

Collective Worship Policy



Governing Body has reviewed this policy in April 2025

Aiming High in Faith, Love and Learning

We, at Christ Church, strive for excellence in education by providing a safe, secure, caring family environment, where individuals are valued and respected, enabling them to reach their full potential, whilst growing in their love and understanding of the Christian Faith.

Our Aims:

Collective Worship should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Worship, and grow in the knowledge and love of God;
- Consider spiritual, moral and social matters;
- Consider and explore their own beliefs;
- Participate and respond especially in prayer;
- Develop a loving community spirit, promoting a common ethos of shared values and reinforcing positive attitudes.

We try to acknowledge the four distinct spiritual styles Word, Emotion, Symbol, and Action. These styles represent different ways individuals engage with their faith, spiritual experiences, and relationship with God.

Our Collective worship is invitational and will provide the opportunity to engage whilst allowing the freedom of those of different faiths and those who profess no religious faith to be present and to engage with integrity.

Collective Worship and Assembly are different and distinct. Whole school Collective Worship occurs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. In class Collective Worship occurs on Wednesdays and Fridays.

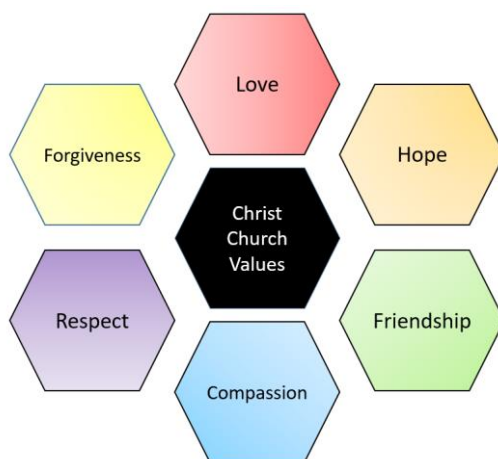
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Collective Worship usually led by Headteacher with a focus on school vision	Collective Worship usually led by the church team with a focus on a school value	Class based Collect Worship through spirituality straight after lunch	Collective Worship with a focus on rewards/celebrating success linked to the school's vision	Collect Worship through either: - Singing - Reflection on the value - Child led Collective Worship

Collective Worship is within the Anglican ethos and tradition and carries a broadly Anglican message. It usually takes place in the school hall in a quiet, disciplined environment which encourages thought and peace.

Care is taken to provide:

- A suitable focal point, visual or musical, which emphasises that it is time for worship;
- Candles, which are lit prior to worship and extinguished after the closing prayers;
- Music, which is played before and after worship;
- Lord's Prayer, which is shared on Tuesdays;
- The Bible passages and Christian values, that are shared and discussed regularly.

Our Values:



A programme of Values Education has been established by the school's Church Link Committee, comprised of the Headteacher, clergy of Christ Church and RE Subject Leaders. The programme is based on Christian Values. They focus on love, respect, forgiveness, hope, friendship and compassion. The half-termly value is shared with parents/carers in the weekly Newsletter. Worship is led by a range of clergy, school staff and visitors. The school regularly, and especially on major Christian Festivals, meets for worship in Christ Church.

As part of our Christian Ethos, staff share in Collective Worship. However, we are flexible to the needs of children and parents/carers, and if staff are required elsewhere in a pastoral role, this is accepted and understood.

Worship is regularly reviewed and evaluated by a Church Link Committee, the Committee also receives feedback from pupils and parents/carers.

The Head Teacher and the RE subject lead accept the role of Co-ordinator for Collective Worship.

Parents/ Carers have the right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship, after discussion with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors.