



ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Date	Amendment
Sept 2025	Section 6 – added that Picture News resources are used for Key Stage workshops
Sept 2025	Section 7 – removed references to Communion services and added KS2 Carol Service.

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

1. Our Core Values

We know that God loves us and show it by being loving, honest and respectful.
(Reviewed with staff, governors, children and parents 2018)
Our 3 Christian values are Love, Honesty and Respect.
(Rephrased from September 2023)

2. Introduction

As a Church of England aided school, collective worship is always Christian. We believe that Christian worship should involve and interest all members of the school community enabling them to discover God's place in their lives.

3. Aims

- a. To place ourselves in the presence of God and to see worship as relevant to everyday life.
- b. To promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils.
- c. To achieve a balanced programme to facilitate worship.
- d. To be seen as an integral part of the whole Christian ethos of the school.
- e. To strengthen the community of the school and to prepare for opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.
- f. To become more sensitive to the wonders and mysteries of creation.

4. Objectives

- a. All members of the school community will establish a sense of belonging i.e. we are **all God's Children**.
- b. To contribute to the religious education and spiritual development of all pupils.
- c. The children will experience different forms of Christian worship by participation and involvement.
- d. Each activity should be educational as well as spiritual.
- e. Children will experience an interesting and varied programme of Collective Worship.
- f. Children will be encouraged to take part in Christian practices e.g. responses, prayer, reflection etc.

5. Implementation/approach

Our Collective Worship will:

- a. Provide opportunities for thought, reflection and silence.
- b. Create and develop an environment conducive to worship and reflection.
- c. Use appropriate language and explanations to enable pupils to understand the content.
- d. Renew our Christian values and help the children to find a sense of belonging.
- e. Promote feelings of awe and wonder, love, compassion and understanding of personal relationships.
- f. Provide opportunities for pupil involvement.

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6. Organisation

St Andrew's School Collective Worship is organised as follows:

Monday	10:20am	Whole School (including EYFS) Led by head teacher, deputy head or visitor
Tuesday	10:20am	Classes 3-6 (Key Stage 2) in hall led by teachers (using Picture News resources). Classes R-2 (Key Stage 1) Class Worship in classrooms led by teachers and/or pupils (at any time of the day)
Wednesday	10am	Whole School (including EYFS) Open the Book St. Andrew's Church Headteacher/Deputy Head/Visitor
Thursday	8:45am	Classes R-2 (Key Stage 1) in hall led by teachers (using Picture News resources) Years 3-6 Class Worship in classrooms led by class teachers and/or pupils (at any time of the day)
Friday	8:45am	Whole School worship (including EYFS) Celebration – Headteacher/Deputy Head

It is important to establish a sense of community within the school; therefore, whole school Collective Worship on Fridays will include sharing their successes with the school. These will include, rewarding fantastic learning (bubbling learners, passport certificates), amazing lunchtime manners (special table) and recognition of great attitudes and conduct (golden moments.) Our special values certificates are also presented in this worship in recognition of children demonstrating outstanding love, honesty or respect.

Visitors from St Andrews Church, other Christian churches and organisations will be welcome to lead collective worship, subject to the approval of the Headteacher and Governors. All staff are expected to be present and lead collective worship. Collective Worship will take place in the hall, classrooms or reflection area.

7. Content continuity/progression

Collective Worship may include some or all of the following:

Music	Played as the children enter the hall
Lighting of candles	Children bring candles from classrooms to unite the school community
Signed Response by children:	Jesus said, "I am the light of the World", Response signed by all "May he bring light to our lives and work today."
Hymn	
Drama	To illustrate stories in the Bible - Old and New Testament Poems/Story/Discussion (opportunities for sharing/talking) sharing of knowledge and information
Prayer	Led by child or teacher Lord's Prayer The Grace Silent Reflection
Bible Reading	Relevant reading by adult or child (from a variety of

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translations and paraphrases)

Extinguishing candle

Response by children:

“We take this light of Christ”

Response signed by all “To shine in our hearts today.”

At the end of worship, after the candles have been put out, we may also include notices and school community news

The whole school will take part in a church service at least twice during each academic year (including St. Andrew’s Day).

Key Stage 2 pupils will visit church for a Carol Service in December.

In the final term there will be a church service for the children in Year 6 who will be leaving the school. Their families are welcome to attend.

In planning our Collective Worship Themes, we have considered the two main dimensions of spiritual thought.

- A) Implicit - concerned with children’s personal feelings, relationships, experiences, questions and responses to life, and
- B) Explicit - a body of knowledge, the ways in which religious communities express their belief, behaviour and values.

