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Aims and beliefs

We believe that collective worship should:

- Give expression to, reaffirm and practise the core values of the school community (Respect, Honesty & Responsibility) including British values.
- Strengthen and support the school community and individual members.
- Provide an experience that promotes the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of pupils.
- Introduce children to the concept of worship.
- Provide an opportunity for personal and shared reflection and response to fundamental questions of life and those things that are of eternal concern and value to human beings.
- Be of a broadly Christian nature.
- Celebrate and give thanks for achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals.
- Foster a respect for self and engender a concern for the needs of others.

In particular, the following school aims are fulfilled/achieved through the act of collective worship:

- We value effort as well as achievement
- We are polite and respect others' values and beliefs
- We care about where we live.

Legal Framework – School Standards and Framework Act 1998

The responsibility for arranging school worship in community schools rests with the headteacher after consultation with the governing body.

All pupils in school take part in a daily act of collective worship of broadly Christian character.

There may be a single act of worship for all pupils or separate acts for pupils in different age groups or in different school groups.

Collective worship may be held at any time of the school day, usually on the school premises.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship. This school expects that withdrawal will only be made following parental discussions with the headteacher. The school has a system of suitable supervision for children withdrawn from acts of collective worship. However, no additional work is set or followed in this time.

All teachers, including the headteacher, have the right to withdraw from the act of collective worship but the headteacher maintains statutory accountability.

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Acts of worship should take into account pupils' ages, abilities and family backgrounds. The headteacher and governors may apply for a determination from SACRE if there is a large number of pupils in the school who are from non-Christian families.

Structure:

Monday – Whole School Assembly
 Tuesday – Classroom based Assemblies
 Wednesday – Singing based Assembly
 Thursday – Whole School Assembly
 Friday – Celebration Assembly

The content of whole school and classroom based assemblies will be underpinned by our school core values of: Respect, Honesty and Responsibility alongside a termly Assembly values theme e.g. forgiveness, courage, thankfulness

Planning

In this school, collective worship is planned around termly themes appropriate to pupils' age and ability on a 3-year cycle (see appendix for an example of a typical termly plan). In addition to these themes, collective worship incorporates major festivals as they occur, and responds to local, national and international news and issues.

Approaches

Collective worship is first and foremost for the educational and spiritual benefit of pupils. It is a shared activity which allows a variety of responses. It is an inclusive activity which builds links with the broad dimensions of the curriculum. The creation of atmosphere is assisted by appropriate music, visual foci and symbols. Opportunity for reflection and responses, prayer, story, drama, and art are also used to appeal to the pupils' imagination.

Monitoring

In this school, collective worship will be monitored by discussion at school council, staff and governor meetings.

This discussion will include:

- Review of content and methodology
- Suitability for age, ability, variety of styles, groupings, leadership
- Links to curriculum and classroom experience

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Appendix 1: Assembly Themes Example

Date WB:	Theme	Monday Story (VS)	Tuesday classroom theme/story	Thursday Story and Lead (Rota)	Friday Celebration/ Special events
Wk1	WELCOME BACK	INSET DAY	'New School Year' www.assemblies.org VS Whole school	Classroom - Behaviour Routines & core values	
Wk2	Thankfulness: Remembering to say thank you	The Man who came Back (Luke 17) Lion Storyteller Bible	House teams	People in our lives www.assemblies.org	
Wk3	Thankfulness: Saying Grace	The Bread of Life, Jesus gives thanks Luke 22.14 -23	'Dissatisfaction' www.assemblies.org	Chocolate Spread Badger assemblies	
Wk4	Thankfulness: Extravagant Thanks	A Gift of Perfume (Luke 17) Lion Bible for Children	What's in the News?	'Giving Assistance' Favourite assemblies	
Wk5	Thankfulness: Creation Praise	'Benno and the lesson he learned about thankfulness' www.assemblies.org	Preparation for Harvest assembly	Colour www.assemblies.org	
Wk6	HARVEST	'An apple a day' www.assemblies.org	Preparation for Harvest assembly	'A Harvest Thanksgiving' www.assemblies.org	School Harvest Assembly - vicar
Wk7	Thankfulness: Thankful for the Good news	The Gospels Lion Storyteller Bible	Moses in the Bulrushes Assembly Today	INSET DAY	INSET DAY
Half term					
Wk1	Humility: Serving others	The Last Supper & 'Reasons to be Humble' www.assemblies.org	'Sir Nicolas Winton' www.assemblies.org	Story of Guy Fawkes/ Bonfire Night Safety	
Wk2	Humility: To seek Help	Don't be Afraid to Ask www.assemblies.org	'In a Knot' www.assemblies.org	Remembrance Day	
Wk3	Anti-Bullying Week Reach Out	Anti-bullying Alliance Assembly Materials	Online Safety (anti bullying) Project Evolve Materials	Anti Bullying Ambassadors lead	
Wk4	Humility: To Take Advice	Being A Charlotte www.assemblies.org	Preparations for Advent assembly	Story of Daedalus and Icarus	
Wk5	Humility: Living a Humble Life	Mother Theresa Inspirational Lives	Preparations for Advent assembly	School Advent Assembly - vicar	
Wk6	Humility: Learning Humility	Joseph the Dreamer Lion Storyteller Bible	Watch Rec Nativity & KS1 Christmas production	'Who is the greatest?' www.assemblies.org	
Wk7	Christmas	The Gift of Christmas www.assemblies.org	Behaviour Awards (Tuesday) Music Recital (Wednesday)	Christmas assembly	Celebration Assembly in the morning -KS2 carols on the playground pm

Wednesdays – Singing Assembly