

St James C.E Primary School



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Introduction

At St James CE Primary School we are committed to valuing and nurturing each child as an individual who will achieve their best and develop an enthusiasm for lifelong learning. Our vision is for the children in our school to grow into responsible, caring and fulfilled adults who actively and positively contribute to the society in which they live. We are committed to raising standards, values and self-esteem for all those involved with our school through cultivating a secure, yet exciting environment that is positive, supportive, stimulating and enriching.

As a Church of England Primary School we see our Collective Worship as a central part of school life. Our Collective Worship policy fulfils the statutory requirements common to all schools according to the 1988 Education Reform Act (and consolidated in the 1996 Education Act). It also fulfils the Diocesan requirements for a voluntary controlled church school which states that worship will be Christian in content with an Anglican emphasise.

Aims

Our aim is that our worship contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all children and staff.

Our policy for collective worship supports this by:

- Recognising that Collective Worship is an important opportunity to provide opportunities for our pupils' and staff spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- Providing a daily act of collective worship for all pupils which enables them to:
 - worship God
 - reflect on Christian values for schools, personal development, multi-faith festivals and curriculum aptitudes
 - develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
 - consider spiritual and moral issues
 - respond to the worship offered
 - respond to Christian language and symbolism and experience stillness and quiet
 - experience a variety of forms of prayer and meditation. These might include praise, seeking forgiveness or quiet reflection
 - begin to understand the nature and purpose of worship
 - Ensuring the daily act of collective worship be distinctly Christian in content and follows the liturgical calendar
- Ensuring Collective Worship, whether in assembly or class time, will:

- Inspiring and transformational
- be lead by senior leaders, staff, children, clergy and visitors.
- Develop the Christian vision, values and ethos of the school and focus on our school Christian values
- include a range of creative opportunities e.g music, silence, symbol, drama
- heavily involves pupils through members of the Worship group opening and closing worship and through pupils writing their own prayer
- celebrate and give thanks for the achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals
- provide a foundation for a mature understanding and practice of worship in the future
- will take place in the school hall, outdoors, in class rooms or the church
- Respecting the right of parents to withdraw their children for Collective Worship

Content of Daily worship

As a Church of England school the content of our worship is organised to:

- Follow a half termly, 2 year cycle to cover our 12 Christian Values
- Cover all the major Christians festivals including Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.
- Be rooted in Bible teaching
- Use the school prayer, Lord's prayer and other prayers written by pupils and led by the worship group
- Follow an order of service
- Be presented using a variety of styles and to include music, story, drama, enthusiastic singing, reflection and reverence in prayer time.

Special Services and Visitors

We value our links with the staff and congregation of St. James' Church. We hold our Harvest, Remembrance Day, Christmas, Easter and Harvest services in church. The vicar and one of the churchwardens of St. James Church regularly lead worship and always attend our services in the church. Where possible we also invite other members of the community in to lead worship. All visitors are welcome to attend our Collective worship.

Inclusion and withdrawal

Collective worship is central to the life of the school. However, parents/carers do have a legal right to withdraw their children from all or part of worship. Before making the decision to exercise that right parents /carers are encouraged to discuss the issues with the principal. Staff also have the right to withdraw on grounds of conscience but we hope that all staff will feel able to support the Christian ethos of the school by participating in collective worship.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school

Linked Documents

- R.E Policy
- R.E Handbook



Mission Statement

Building better futures together through.....

Generosity, Compassion, Courage, Forgiveness, Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Trust, Perseverance, Justice, Service and Truthfulness

...based on Christian Values

Here at St James we encourage children to understand Christian values such as forgiveness, trust, faith, compassion and love. We promote Christian values through the celebrations such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest, and through prayer and reflection. Through reflection and prayer we also work to take each child on their own faith journey.

...by nurturing each child's faith journey

Here at St James we want all our children to grow in their own faith. For our younger children, linking the major festivals gives a structure within which to deepen their knowledge of their own faith story.

...through enabling "Life Long" Learning

Here at St James we promote lifelong learning through the progression of key skills, such as reading and writing but also through developing life experiences such as going to the Post Office.

...by promoting high standards

Here at St James we promote the very highest academic standards, moving from concrete operations, to the abstract ensuring mental agility based on sound practice. All our children learn their times tables in our Assertive Mentoring Programme and old fashioned life skills for a modern child.

...through nurturing enquiring minds

Here at St James we encourage all our children to get a love of learning that takes them beyond the classroom into the wider world. Children are able to investigate and find answers to the questions they have generated. Developing an inquiring mind is a key skill in the promotion of deep learning as well as leading you down new unexplored paths.....

