

St Paul's CE Primary School, Utkinton & Cotebrook

Collective Worship Curriculum



Here at St Paul's CE Primary School, we are proud to provide excellent care and outstanding education for children from three to eleven years old in our unique, picturesque setting. Our Christian vision is at the heart of all we do, and we endeavour to provide a personalised curriculum to each and every child.

Our small class sizes allow us to give each child a high level of support and guidance. We take care to ensure that we know every child's starting points and we adapt our teaching to meet their needs, meaning every pupil is experiencing challenge and success.

Our Collective Worship curriculum is mapped out through rolling programmes due to the class sizes and we have worked hard to tailor the curriculum to it is bespoke to our children.

# Our Collective Worship Curriculum

## Intent

At St Paul's Primary School Utkinton collective worship is integral to the daily life of our school community. Collective worship strengthens and supports the Christian distinctiveness of our school, reaffirms our values and celebrates the contributions of every adult and child. The daily act of Christian worship underpins our vision and is supported by all children, staff and governors.

The school has a strong partnership with St Helens Church, Tarporley, who we collaborate with to strengthen the provision of our school.

Learning to soar, powered by God.

'But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.'

Isaiah 40:31

Our values are:

Service

Aspiration

Respect

We wholeheartedly believe our Christian distinctiveness sits at the heart of all that we do. Our values are the heartbeat of our curriculum and school life. Staff and visitors act as role models displaying positive relationships and our values of service, respect and aspiration. We aim for our worship to be inclusive, invitational and impressive.

At St. Paul's Utkinton we are a partnership of school, church, home, the Diocese, CDAT and the community. We create a stimulating and caring environment, grounded in Christian belief and practice, so that all members of our school community can flourish and are able to 'Live life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Staff and children and the community are nurtured to develop self-worth and appreciate the value they can add as a positive member of the community.

At St Paul's we always strive to provide quality experiences of prayer and liturgy that support pupils' spiritual development. These communal acts of prayer and the liturgical celebrations of the Church form part of everyday life in our school.

- To ensure collective worship offers opportunity to all children and adults to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection.
- To ensure children and adults appreciate that Christians worship in different ways such as music, story, prayer, reflection, festivals and through the liturgical structure.
- To ensure worship helps children and adults to appreciate the relevance of faith in today's world, to encounter the teachings of Jesus and the Bible and to develop their understanding of the Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God and its language.
- To ensure pupils and adults engage in planning, leading and evaluation of collective worship in ways that lead to improving practice.
- To ensure that leaders of worship, including clergy, have access to regular training.
- To encourage local church community partnerships to support the school effectively in developing its provision for collective worship.

- provides an opportunity for all members of the school community to stop activity, to pause and to reflect on important issues
- fosters a sense of fellowship and belonging
- fosters a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty, mystery and power of the natural world
- builds up the sense of group identity, fostering concern for the needs of each other;
- provides an opportunity for celebrating times of success or joy;
- provides an opportunity for meeting at times of sadness or sorrow;
- provides an opportunity for highlighting and reflecting upon core school values – such as striving to be respectful and kind, to aspire and have hopes and dreams and to serve God and serve one another
- offers the opportunity to mark significant points in the year, such as festivals and school events
- reflect upon the value, purpose and meaning of things;
- reflect on matters concerning right and wrong;
- hear about incidents in which, and people in whom, goodness or right are exemplified

## Implementation

We hold acts of worship every day which take place in classrooms, in the hall, at St Helens Church. worship follows the liturgical structure, including the Holy Trinity. Christian festivals are celebrated by the school community during services at St Helens Church.

Monday – Whole School Worship

Focused on exploring our Christian value for the half term and making links to HeartSmart and today's world.

Tuesday – Alternating between Worship led by Reverend Jim with picture news worship led by Mr Penny which focused on topical events and No Outsiders themes.

Wednesday – Class Worship focusing on the half term with time for response

Thursday – Singing Praise linked to values and the Christian Worship

Friday – Celebration worship awards are given characteristics of effective learning and Christian Values. Children are celebrated with our school community.

- The act of Collective Worship lasts 20/25 minutes and is held separate from notices
- Worship usually follows the structure; gathering, engaging, responding and sending
- Visitors are regularly invited to lead one of our acts of Collective Worship
- Ethos leads help to evaluate worship by observing worships and recording pupil voice
- Children from across the school lead worships throughout the year e.g. leading prayer and sharing reflections
- The Church's calendar is observed - Harvest, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Saints Days
- Children appreciate music on entry/ exit to Collective Worship which creates an atmosphere of reverence, stillness and reflection
- Stories and teachings from the Bible are used to explore our Christian values.

- Moral teachings and contemporary events are used when appropriate
  - Collects and prayers from Common Worship are used as a focus for Collective Worship including the Lord's Prayer and the Grace
  - Anglican responses e.g. The Lord is here/ His Spirit is with us; Peace be with you/ and also with you; Go in peace to love and serve the Lord/ In the name of Christ, Amen is used

### Impact

- All members of the community have a deep understanding of key Christian Festivals and the religious beliefs underpinning them
- Children can articulate their understanding of the vision and values and how it is lived out in the community
- Children have a strong sense of belonging and know what it means to be part of St Paul's family.
- Children respond thoughtfully and reflectively to stimuli in worship
- Children have the opportunity to develop their own faith and reflect on their own beliefs