



Milton on Stour CE Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

...Rejoice with me, I have found my lost sheep.

Luke 15:6

Aims

At Milton-on-Stour Primary School we aim to provide Collective Worship which provides a space and time for the telling of the Christian story, the mutual giving and receiving of worth as well as times of reflection and prayer. We offer opportunities for children to discuss, question and challenge their thoughts and beliefs with guidance from a range of Worship Leaders. We strive to ensure that at its best, Collective Worship is inspirational and motivational.

Our Collective Worship fosters a feeling of community within the school and this extends to our links with the local Church. Collective Worship contributes to promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural wellbeing of our pupils through challenging pupils' thoughts and ideas, creating links to current world news and hearing stories, prayers, hymns and Bible reading and offering times for discussion, reflection and prayer.

Approach

Our Collective Worship is delivered daily by members of our school and the wider community:

Monday: Headteacher- Whole School Flourishing focus – Values for Life

Tuesday: Clergy led- Rev. Angus or Whole School Reflection activity

Wednesday: Deputy Head- Song of Praise led worship

Thursday: Classteachers- Key Stage Worship following up key value

Friday: Senior Leaders- Good Shepherds & Courageous Advocates Worship

Each term our Collective Worship explores and reflects on a Christian Value and these values are rotated on a three-year cycle, linking to our three core values of love, hope and joy. We also use the Christian Calendar to provide a pattern of meaning for our pupils enabling them to begin to integrate their experiences.

Collective Worship 2024 – 2025

Love		Hope		Joy	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Friendship	Service	Forgiveness	Courage	Humility	Wisdom

Collective Worship 2025 – 2026

Love		Hope		Joy	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Koinonia	Compassion	Hope	Perseverance	Creativity	Thankfulness

Collective Worship 2026 – 2027

Love		Hope		Joy	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Trust	Respect	Responsibility	Justice	Wisdom	Generosity

Those who deliver Collective Worship in our school use our school template to open and close their Worships. Included in our template is our school values and our vision responses and time to light the candle. We are able to offer a variety of Worship styles and content through our varied Worship Leaders and this results in an enriching variety of Worship experiences for our pupils. All Worships incorporate time for singing, prayer and reflection.

Across the year we link regularly with the church of St Simon and St Jude for Harvest, Christmas and Easter Services.

Planning, Continuity and Recording

Planning for Collective Worship is supported by the resource “Values for Life”. This is used in conjunction with our reflection journals for Class Worship. Liaison with those who deliver Collective Worship ensures the terms value permeates all acts of worship. Collective Worship is reviewed annually and updates, training and support is provided to Staff by the RE Subject Leader or Headteacher.

The RE Leader and a group of children are responsible for reflecting on Worships, keeping a reflective record book, gathering feedback from pupils, identifying areas for improvement and supporting the delivery of services. They meet twice a year with the RE Subject Leader to reflect on and discuss Collective Worship and action areas identified for improvement.

Legal Status

The Act of Collective Worship in Milton -on-Stour Church of England Primary School is the responsibility of the Governing Body in consultation with the Head Teacher. It will be carried out in accordance with the 1988 Education Reform Act and with the Trust Deed of the school, in accordance with the principles and teachings of the Church of England; although in accordance with modern ecumenical good practice it may reflect and draw upon non Anglican Christian traditions. The policy for Collective Worship has been drawn up by the Head Teacher, in consultation with the RE Subject Leader and with the approval of the Governing Body.

Rights of Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw children from collective worship (1988 Education Reform Act). We hope that all parents welcome Collective Worship within our Christian School, however suitable arrangements will be made to accommodate children who are withdrawn.

Provision for Monitoring and Review

The children in school contribute to the monitoring and development of Collective Worship. The RE Subject Leader monitors the impact of Collective Worship through pupil and staff questionnaires and this information is shared

with Staff. The Head Teacher and RE Subject Leader annually review the Collective Worship.

The Collective Worship policy will be revised every two years.

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