage participation and response
- To promote a common ethos and to reinforce positive attitudes within school

The place of collective worship in the life of our school

Our collective worship takes into account the religious and education needs of all who share in it:

- Those who form part of the worshipping community in our local church
- Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of church
- Those from other Christian traditions
- Those from other faith backgrounds
- Those of no faith

It will be an educational activity or experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain. Although we encourage all children to participate in collective worship, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused and the school will make alternative arrangements.

Our Calendar of Christian Pathways

The Parable of the Lost Sheep forms the basis of our collective worship and is readdressed throughout the year. In addition, each half term, we look specifically at one of our pathways, drawing on other bible stories, the lives of significant individuals, the pathway in other religions and secular stories.

Autumn 1:	Resilience
Autumn2:	Curiosity
Spring 1:	Collaboration
Spring 2:	Independence
Summer 1:	Aspiration
Summer 2:	Faith

Christian Pathways Awards

We celebrate each value with a special award ceremony every half term. One child from each class is nominated by their peers to receive the award for the focus value. Their parents are invited to attend, and the whole school community gathers to celebrate the great achievements of the half term.

Organisation of Collective Worship

At Hooton Pagnell All Saints C of E Primary School, Collective Worship takes place daily (three times as a whole school, and twice, more age-focussed in class) and is an important part of our school day. We follow the church calendar and display the appropriate coloured cloth in line with the time of year within the church calendar. We use a range of materials to support our collective worship. The Head Teacher, with the support of our church visitors is journeying through the Bible within the collective worships that she leads, whilst other teachers in school focus on themes that follow both our Christian Pathways as well as events in the church calendar (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost etc,). Each time of worship is rooted in biblical teaching, significant others, other world religion and secular stories which allows children to learn, reflect and respond.

We aim for collective worship to be creative and leaders plan to use story, drama, poetry, illustrations, music etc. Each time of collective worship begins with the lighting of our candle which represents Jesus' light in the world and a time for reflection. The Lord's Prayer is also said. We encourage a range of worship leaders including teachers, pupils and external visitors. Our week collective worship schedule is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs Thorpe/ Visitor led	Class-based Worship	Teacher Led	Class-based worship	Mrs Thorpe
Christian Teachings	Gospels for School	Half termly theme – bible stories, significant individuals, other religions and secular stories	Reflection or big questions.	Celebration and Achievements

Daily collective worship offers a time of reflection and prayer where children and adults are able to respond as they wish and are prompted to consider how worship impacts their lives. Whole school worship spaces provide quiet areas for children and staff to reflect and talk to God.

Planning, content and delivery of collective worship

Collective worship is planned:

- Following a structure with reference to the church's seasons, significant dates, school values and the curriculum
- Involving consultation with appropriate parties and reference to school aims and policies
- With flexibility to respond to changing situations within the school and the wider community
- All leadership and teaching staff are involved in leading Collective Worship
- Collective Worship is a daily event in school
- All classes are involved in leading a class assembly
- All children during their time in school have the opportunity to be involved in leading assemblies to celebrate the church's main liturgical festivals of Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.
- Collective worship takes place at the local parish church each term led by the vicar. Due to the location of the local parish church the vicar and other parishioners lead collective worship in school at least once a month. This helps to strengthen the school's relationship with both the church and the local community.

Monitoring and evaluation of collective worship

The school's provision of worship is monitored and regularly evaluated by SLT to consider whether it is fulfilling the above requirements and meeting the needs of the pupils in an engaging and stimulating way.