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Wrawby St Mary's CE Primary School



Collective Worship Policy February 2025

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Our Vision

At Wrawby St. Mary's Primary School, we strive for a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit to plan, prosper and give hope and a future to all. We believe in a journey of education enabling every child to feel love, challenge and excitement as they access skills to build future pioneers and leaders. Our school is a beacon of hope and sign of the kingdom.

'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.' Romans 5:5

At Wrawby St Mary's Church of England Primary School, collective worship is an integral part of our school day. We blend Christian teaching and Values Education to create opportunities for children to explore and develop their social, moral, spiritual and cultural understanding so that their well-being is supported by ever growing emotional intelligence. The worship in school is based on promoting the Christian values which permeate the ethos of the school:

Hope, Love, Peace, Kindness, Forgiveness, Perseverance and Self-control

Collective worship gives pupils and school staff the opportunity to:

- Engage in an act of community.
- Express praise and thanksgiving to God.
- Be still and reflect.
- Explore the big questions of life and respond to national events.
- Foster respect and deepen spiritual awareness.
- Reflect on the character of God and on the teachings of Christ.
- Affirm Christian values and attitudes.
- Share each other's joys and challenges.
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar.

Organisation:

We aim to provide a variety of worship experiences for our children.

Monday: whole school worship led by the Headteacher with resources from Picture News or Open The Book

Tuesday: whole school singing worship led by Miss Oliver (music teacher) or Reverend Julie

Wednesday: whole school worship led by Headteacher or the Wrawby Representatives (once per half-term)

Thursday: Lyfta Time – KS2 in the hall, EYFS and KS1 in classes for age-appropriate discussion

Friday: Family Worship sharing Star of the Week with parents invited, Values star and out-of-school achievements

In addition to this, visiting groups and individuals are welcomed into the school to lead worship, and the whole school regularly attend St Mary's Church for worship and special/liturgical celebrations throughout the school year.

Planning, Content and Detail:

Opening –

“Good morning, everyone.” (*“Good morning...” (with Makaton sign)*)

“Let us worship together.” (*“In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit”*)

“May the Lord be with you.” (*“And also, with you.”*)

Invite reflection/prayer –

“Time to reflect. Time to pray.” (Invitational prayer or moment of reflection)

Close and send off –

“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and each other.” (*“Amen”*)

Other faiths:

Although our worship reflects Christian beliefs and traditions, we are committed to respecting each other’s beliefs, faith and culture. We recognise the importance of our shared British Values and regularly discuss, share and explore these through our worship themes. Class-led worship may portray other cultures and beliefs as they reflect their studies in RE.

Record Keeping and Evaluation:

A record of the themes or worship, including stories and pupil engagement is kept on the shared drive. This file is regularly updated by the Head of School. Training is welcomed and encouraged for those who wish to lead worship and further develop their own skills.

Visits and Visitors:

As part of a broad and well-balanced curriculum, Wrawby St Mary’s C of E Primary School ensures that appropriate visits and visitors are made for the children in order them to have first-hand experiences. We believe that visits to places of worship enable pupils to gain a greater knowledge of worship, beliefs and traditions. Our Year 6 pupils take part in the Church Schools Festival at Lincoln Cathedral, and we utilise St Mary’s Church regularly by celebrating annual events such as Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Easter.

Right to Withdrawal:

Should a parent wish to withdraw their child from Collective Worship a request must be made to the Headteacher. Parents have a legal right to withdraw their child for religious reasons and as such, suitable provision will be made.

Equal Opportunities and Special Needs:

All pupils, regardless of ability, age, gender and ethnic origin will have access to a wide range of appropriate activities to support their understanding, engagement and enjoyment of Collective Worship.