



Waverley Abbey C of E Junior School

WORSHIP TEAM

Our Worship Team is a group of children from across the school who help Mrs Marshall in planning and leading Collective Worship in the school. The group is open to anyone who wants to join and it aims to create opportunities for children across the school to develop their spirituality. Being part of the group can involve helping to lead worship through our daily assemblies, leading in assemblies in other church schools, helping lead a church service or simply talking to other pupils to find out their views and ideas about collective worship.

TIMES OF CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION

We celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost. Through following the Christian calendar, we explore the Trinitarian nature of God.



A guide to collective Worship

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The pattern of Assembly

Our assemblies or 'Collective Worship' do not seek to indoctrinate pupils but to create a time and space when we can come closer to God and God can come closer to us. Worship is planned systematically, so that there is continuity, variety and a clear focus on Christian beliefs and festivals.

Collective worship starts at 10am and lasts for 15—20 minutes. On Friday there is a Good News assembly which is at 2.45pm for 25 minutes. The pattern of worship during the week is

Monday	Whole school praise and reflection led by the Executive Head teacher or Year teams
Tuesday	Singing assembly
Wednesday	Whole school assembly lead by a member of SLT
Thursday	Whole school assembly lead by the Head of School
Friday	Whole school Good News assembly led by the Head of School or a member of SLT



Links with the church and our local community

We have strong links with the parish of Tilford through All Saints' Church. Assemblies are sometimes lead by local visitors who include governors, ministers and members of charitable organisations.



Our structure for Collective Worship

Our four attributes to worship are:

Gathering Making special and significant this part of the day through appropriate symbol and ceremony, e.g. through our blessing 'Peace be with you and also with you'

Engaging Using the best available techniques to stimulate interest in the content, e.g. use of film, drama, stories etc

Responding Ensuring there is time and opportunity for individual, group reflection and thought, so those attending can respond in a variety of ways

and in addition

Sending Summarising the worship in a meaningful short message used to create an opportunity for those attending to implement the ideas covered and to conclude the worship

Worship commonly includes telling a story or reading a passage from the Bible, singing a worship song (which links to the weekly theme) and saying a prayer/having reflection time.

Prayer and Reflection

Leaders in the school choose prayers that reflect the weekly theme. Children hear the Lord's Prayer regularly at school. Reflection time is an important part of our Collective Worship. We have a prayer/reflection zone in every classroom and a prayer space for anyone in the school which is located near the entrance. It is a private place for quiet reflection. The prayer space's theme is changed weekly and there are guided reflections and bibles to help us pray.