...by valuing ourselves and others

Here at St James children are encouraged to go on a path of self-discovery. Children learn how to take responsibility for their own learning and personal development, as well as how to treat and respect others.

...by striving to succeed

Here at St James we work together to overcome any obstacles, however challenging, to achieve our goals. We try and try again, building resilience which helps us deal with any disappointments on our journey to success.

...through the celebration of diversity

Here at St James we believe that our differences make us stronger. Learning from each other, our traditions and our shared history.



Christian Values Statement

Building better futures together through.....

Generosity: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to show generosity through kindness and giving, whether this is through time, support or charity.

Compassion: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to show understanding of others less fortunate than themselves and show kindness and empathy.

Courage: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to show courage and bravery through trying new experiences and pushing themselves to achieve their potential.

Forgiveness: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to forgive others and reflect on others actions with mercy and grace. Forgiveness is one of the many values encouraged through the schools' behaviour policy.

Friendship: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to be the best friend they can be by showing kindness and thoughtfulness of others.

Respect: Here at St James' children are encouraged to go on a path of self-discovery. Children learn how to take responsibility for their own learning and personal development, as well as how to treat and respect others.

Thankfulness: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to self-reflect for what they are thankful for and to write their own prayers of thanks for whole school worship.

Trust: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to trust one another and have a firm belief in the school and its systems, resulting in pupils who are positive and confident in their learning.

Perseverance: Here at St James' we work together to overcome any obstacles, however challenging, to achieve our goals. We try and try again, building resilience which helps us deal with any disappointments on our journey to success.

Justice: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to promote British and Co-operative Values and attitudes of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, tolerance of others and justice within the school and wider communities.

Service: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to understand the idea of service and how they can support the school community, the local community and the international community through charity.

Truthfulness: Here at St James' pupils are encouraged to pursue truthfulness and promote honesty at all times.

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Whole School Worship Yearly Planner

	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Cycle A	Generosity (Harvest)	Compassion (Christmas)	Courage (Candlemas)	Forgiveness (Lent & Easter)	Friendship (Pentecost)	Respect (Trinity)
Cycle B	Thankfulness (Harvest)	Trust (Advent)	Perseverance (Epiphany)	Justice (Lent & Easter)	Service (Pentecost)	Truthfulness (Trinity)



St James Whole School Worship

2015/2016

Date	Value	Linked Bible Passage	Led By (SLT Member & Worship Group)
7 th September	Christian Values	None	P. Urry
14 th September	Generosity	Mark 12.31	P. Urry
21 st September	Generosity	Luke 21.1-4	P. Urry
28 th September	Generosity	2 Corinthians 9.7	P. Urry
5 th October	Generosity	Genesis 2.15	P. Urry
12 th October	Generosity	Nehemiah	P. Urry
19 th October	Generosity	Psalms 65.13-19	P. Urry
2 nd November	Compassion	Mark 6.34	P. Urry
9 th November	Compassion	Luke 10.25-37	P. Urry
16 th November	Compassion	Colossians 3.12	P. Urry
23 rd November	Compassion	Exodus 2.1-10	P. Urry
30 th November	Compassion	Luke 15.4-6	P. Urry
7 th December	Compassion	Luke 2.8-20	P. Urry
14 th December	Compassion	Christmas	Rev
4 th January	Courage	Exodus 3-4	R. Williams
11 th January	Courage	Esther 4-8	R. Williams
18 th January	Courage	Joshua 2	R. Williams
25 th January	Courage	1 John 4.18	R. Williams
1 st February	Courage	Joshua 1.9	R. Williams
8 th February	Courage	Shrove Tuesday	Rev C. Smith

22 nd February	Forgiveness	Colossians 3.13	R. Williams
29 th February	Forgiveness	Luke 19.1-10	R. Williams
7 th March	Forgiveness	Matthew 18.21-35	R. Williams
14 th March	Forgiveness	Luke 15.11-32	R. Williams
21 st March	Forgiveness	Easter	Rev C. Smith
18 th April	Friendship	Proverbs 18.24	R. Williams
25 th April	Friendship	1 Thessalonians 5.11	R. Williams
9 th May	Friendship	Luke 5.17.39	R. Williams
16 th May	Friendship	Luke 10.38.42	R. Williams
23 rd May	Friendship	Pentecost	Rev C. Smith
6 th June	Respect	Ephesians 6.18	R. Williams
13 th June	Respect	Luke 7.1-10	R. Williams
20 th June	Respect	Matthew 7.12	R. Williams
27 th June	Respect	Matthew 21.12-17	Rev C. Smith
4 th July	Respect	1 Peter 2.17	R. Williams
11 th July	Respect	Psalm 8.9	R. Williams
18 th July	Respect	Awards Ceremony	R. Williams & P. Urry