

Collective Worship Policy 2023-2024

Aims and purpose

The aims and purpose of collective worship are:

- to provide an opportunity for children to worship God;
- to enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- to develop children's spirituality.
- to enable children to explore their own beliefs;
- to encourage participation and response;
- to develop in children a sense of community spirit;
- to promote a common ethos, with shared values, and to reinforce positive attitudes;
- to teach children how to worship.

Collective worship

We understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective worship involves all members of the school coming together and participating in an collective worship. **We expect everyone to attend and take an active part in the collective worship.**

In accordance with the Trust Deed and with statutory requirements at our school, collective worship is placed at the centre of the school's daily life.

While most acts of worship in our school are Christian, we also hold collective worship that reflect the traditions of other religions that are represented in the school, and the wider community. We can reassure parents, however, that our school exerts no pressure on children to become worshipping Christians, but we do expect children to take part in all acts of worship. The spiritual, social, cultural, and moral welfare of all pupils, whatever their background, is a prime concern to us at our school. However, Christian values are built into our ethos, and teaching.

Organisation of collective worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship, in the school hall, class or church.

We conduct collective worship in a dignified and respectful way. We tell children that collective worship time is a period of calm reflection. We regard it as a special time, and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. We ask them to be quiet and thoughtful, to listen carefully to the teachings, and to participate fully in prayer and hymns. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music and, sometimes candles or other objects, to focus the attention of the children.

The collective worships are conducted by all members of teaching staff but are sometimes led by local clergy or other representatives of local religious groups.

We take the themes of our collective worship from the traditions of the Christian faith, and we observe the festivals, and mark the events, of the Christian calendar. Sometimes the themes of our collective worship are related to topics that we teach as part of the school curriculum. We plan our collective worship well in advance of the day they take place.

Our collective worships reflect the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate in the collective worship by showing their work to the other children, and by raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Collective worship provides an opportunity to reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They also play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued, and all achievements are recognised. Lower Peover School is a successful school, and we shall continue to celebrate the successes of all our children at our collective worship.

Each Friday there is a particular worship that parents are invited to attend. We encourage their attendance, as this promotes community spirit, and shows the school and the homes working together in support of the children's achievements. Parents are also invited to a class collective worship each year.

Governors' and Trustees' attendance at our worship is always welcome.

Right of withdrawal

We expect all children to attend collective worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from religious worship, and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during that part of the collective worship. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for their request. This right of withdrawal complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

The Headteacher keeps a record of all children who have been withdrawn from collective worship.

Monitoring and review

Evaluation strategies currently used by staff for assessing the outcomes of collective worship are:

Observation of children's attentiveness and level of interest shown during the sessions

A Blippit record (Online tool) written by a child, Ethos group or staff member, reflecting on the worship and the messages within it and actions moving forward

Classroom feedback from pupils - through discussion and writing

Monitoring of reflection areas and prayers

Parents support and attendance

Observation of the children's behaviour in and around school and to one another

School to report on participation in Collective Worship on the children's annual report

Monitoring the policy and practice of collective worship is the role of a named School Governor (Louise Lawton), who is also responsible for religious education. The Governor concerned liaises with the Headteacher before reporting to the Governors.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Weekly Overview and Recording

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | | 9am |
| Whole School Worship 9-9:20 (hall) | EYFS and KS1 Key Stage worship 9-9.20 (hall) KS2 iSing Pop (In classroom) | Worship through Song- whole school 9-9.20 SD, JS, DM – To lead on singing | KS1 iSing Pop (In classroom) KS2 worship- 11-11.20- hall Ethos group HJ 11-11.20 | Shine Your Light Worship 9-9:40 School Hall |

