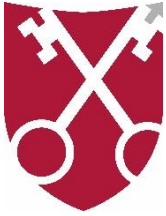


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Policy Ownership	Ethos Committee
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Rationale

At Brackley C of E Junior School we understand worship to be a special act or occasion whose purpose is to show reverence to God. Collective Worship involves pupils and staff coming together and participating in a daily gathering. In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act which states that Collective Worship should be wholly or broadly of a Christian character, we base our Collective Worship on the teachings of Christ and traditions of the Christian Church. However, we aim to conduct our Collective Worship in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members of school.

Collective Worship contributes significantly to the ethos of Brackley C of E Junior 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

Aims for Collective Worship

The aims and purpose of Collective Worship are:

- To provide an opportunity for the children and school community to worship God
- To enable the children and school community to consider spiritual and moral issues
- To enable the children and adults to explore their own beliefs
- To encourage participation and response
- To develop in children a sense of community spirit
- To promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes
- To introduce different ways of worshipping

At Brackley C of E Junior School Collective Worship is at the heart of our school life as we offer the distinctive contribution of a Voluntary Controlled Church School. We provide an opportunity for children and staff to worship in a traditional Christian style, which is consistent with the traditional beliefs and practices of the Church of England.

Organisation of Collective Worship

At Brackley C of E Junior School, we hold a daily act of Collective Worship in which the whole school comes together. The children know that this time is special thinking time, through calm reflection, and is conducted in a dignified and respectful way; we expect all children and staff to behave in an appropriate manner. We ask them to be quiet and listen thoughtful and carefully to the day's teaching(s) and invite them to participate in prayer and song. We create an appropriate atmosphere by using music, and a cross and Trinity candle act as a focal point for the attention of the children.

There is a Collective Worship Plan and a Collective Worship Schedule (see the Appendix). The schedule may be subject to change to ensure it coincides with both the religious calendar and term dates. The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher lead Collective Worship and occasionally class teachers may do so as well. Each week, we have child-led Collective Worship in which children from one class volunteer to lead, plan and deliver the worship. We also have a member of St. Peter's Church lead one Collective Worship a week. This brings greater variety to our worship times and strengthens links between our school and St. Peter's Church. Fridays are an opportunity to worship through the Celebration of our children's achievements, with **Celebratory** being one of our core values. We also welcome visiting speakers to our school, to support our school values, British Values, PSHE curriculum and the wider community. The Headteacher regularly reviews the weekly programme of worship to both accommodate and respond to school, local, national or global issues at an appropriate and meaningful level. Parents are invited to join us during our six church services: Harvest, Christmas, Candlemas, Easter, Ascension and Leavers' Service. This promotes the community spirit of the school. We welcome Governors' attendance at our Collective Worship at any time. Other opportunities for prayer and reflection are given at lunchtimes and in classes at the end of each school day. Worship opportunities are also offered to staff, children and their families through our links with St. Peter's church and other Brackley churches.

Content

Our Collective Worship plan has been developed with our school's six core values at its heart: Caring, Celebratory, Courageous, Christ-Inspired, Community, Love. We have assigned a core value to each of our six academic terms and the Collective Worship for that term predominantly focuses on the assigned value. The children explore six key Bible stories each term and revisit these each year to enable the children to "go deeper" in their understanding of both the story itself and the importance of it to Christians. The children also learn a Bible quote that underpins both the core value of the term and the Bible stories explored. We consider and reflect on the festivals and special times of the Christian calendar as well.

Each Friday, our Collective Worship celebrates the achievements and learning of our children. Class teachers celebrate two children from their class who have actively shown our core values and recognise this achievement by presenting them with a Star of the Week certificate. The teacher may also show the child's learning to others and share issues that they have discussed in their classes. Collective worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued, and all achievements recognised.

Resources

The Lion Storyteller Bible, The Rainbow Good News Bible and The Children's Bible are used as regular sources of Bible material to share with children. Other material is sourced from Roots and Fruits 1 and 2 (Imaginer), SPCK Assemblies and our PSHE curriculum resource, One Decision. All are kept centrally in the staff resource area. Song words and PowerPoints are kept electronically on the staff drive. The use of resources and budget are reviewed annually by Governors and SLT, and provision is then allocated as appropriate.

Evaluation, Monitoring and review


It is the role of the Ethos Committee to monitor this policy and practice of Collective Worship. As part of this, pupil voice is gathered through interviews and pupil feedback forms and these are reviewed by the committee before reporting to Full Governors.

Right of Withdrawal

We expect all children to attend Collective Worship, and we discuss this with parents at the time of admission. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with current legislation. The Headteacher keeps a record of any children who are withdrawn from Collective Worship.