These two dimensions are to link closely with the religious education policy of the school and the curriculum links within each class.

The main themes of Collective Worship contain both implicit and explicit material. A theme can be developed or extended within the individual classroom.

These main themes are revisited annually using different material. Favourite stories may be revisited on a regular basis.

The RE and Collective Worship co-ordinator will plan the themes for each term, and suggest activities for class worship, thus ensuring continuity across the school.

The themes used are planned on a three year cycle to ensure both variety and development deeper understanding. The current cycle of planning is attached to this policy.

It is to be noted that our Collective Worship will allow for the unexpected, ie local/world events when the occasion arises.

8. Resources

- a. Resources (including music, songbooks, artefacts and other resources) will be reviewed and updated as necessary.
- b. Further resources can be borrowed from the Wiltshire and Swindon Learning Resources.
- c. We currently subscribe to ‘Picture News’ ensuring that Key Stage worship allows us to reflect on our place in the world and our impact on it.

9. Legal status

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- a. This Collective Worship Policy complies with the legal requirements of the 1988 Education Act. It is also in accordance with the Trust Deed of St Andrew's School.
- b. This policy was drawn up by the staff, the Headteacher and Governors.
- c. Mrs Staplehurst is RE Coordinator for the school and therefore has responsibility for collective worship in school.

10. Rights of withdrawal

- a. Staff in Voluntary Aided Schools **do not** have the right of withdrawal from any act of worship whatever their own religious stance.
- b. All teaching staff will take a turn to deliver collective worship.
- c. It is expected that all pupils will be present at acts of worship but the school respects the right of parents to withdraw their children. Each individual's integrity is respected.

11. Monitoring

This policy will be monitored by each leader of collective worship over the next school year. The Collective Worship coordinator will then arrange meeting with staff to discuss any review of the policy at the end of the year. Any alterations or amendments will be discussed with the Governors.

12. Review dates

This policy was most recently reviewed in **Autumn 2025**
The next review will be in Autumn 2026

13. Themes for collective workshop (see attached Three Yearly Plan). The Themes are taken the ‘Values for Life’ and ‘Fruits of the Spirit’.

New school year, Harvest, Caring, Attitudes, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Celebrations, Christian year, Senses, Water, The Elements, Miracles, Bible and Prayer, Parables, Feelings and Emotions, Talents and Gifts, Learning about God, Seasons, Special People, Jesus, Faith, Creation, Time, Worship, Belonging and Home.

Collective Worship Long Term Planner

YEAR A 2025-2026

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
1	New Beginnings Our Happy School Love Harvest Wisdom Science – Awe & wonder Perseverance	Epiphany Creativity Creation Faithfulness	Easter II - Hope Ascension & Pentecost Parables Special People - Community
2	Armistice Day Anti Bullying Old Testament Characters St Andrew Advent Christmas - Love	Shrove Tues & Ash Wed. Prayer Caring / environ / planet people Elements Easter I – Forgiveness	Service - Learning to Learn Patience Memories Journey of Life What makes us special

YEAR B 2023-2024

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
1	Learning & doing our best Thankfulness -Harvest Life & teaching of Jesus (2 weeks) Courage (WW1) Old Testament Characters	Epiphany Justice Fair Trade Healthy Lives – Mothers - Gentleness	Humility Miracles Ascension & Pentecost Special People – History National Children’ Book Week
2	Trust & Honesty Armistice Day Anti Bullying (Friends) St Andrew Advent Christmas - Peace	Lent St. George Gentleness The “ I am “ Sayings Old Testament Characters Easter	Kindness Responsibility New Starts / beginnings

YEAR C 2024-2025

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
1	New year - learning Life of Jesus Friendship Harvest Nat. Book Week Old Testament Characters	Epiphany Generosity Self-Control Symbols of Christianity	Respect Perseverance Ascension & Pentecost Special People - Contemporary
2	Armistice Day Courage St Andrew Anti Bullying Advent Christmas - Joy Peace	Awe & Wonder Lent Compassion Easter National Book Day	New Testament Bible Characters Goodness Looking Forward

Fruits of the Spirit	Love Joy Peace Faithfulness Gentleness Self Control Patience Kindness Goodness
Values for life 18 selected to promote the teaching of Christian Values	Courage Trust Creativity Justice Forgiveness Peace Humility Truth Thankfulness Compassion Hope Friendship Generosity Respect Reverence Wisdom Service Perseverance and Responsibility