Autumn Term 2022

Monday / Wednesday

| Liturgical Colour | Week Beginning (Date) | Whole School Worship Theme (Themes are subject to change or amended if needed) | Key Stage 1 Worship | Key Stage 2 Worship | Special occasions in the week | Music Theme – Worship In Song (Wednesday) |
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| | 04/09/2023 | No worship | No worship | No worship | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Harvest |
| | 11/09/2023 | <i>Words of Jesus</i> – I am the light of the world John 8:12 | Let's meet Jack – Session 1 | <i>Thankfulness</i> – Thanking God for people who help us Philippians 1:3 | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Harvest |
| | 18/09/2023 | <i>Words of Jesus</i> – Blessed are the peacemakers Matthew 5:1-10 | Let's meet Jack – Session 2 | <i>Thankfulness</i> – Praising God in creation Psalm 148 | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Harvest |

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| | 25/09/2023 | <i>Words of Jesus</i> – This is how you should pray Matthew 6:9-13 | <i>Big Bible Heroes</i> – Adam and Eve make a choice Genesis 3 (Truthfulness) | <i>Thankfulness</i> – Praising God in creation Psalm 148 | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Harvest |
| | 02/10/2023 | <i>Words of Jesus</i> – Do not be worried Matthew 6:25-28 | <i>Big Bible Heroes</i> – Noah trusts God Genesis 6-9 (Trust) | <i>Thankfulness</i> – Remembering to say thank you Ephesians 5:20 | Harvest Festival Years 1 and 2 in church Reception to release a video | Hymns |
| | 09/10/2023 | <i>Words of Jesus</i> – Do not judge others Matthew 7:1-5 | <i>Big Bible Heroes</i> – Joseph's brothers say sorry Genesis 37-47 (Truthfulness and Forgiveness) | <i>Thankfulness</i> – Giving thanks even when times are difficult Acts 16:16-end | Harvest Festival Years 3,4,5,6 in church | Hymns |
| | 16/09/2023 | <i>Words of Jesus</i> – A tree is known by the fruit it bears Luke 6:43-45 | <i>Big Bible Heroes</i> – Baby Moses is safe Exodus 2:1-10 (Compassion) | <i>Thankfulness</i> – Counting your blessings Thessalonians 5:16 | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Hymns |
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| | 30/10/2023 | <i>Advent and Christmas</i> - the coming of Jesus is foretold Isaiah 9:6 | <i>Big Bible Heroes</i> – Joshua leads the people into Jericho Joshua 6 (Perseverance) | <i>Trust</i> – Knowing Jesus is with us in stormy times Mark 4:35-41 | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Christmas |
| | 06/11/2023 | <i>Advent and Christmas</i> - Zechariah and Elizabeth Luke 1:5-25 | <i>Christmas</i> – Waiting of Jesus Luke 1:26-38 (Hope) | <i>Trust</i> – Standing on God's promises Psalm 18:2 | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Christmas |

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| | 13/11/2023 | <i>Advent and Christmas</i> – The Angel announces the good news to Mary Luke 1:26-38 | <i>Christmas</i> – Jesus is born Luke 2:1-7 (Thankfulness) | <i>Trust</i> – Bing trustworthy and not gossiping Proverbs 11:13 | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Christmas |
| | 20/11/2023 | <i>Advent and Christmas</i> – Mary visits Elizabeth Luke 1 39-45 | <i>Christmas</i> – Angels bring good news to the shepherds Luke 2:8-21 (Peace and Joy) | <i>Trust</i> – Trusting God Isaiah 49:16 | Friday – Shine your Light Worship (Praise) | Christmas |
| | 27/11/2023 | <i>Advent and Christmas</i> – Mary visits Elizabeth Luke 1:39-45 | <i>Christmas</i> – The wise men visit Jesus Matthew 2:1-12 (Wisdom) | <i>Trust</i> – Believing God has a plan for our lives Luke 1:26-38 | No Friday worship | Christmas |
| | 04/12/2023 | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Friday worship | Christmas |
| | 11/12/2023 | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Friday worship | Christmas |
| | 18/12/2023 | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Worship – Christmas Productions | No Friday worship | Christmas |

Spring Term 2024

| Liturgical Colour | Week Beginning (Date) | Theme Changed to Tuesday | Bible Quote or Story Link | Key Stage Worship | Special occasions in the week | Music Theme – Worship In Song (Wednesday) |
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