

WORSHIP TEAM

Our Worship Team is a group of children from across the school who help Mrs Marshall and Mrs Wade (RE lead) 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.



Waverley Abbey C of E Junior School

A guide to collective Worship

WAVERLEY ABBEY SCHOOL

*All things
are
possible
for one
who
believes*

*Mark
9:23*



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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.

Our vision and the Christian values of hope, honesty, courage, compassion and love are a central part of worship and we spend time each term sharing bible readings and stories linked to our values.

Collective worship starts at 8.45am and lasts for 20 minutes. On Friday there is a Good News assembly which for 25 minutes. The pattern of worship during the week is

Monday	Whole school praise and reflection led by the Headteacher
Tuesday	Class reflection
Wednesday	Singing Assembly—lead by an Assistant Head
Thursday	What's in the news?' Whole school assembly lead by an Assistant Head and/ or clergy
Friday	Whole school Good News assembly led by the Headteacher



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 2 additional prayer spaces for anyone in the school. They are located near the entrance and outside, by the Year 3 playground. Both are 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.

Links with the church and our local community

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

