



Spotlight on collective worship



This week, our focus is on Collective Worship. Our varied weekly programme offers pupils the opportunity to engage in daily acts of reflection and worship. As a church school, this practice holds significant importance in our daily routine, providing children with the space to reflect on their values, explore their spirituality, and deepen their understanding of moral and ethical issues.

Monday

At the start of the week, the children participate in values-based collective worship, during which they engage with the monthly value and reflect on its relevance and application to their own lives. They also are introduced to 'the big question' of the week.

This week, Mrs. Ansell talked about Corrie Ten Boom, highlighting her remarkable courage in sheltering Jewish individuals within a concealed hiding place in her home, during the Second World War. It was noted that even during her imprisonment, she remained steadfast in her faith, conducting Bible studies and leading prayer sessions within her living quarters.

Tuesday

On Tuesdays, the teachers present an interactive Open The Book assembly, designed to support children in exploring the chronology and themes of the Bible. This week, the children learned about the story of Samuel and Eli, emphasizing how God can work through individuals of all ages to serve as His 'hands and feet.'



Wednesday

On Wednesdays, pupils participate in child-led worship, a form of collective worship conducted within classes and facilitated by their peers. Younger children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 are supported by older pupils during the session. The worship follows a structured four-part framework: gathering, Bible reading, response, and mission, with children selecting activities for each segment. This experience is a highlight of the week for many, and the pupils always show great respect both in leading and participating.



Thursday

Our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday provides an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate achievements both within and beyond the school community. During this assembly, Value Ambassadors and Star Learners are also formally recognized and presented with their awards.

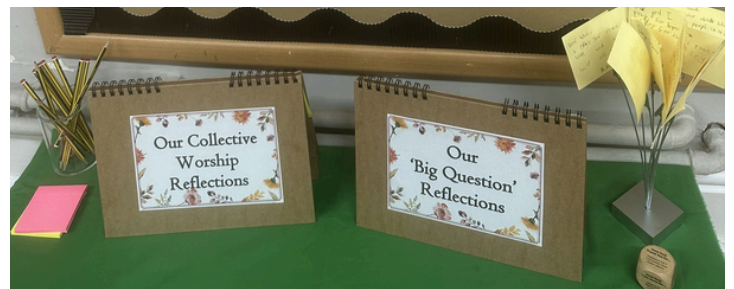


Friday

The final act of worship for the week is our visit to the church on Friday morning. Led by Mrs. Tisbury and Reverend Russell, this service links to the liturgical year and the monthly values. It serves as a reflective conclusion to the week and provides an opportunity to explore and share responses to 'the big question.'



Reflection ambassadors



Our Year 6 reflection ambassadors have a very important job in collective worship.

They support the children who light and put out the candle as well as supporting the children to answer response questions to help us monitor the impact of worship in regards to spiritual development.

They gather responses the the weekly 'Big Question' ready for Church on Friday.

At the end of this week they had a special job to change the cloth on the focal point table and our reflection area as we move to the Advent season.

Before Advent we have had green cloth as this is known as 'ordinary time'.

