



Collective Worship school procedure

2025-2026

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This procedure was created with the St John & St Francis Church School and governors. The views of the parents were considered when writing this procedure.



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"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

*Love always protects,
always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres*

1 Corinthians 13:7



Learners for life, who care, understand, respect all and are guided by our core values.

Procedure Statement

At St John and St Francis Church School, the daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life. It is a time where we come together to share our love of God and celebrate our achievements together. It offers all pupils an opportunity to worship through engaging in relevant, meaningful experiences and provides opportunities for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development. As such, the contributions of staff, pupils, clergy, and other Christian leaders are valued highly.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in the 1988 Education Reform Act, which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of worship either as a whole school, class, or group.

Parental Withdrawal

Worship is regarded as special time which wholly reflects our ethos as a church school. It is an inclusive opportunity for those of all faiths and none and is in no way intended to evangelise or proselytise. We respect the right of parents to withdraw their child/children from acts of collective worship on grounds of conscience. However, as collective worship is central to our ethos. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this decision with parents.

Aims of Collective Worship

For the School

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of our school, and it is our aim that it is a time when the school community can:

- Share common aims and values.
- Celebrate achievement and special times.
- Explore together the world in which we live.
- Develop a community spirit.

For the Pupils

We also intend that Collective Worship contributes to the development of the pupil as a whole person by providing opportunities to:

- Consider spiritual and moral issues.
- Explore their beliefs.

- Develop their spirituality.
- Reinforce positive attitudes.
- Participate and respond.

Organisation

We aim to provide a variety of worship experiences for the children. Our current schedule is as follows:

Monday Key Stage worship led by the Head/SLT

Tuesday Key Stage worship led by a teacher linked to our school's Christian values and/or singing practice (**see appendix 1**).

Wednesday Key stage worship led by a visiting leader of a local church.

Thursday Class worship, themes may include wider world views and festivals, community issues/charities, **British Values** and famous people who have changed the way we see the world (eg Ghandi).

Friday Key stage celebration assembly led by the head/SLT. This is a **celebration time**, where positive achievements are celebrated.

Worship Leaders and the school council may also lead worship at times supported by their teacher/SLT/RE Coordinator/Link Governor as appropriate. Each half term a year group will plan and lead a worship time, sharing what they have learnt during RE lessons.

We work closely with our link church, St Francis and with The Salvation Army in our community. We celebrate key Christian festivals by taking part in a service for Harvest and Easter at St Francis Church, to which parents are invited and hold a Christmas celebration for the parents and wider community at The Salvation Army building.

Planning Acts of Collective Worship

The content of all acts of Collective Worship will be considered carefully, to ensure relevance and suitability for the ages of our pupils. This provides support for staff as they prepare to lead a worship time. They are planned by the RE Coordinator, linking to the school's Christian values and festivals. Termly planning lists themes, special occasions, and events, but will be flexible to allow the inclusion of current and topical issues. An example of a collective worship plan can be seen in **appendix 2**.

Prayer and Reflection

Collective worship always includes a time of prayer and/or reflection. A range of prayers are used including The Lord's Prayer, School Prayer, prayers written by the children and others. They are introduced in an appropriate manner with a short time of quiet. At the beginning of worship, a time of reflection and quiet is encouraged by

the lighting of candles. At the beginning of the lunch hour, grace is said by adults and the children. The school has its own prayer which is also regularly used. (**see appendix 3**).

The Act of Collective Worship

A variety of teaching and learning styles and active and interactive methods are used in acts of Collective Worship. A variety of resources will also be used. Leaders of Collective Worship will choose the style/method and resources which are appropriate to the content, age, aptitude, and the background of pupils.

