



Collective Worship Policy

St Anne's Fulshaw C of E Primary School

Policy for Collective Worship

At St. Anne's Fulshaw we hold a daily act of worship which is mainly of a broadly Christian character reflecting the traditions of Christian beliefs, traditions and values exemplifying the ethos and community of the school.

- Worship is inclusive
- Worship is educational
- Worship contributes to the religious education of all children
- Worship should have a sense of occasion.

Broad Aims

- to foster a sense of fellowship bringing pupils together to raise the awareness of other world faiths
- to share and promote the ethos and values of the school
- to create an atmosphere where those who wish to worship God may do so
- to provide opportunities to celebrate the achievement of others
- to encourage in pupils a reflective approach to life
- to explore values of human concerns e.g. courage, justice, life, forgiveness and gain a perspective on the wider world
- to introduce pupils to various aspects (scripture and the Bible, prayers, hymns, drama, art) of religious worship in an open and honest atmosphere.

Spiritual Development

For worship to contribute to the spiritual development of pupils at St. Anne's Fulshaw we aim:-

- to have a daily act of worship which is Anglican
- to celebrate all that is good and lovely about life especially our school and local community
- to provide opportunities for pupils to share what is meaningful and significant to them including the darker side of life
- to ensure as far as possible that the experiences are relevant to the ages, aptitude and family background of pupils
- to give time for inner reflection and exploration of inner space
- to illustrate forms of worship that others have found helpful in spiritual development, silent concentration, singing
- to provide an environment which is conducive to worship and adequately resourced (literature, visual aids, music artefacts and guest speakers)
- to invite (never coerce) a response from the children which is appropriate to the occasions.

Organisation/Venue

Assemblies take place daily as follows:

DAY	WHO?	WHERE?	LEADER	AIM
Monday	Whole school	Hall 10.00 a.m.	Headteacher	Teaching & reflection
Tuesday	Whole school	Hall 2.25 p.m.	Class rota	Class assembly
Wednesday	Whole school	Hall 10.00 a.m.	Staff rota + Mrs Dale	Hymn Practice
Thursday	Whole school	Church 9.00 a.m.	Parish clergy and school staff	Teaching & reflection
Friday	Whole school	Hall 2.25 p.m.	Headteacher	Teaching & reflection Sharing work

During the recent pandemic, assemblies were recorded and then shared with all classes, who watched at the same time to create a sense of community and belonging. This strategy for celebrating and worshipping together can be used again should it be necessary.

We create a sense of occasion by the use of:

- Bible or other stories
- music
- relating experiences
- poetry
- inner reflection
- artefacts from Christian and other faiths
- simple liturgy
- prayer.

At Harvest, Christmas and Easter, special services linked to the Church's calendar are also taken in the Church. At the end of the school year in July a Leavers' Service for the whole school takes place in Church.

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