

St. Andrew's CE Primary School



Collective Worship Policy 2025

'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26

Our Christian Vision

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St Andrew's CE Primary School is a 'Voluntary Aided' Anglican Church school, falling under the Liverpool Diocese.

At our school, the daily act of collective worship is an integral and important part of school life. Through this and in the general ethos of the school we seek to promote our Christian vision: Everyone is welcomed into our St. Andrew's family, where we nurture each individual's gifts as a unique child of God in a safe, loving Christian environment. We inspire each other to achieve our God-given potential so that we may live life in all its fullness. Our Christian values are our heartbeat; empowering a community of understanding, hope and resilience... "With God all things are possible!"

Worship is a time where we come together to share our love of God and celebrate our achievements. Our worship is based on promoting the Christian values which permeate the ethos of the school and the contributions of staff, pupils, church clergy and other visitors are valued highly.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in the 1988 Education Reform Act 6 (1) and 9 (3), which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of worship either as a whole school, class or group. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from the act of worship either partially or wholly. Any parents wishing to do so should contact the Head teacher. Teachers also have the right to withdraw from leading and taking part in worship.

Christian Values

Our Christian Values are our heartbeat and at the center of everything we do at St Andrew's. We explore a different value each half term in the following order: Thankfulness, Peace, Compassion, Forgiveness, Trust and Friendship. We create opportunities for children to develop emotionally, personally, socially, mentally and intelligently so that their self-esteem and well-being is sound and supported by ever-growing emotional intelligence, leading to an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as young citizens. The systematic introduction of a common values vocabulary allows children to access moral and ethical thought.

Organisation

We aim to provide a variety of worship experiences:

- Monday: Whole School Worship led by the E&D Lead
 - Tuesday: Whole School Hymns & Worship- worshipping God through songs linked to our current value.
 - Wednesday KS 2 Worship in the school hall
KS 1 Worship in Y2 classroom
 - Thursday: Class Worship in each classroom
 - Friday: Celebration Worship led by E&D Lead
- The worship should last approximately 20 minutes.

Planning, Content and Detail

The themes for collective worship reflect our Christian Values (we use resources from Values for Life and Roots and Fruits) alongside the Church calendar, our school ethos and current events.

Whole school worship is inclusive, invitational and inspirational, beginning with the children entering the hall to music. We begin with the welcome and response "The Lord is here" ***"His Spirit is with us"***. The children are regularly involved in the worship, which includes a bible story or quote, a reflection, a song and finishes with a prayer. Any messages or announcements are done after the closing prayer or The Lord's Prayer.

The format of Key Stage worship and class worship is similar to whole school worship ensuring it includes the key elements of worship (in the form of a song/spiritual poem), a bible story or quote, and a prayer.

Celebration Worship recognises the children's achievements both in and outside of school. Each class teacher shares the achievements of one Star of the Week and one Friend of the Week.

Worship Club

Our worship club is run by our Chair of Governors and our Local Missional Leader (clergy also attend when able). The club is open to all KS2 pupils and is run after school. They meet weekly to worship, offer ideas to support worship and prepare for worship both in school and in church.

Monitoring

Worship is monitored by the E&D Lead or Governors.

Other Faiths/beliefs

Although our worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values, we are committed to respecting each other's faith stance and culture, showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs.

Visits and visitors

St Andrew's Church is our most valuable and frequently used resource, with the whole school contributing towards our annual Harvest, St Andrew's Day, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Easter and Leavers Services. Members of the church congregation also set up stations for various 'Experiences' throughout the year: an immersive experience where the children journey around the church. We actively welcome visitors into school to enrich the children's spiritual journey.

Governors/Diocesan Liaison and Local Community

E&D Lead, Chair of Governors and our Local Missional Leader liaise to discuss various aspects of R.E. and worship. This ensures an effective line of communication between school and the governing board.

Equal Opportunities

All pupils, regardless of academic ability, age, gender and ethnic origin will have access to a worship.

Subject Leader: Jane Hoban

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Policy to be reviewed at least every three years, unless changes in guidance or school environment.