We work closely with our link church, St Francis of Assisi ([St Francis of Assisi - A Church Near You](#)) and with The Salvation Army in our community. We celebrate key Christian festivals by taking part in a service for Harvest and Easter at St Francis Church, to which parents are invited and hold a Christmas celebration for the parents and wider community at The Salvation Army. ([Bridgwater | The Salvation Army](#))

Other World Views or none

Although our worship reflects our Christian beliefs and values, we are committed to respecting each other's faith stance and culture, showing respect, and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs. The class-led acts of worship may portray other cultures and beliefs as they reflect the RE studied as part of the curriculum requirements. We welcome the input from children and families with different world views to take part in these times.

Equal Opportunities and Special Educational Needs

All pupils, regardless of academic ability, age, gender, and ethnic origin will have access to a wide range of appropriate activities to support their understanding of RE. At each Key Stage, the teacher will draw from other world views as appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate the religious beliefs of the children within the class. We are proud to be able to sign the opening and closing of our collective worship time together. We are beginning to learn to sing using signing and say The Lord's Prayer with signing also. A variety of resources will also be used, including symbols and other visual support material to ensure all worship time will be accessible to all children.

Appendix 1

'**Out of the Ark Music**' is used for singing worship. A catalogue of songs which are familiar to the children is built up over time by planning in a regular singing worship daily. These songs are an integral part of all our collective worship throughout the week and are sung each time we meet. We also use this for celebrating festivals such as harvest, Christmas, and Easter. It allows for opportunities from EYFS to Year 6.

Appendix 2

ST JOHN AND ST FRANCIS CHURCH SCHOOL

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AUTUMN TERM 2026

Learners for life, who care, understand, respect all and are guided by our core values

K52 - 10.15 (before break)

K51 - 10.30 (after break)

Mon - Collective Worship HT/SLT School Prayer

Tue - KS worship Staff rota OR **Pop! Led** 1x half termly (see below) Lord's Prayer

Wed - Clergy led Worship with worship leaders

Thu - Class worship, to include singing practice time to **celebrate** - School Prayer

Fri - Celebration Time - SLT (every other week - EYFS and KS1 or KS2) **9.05** (parents invited)

