



Our Motto: “Let your light shine.”

“before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Collective Worship

Collective Worship in our school provides opportunities for children, staff and the community to come together to worship God.

Collective Worship supports the school's distinctive vision **“Let you're your light shine.”** and with our four Christian Values of Love, Trust, Hope and Respect, provides opportunities to consider spiritual and moral issues and, through reflection, raise awareness of the ultimate questions of life.

Our Christian vision enables us to celebrate:

- *That all children are the light and together we will help them to shine.*
- *To develop within themselves an understanding of what is right and fair, and to have the strength to face challenges and do the right thing.*
- *To be people of hope.*
- *To celebrate individuality, and to respect themselves, others and the world in which they live.*

Collective Worship is a special part of our school day. We gather as a school community to share God's love through the celebration of our school vision and values. As such, our daily Collective worship is:

- Inclusive – We recognise and celebrate that pupils and staff come from homes of different faith backgrounds as well as no faith backgrounds. In doing so we ensure that our worship is accessible to everyone.
- Invitational – In our worship, our acts of worship are free to join with no obligation to do so. In being so, worship enables all to respectfully engage, including those of different faiths, and those who express to have no religious faith. Pupils and adults are all invited to pray and sing if they wish to do so.
- Inspiring – By asking and discussing big questions, both in worship and at home, about who we are and what we do, we hope to enable all to actively step forward and make a difference. We enjoy opportunities to think, reflect and ponder both our own actions, and those of our community around us.

Collective Worship takes place every day and this involves both pupil-led worship and adult-led worship. Once a week we hold Collective Worship within our classes. To enrich our worship experience and broaden our learning experience within the community, we have Collective Worship delivered by members from Ashbourne Elim and Baptist Church, links with our parish churches, with worship lead by Rev Jane Held, as well as our local 'Open the Book' group from Ashbourne Methodist Church. We have strong links with Waterhouses Methodist Chapel. Rev Julie visits our school regularly to lead worship as well the school holding services at the Chapel. A group bring "Godly Play" once a term to our school.

Our Collective Worship takes many forms and can include Bible readings, parables, quiet reflection, Songs of Praise and prayer time.

We also have our celebratory worship once a term to which governors and parents are invited.

Picture News - Learning from the world around us

We supplement our Collective Worships with Picture News each week.

Picture News gives our children the opportunity to learn about themselves and the world we live in as well as developing respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths. It encourages exploration, discussion and challenge through a current news story and thought-provoking questions.

We believe it brings the world closer to children's everyday lives and inspires them to be **'Agents of Change'** for example a group of Worship leaders shared their Worship on 'Climate Change' around the world.

Following their Worship, we have invited in the 'Moorlands Climate Action Group' to deliver an assembly to the children.

We also discuss the links to British Values, Protected Characteristic and the UN Rights of a Child. The staff also access Picture News Worship with the children and discuss Christian Values, a Bible Verse and its meaning and offers prayer and reflection times for both staff and children

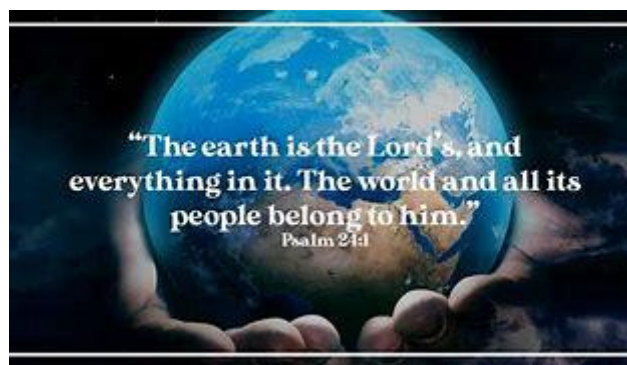
We have a Picture news display, which is changed weekly and discussed by the children.

Picture News in EYFS

Children have their collective worship in class using the Picture News Early Years resources. They use the poster and key question as a stimulus to take part in speaking and listening activities.

Children learn from the news and are encouraged to share their ideas, thoughts and feelings, giving opportunities to develop confidence. Children learn to respect others as they develop an awareness that we are all different and have different responses.

It is God's world and we all matter.



“A sense of connection to something bigger than ourselves, and it typically involves a search for meaning in life. As such, it is a universal human experience—something that touches us all.”



Laying our school wreath on Remembrance day