Appendix

1.1 – Annual Plan/ Long Term Plan for Collective Worship

 We are a Caring, Celebratory, Courageous, Christ-inspired Community, rooted in love.		Long Term Plan for Collective Worship 2024 -2025					
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6	
BJS Christian Values & Bible quote	Courageous <i>'Fear not, for I am with you.'</i>	Community <i>'And do not forget to do good and to share with others.'</i>	Caring <i>'God sees when people show care and kindness to others.'</i>	Christ-inspired <i>'Do to others what you would have them do to you.'</i>	Love <i>'Love one another, just as I have loved you.'</i>	Celebratory <i>'This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.'</i>	
Key Bible stories	Isaiah 41:10 1. Gideon the Brave 2. David & Goliath 3. The Battle of Jericho 4. Daniel in the Lion's Den 5. Peter Walks on Water 6. The story of Ruth	Hebrews 13:16 1. The Lost Sheep 2. The Unforgiving Servant 3. Jesus feeds the five thousand 4. The story of Zacchaeus 5. Rebuilding the Wall in Jerusalem 6. The birth of Jesus	Hebrews 6:10 1. Joseph's Warning 2. The baby in the basket 3. Who gave the most? 4. Jesus heals the paralyzed man 5. Jesus heals a leper 6. Jesus gets lost	Matthew 7:12 1. Saul and the road to Damascus 2. Let the children come to me 3. Jonah & the Whale 4. The Centurion's Servant 5. An empty tomb 6. The Resurrection	John 13:34 1. Joseph the Dreamer 2. Feed my lambs 3. The Prodigal Son 4. The Story of Mary & Martha 5. The Good Samaritan 6. The story of Pentecost	Psalm 118:24 1. Jesus turns water into wine 2. King David's Celebration 3. The dedication of the Temple of Jerusalem 4. Celebrating school achievements 5. (As above) 6. (As above)	
PSHE Links	Protective Behaviours Keeping Safe	Staying Healthy Growing and Changing	Being Responsible	Feelings and Emotions	Computer Safety	The Working World A World Without Judgement	



1.2– Collective Worship Schedule

		 Brackley C of E Junior School Collective Worship Schedule 2024-25									
Term 1	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8			
Courageous	02.09.2024	09.09.2024	16.09.2024	23.09.2024	30.10.2024	07.10.2024	14.10.2024	21.10.2024			
Monday	INSET	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	Pupil Parliament	Singing Practice			
Tuesday	INSET	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Church Harvest			
Wednesday	HT – welcome Community	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	HT – Values			
Thursday	HT - Values	HT - Values	HT - Values	6LS	6KW	5BFG	5MIM	5PR			
Friday	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration			
Term 2	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7				
Community	04.11.2024	11.11.2024	18.11.2024	25.11.2024	02.12.2024	09.12.2024	16.12.2024				
Monday	HT	HT	HT	HT	Salvation Army	Pupil Parliament	HT				
Tuesday	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Singing Practice				
Wednesday	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Church Christmas				
Thursday	Odd Socks Day	Remembrance 4AW	4LF	Advent 3JE	3EG	Community around Jesus 6LS	6KW				
Friday	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration				
Term 3	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6					
Caring	06.01.2025	13.01.2025	20.01.2025	27.01.2025	03.02.2025	10.02.2025					
Monday	INSET	HT	HT	HT	Pupil Parliament	HT					
Tuesday	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Singing Practice	Helen					
Wednesday	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Church Candlesmas	Singing Practice					
Thursday	5BFG	5MIM	4PR	4LF	4AW	3JE					

Friday	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration
Term 4 Christ- inspired	Week 1 24.02.2025	Week 2 03.03.2025	Week 3 10.03.2025	Week 4 17.03.2025	Week 5 24.03.2025	Week 6 31.03.2025			
Monday	HT	HT	HT	HT	Pupil Parliament	HT			
Tuesday	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Singing Practice	Singing Practice		
Wednesday	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Church Easter			
Thursday	3EG	6LS	6KW	5BFG	5MM	5PR			
Friday	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration			
Term 5 Love	Week 1 21.04.2025	Week 2 28.04.2025	Week 3 05.05.2025	Week 4 12.05.2025	Week 5 19.05.2025				
Monday	HT	HT	HT	SATs	Pupil Parliament				
Tuesday	Helen	Helen	Helen	SATs	Singing Practice				
Wednesday	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	SATs	Church Ascension				
Thursday	4LF	4AW	3JE	SATs	3EG				
Friday	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration			
Term 6 Celebratory	Week 1 02.06.2025	Week 2 09.06.2025	Week 3 16.06.2025	Week 4 23.06.2025	Week 5 30.06.2025	Week 6 07.06.2025	Week 7 14.06.2025		
Monday	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	Pupil Parliament	HT		
Tuesday	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Helen	Singing Practice		
Wednesday	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Singing Practice	Church Leavers' Service		
Thursday	6LS	6KW	5BFG	5MM	5PR	4LF	4AW		
Friday	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Church		