



Collective worship in schools should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to worship God, to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs; to encourage participation and response, whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship offered; and to develop community spirit, promote a common ethos and shared values, and to reinforce positive attitudes.

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Collective Worship at Jennett's Park

At Jennett's Park CE Primary School we affirm and value every member of our school community and we recognise each child and adult as unique and special to God. Within a caring Christian community we commit ourselves to providing the best possible education in the hope that each and every child may achieve their potential.

Collective Worship occupies an important place within the life of Jennett's Park CE Primary School. It provides an opportunity for members of the school community to pause from activity, to gather together, to remind ourselves of and reflect upon the beliefs and values which bind our school community together; in particular the values expressed through the Rainbow Promise.

Collective Worship is an inclusive activity which encourages and invites participation by everyone present, of all faiths and none. To reflect our Christian foundation, Collective Worship will usually reflect the Christian faith, including stories from the Bible and the Christian understanding of God as Trinity and we place particular emphasis on the Christian festivals of Harvest, Christmas and Easter. We will often consider values that are shared by different faiths and reflecting our school population we will sometimes consider the writings and leaders of other faiths and traditions.

Characteristics of Collective Worship at Jennett's Park

- Collective Worship (CW) will overtly reflect the Christian faith and traditions and will recognise and express a belief in the Trinitarian nature of God.
- CW should be non-confessional and inclusive of all participants, whether they are of another faith or of no faith.
- CW will include silence as well as words, Bible stories and stories from other faiths and traditions, pictures and symbols, prayer, hymns and songs as well as other music.
- CW will frequently include greetings and responses from the Anglican tradition.
- Children will frequently be involved in the leading of CW by introducing and concluding the time of worship. Children will frequently be invited to offer a Hope, a Wish or a Prayer at the end of CW.

Through Collective Worship at Jennett's Park we aim to:

- introduce pupils to worship appropriate for their age, which although inclusive, draws upon the riches of the Anglican and other Christian traditions.
- provide an experience of worship which allows participants to reflect and respond to the presence of God.
- introduce pupils to Christian language and symbolism and the cycle of the church year.
- allows participants to explore a variety of ways of praying and introduces them to some well-known Christian prayers, e.g. the Lord's Prayer and the Grace.
- encourage participants to wonder and reflect on the puzzling questions that life poses and help them to respond to the wonder and mystery of the world around us

- strengthen and support the school community by giving expression to and reaffirming the Christian values of the school.
- celebrate the gifts that each person brings to the school community, recognising that we are all unique yet special to God and made in God's image.
- foster a concern for others within the school community and throughout the wider world
- foster an appreciation of the created world and an awareness of our responsibility to care for it

Organisation and Overview of Collective Worship Arrangements

Collective Worship at Jennett's Park CE Primary will be organised by the school's CW Leader and a CW outline plan for the term will be designed by the CW Leader in consultation with relevant staff. The content for each term's CW will broadly reflect the Christian festivals of that term and the values of the school's Rainbow Promise.

A typical week at Jennett's Park will follow the Worship timetable below:

Monday	Bible story and Candle time (Classroom based CW)
Tuesday	Singing Assembly (KS1 + KS2)
Wednesday	Church Minister Assembly (KS1 + KS2)
Thursday	Thursday Collective Worship (KS1 + KS2)
Friday	Celebration Assembly (KS1 + KS2)

Foundation Stage:

Nursery will have Candle time every week to introduce Collective Worship to our youngest pupils. Reception will also have Candle time in class every week and from the summer term will join KS1 and KS2 for Collective Worship in the hall.

Right of Withdrawal

Parents/guardians have the legal right to withdraw their child from collective worship, provided they give written notification to the school.

At Jennett's Park CE Primary School our aim is for Collective Worship to be totally inclusive of all children, including those of other faiths or no faith. We believe Collective Worship to be crucial to the spiritual, moral, social, cultural and intellectual development of our pupils. It is our expectation that all children will appreciate this time as an opportunity to come together and share important lessons as a whole school family.

Monitoring and Evaluation

A CW Leader and a CW Governor will be appointed. The Governors and Senior Management team will review the policy and practice of Collective Worship to ensure that it is meaningful, relevant and meets the needs of the children.

Collective Worship will be monitored and evaluated in a variety of ways, including:

- A record book in which pupils are encouraged to feedback the themes and impact of an act of CW
- Foundation Governors to visit acts of CW each term
- Composition and review of a self-evaluation form covering different areas of the SIAMS inspection criteria