Prayers - Mon - School Prayer, Tues - Lord's Prayer, Thurs - School Prayer



Christian Value - Friendship 'Encourage Each Other and Build each other up.' -1 Thessalonians 5.11							
07.09.26	14.09.26	21.09.26	28.09.26	05.10.26	12.10.26	19.10.26	
Rosh Hashana (Jewish festival) September 12 th -13 th		International Day of Peace September 21 st Yom Kippur (Jewish festival) September 21 st Mahon (Papua festival) September 23 rd		St Francis day October 4 th	Sukkot (Jewish festival) October 7 th – 13 th	Harvest Services EYFS/KS1 : 9.30AM – 10AM YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 : 10.10AM – 10.40AM YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 : 10.50AM – 11.20AM	
Monday – SLT Introduce Christian Value – Friendship – Roots and Fruits p97 (sticking together) Tuesday – staff led A new beginning https://www.assemblies.org.uk/y/2941/a-new-beginning Wednesday – visiting clergy/ HT/DHT Thursday – Class Worship Windows, Mirrors, Doors recap. BRITISH VALUES (see presentation in separate folder) Wig Video – What are British Values? Beautiful song for schools Values Education Pupil Inclusion Community Cohesion How often	Monday – SLT Christian Value – Friendship – Roots and Fruits p100 (encouraging one another) Tuesday – staff led Building up others https://www.assemblies.org.uk/y/3314/building-up-others Wednesday – visiting clergy/ HT/DHT Thursday – Class Worship Windows, Mirrors, Doors recap. BRITISH VALUES <i>Is voting the best way to change things?</i> Discussion Board Picture News (picture news.co.uk) BRITISH VALUES (see Picture News Link) Checky Pandas TV – Checky Pandas Treasure Champs – BBC Teach	Monday – SLT Christian Value – Friendship – Roots and Fruits p103 (supporting one another) Tuesday – staff led SOPC Assemblies – Yom Kippur: Day of Atonement https://www.assemblies.org.uk/y/3314/day-of-atonement Yom Kippur Wig Video Wig Video – Yom Kippur song Wednesday – visiting clergy/ HT/DHT K52 – Bishop online Worship Thursday – Class Worship KS1 – Windows, Mirrors, Doors recap and see below link. BRITISH VALUES (see Picture News Link) Checky Pandas TV – Checky Pandas Treasure Champs – BBC Teach	Monday – SLT Christian Value – Friendship – Roots and Fruits p106 (making time for each other) Tuesday – staff led Time with friends SOPC Assemblies – Time with friends Wig Video Wednesday – visiting clergy/ HT/DHT Thursday – Class Worship BRITISH VALUES (see Picture News Link) Checky Pandas TV – Checky Pandas Treasure Champs – BBC Teach	Monday – SLT Christian Value – Friendship – Roots and Fruits p109 (Learning to Listen) Tuesday – staff led Harvest Service Practice Time Wednesday – visiting clergy/ HT/DHT Thursday – Class Worship St Francis The Little St. Francis – Wig video St Francis day 4 th October Faithful Friends https://www.assemblies.org.uk/y/3304/faithful-friends BRITISH VALUES (see Picture News Link) Checky Pandas TV – Checky Pandas Treasure Champs – BBC Teach	Monday – SLT Harvest – Roots and Fruits p28 (Giving as God gives) Tuesday – staff led Harvest Service Practice Time Wednesday – visiting clergy/ HT/DHT Thursday – Class Worship St Francis The Little St. Francis – Wig video St Francis day 4 th October Faithful Friends https://www.assemblies.org.uk/y/3304/faithful-friends BRITISH VALUES (see Picture News Link) Checky Pandas TV – Checky Pandas Treasure Champs – BBC Teach	Monday – Monday – SLT Harvest medals https://www.assemblies.org.uk/y/3318/harvest-medals Tuesday – staff led KS1 – Harvest Service Practice Time K52 – class led Year 6 Wednesday – Harvest Services at St Francis Church TBC Thursday – Class Worship BRITISH VALUES (see Picture News Link) Checky Pandas TV – Checky Pandas Treasure Champs – BBC Teach	

Song	Staff	Music/Composer/Thema
Everywhere around me Songs for every assembly https://player.outofthetank.co.uk/	KS1 - Y2 Chaffinch KS2 - Y8 Redbreast	St John and St Francis Staff - Autumn - All Documents (sharepoint.com) (Term 2) Baroque Pachelbel
Just sing Songs for every singing school https://player.outofthetank.co.uk/	KS1 - Y1 Sparrow KS2 - Y3 Jay	St John and St Francis Staff - Autumn - All Documents (sharepoint.com) Baroque Vivaldi
Wake up Songs for every assembly https://player.outofthetank.co.uk/ God is Good - Nick & Becky Drake - God is Good (Worship for Everyone Official Lyrics Video)	KS1 - Y2 Goldfinch KS2 - Y8 Tawny Owl	St John and St Francis Staff - Autumn - All Documents (sharepoint.com) Baroque Bach
He'll be there Songs for every assembly https://player.outofthetank.co.uk/	KS1 - Y1 Blackbird KS2 - Y5 Kingfisher	St John and St Francis Staff - Autumn - All Documents (sharepoint.com) Classical Beethoven
Harvest Songs	KS1 - EYFS Wren KS2 - Y6 Eagle	St John and St Francis Staff - Autumn - All Documents (sharepoint.com) Classical Mozart
Harvest Songs	KS1 - Y2 Chaffinch KS2 - Y3 Woodpecker	St John and St Francis Staff - Autumn - All Documents (sharepoint.com) Classical Lebrun
Harvest Songs	KS1 - EYFS Robin KS2 - Year Led assembly Year 6	St John and St Francis Staff - Autumn - All Documents (sharepoint.com) Classical Schubert

Appendix 3

St John and St Francis Church School – school prayer

Lord, bless our school.

That working together and playing together.

We may learn to serve you.

And love one another.

Amen