

Collective Worship and Events Calendar 2024-25

Collective Worship takes place every day. Each week there is a theme which aims to link our Christian Values with Bible stories and other aspects of the Christian tradition. Other events, Key People and World Religions are also part of Collective Worship. One of the main aims of the Big Questions is to develop pupils' 'ability to think theologically and engage in theological enquiry' (Making a difference? A Review of Religious Education in Church of England Schools National Society (2014)). We aim to promote a knowledge and understanding of the response of faith to ultimate questions about human life, its origins and purpose. In our Big Questions Collective Worship, we want to provide children with compelling learning experiences which demands a more active and engaging approach to learning where children solve something, investigate reasons for things rather than be the mere recipients of knowledge. By giving the Collective Worship direction through the use of key questions, to answer or solve, the curriculum is much more compelling, imaginative and challenging.

Monday – Singing is an important part of collective worship, and this is a chance to learn new songs and revisit familiar ones, to reflect together on the way that we praise God in worship, and to understand better the words we are singing. The singing collective worship is led by Mrs Parsons. The new Christian Value of the week is introduced, and The Big Question linked to the Christian Value is reflected upon and discussed. The Christian Value prayer for that week, which have been written by the children is read.

Tuesday – Cultural and courageous advocate collective Worship led by Miss Mitchell. Miss Mitchell's Collective Worship focuses on key people, cultural events, days, or other religious festivals. At the start of the school year the children write their own prayers which go into our School Prayer Book. At the end of our Collective Worship, one child is invited to say their prayer. Our Prayer Book is kept on our worship table in the hall, where we hold daily acts of worship

Wednesday – Wellbeing Worship is led by Mrs Gerrard. The Well-being topics provide support for pupils in how best to deal with worries and anxiety and the opportunity to reflect upon British Values.

Thursday- Collective Worship led by Mrs. Toyne , Rev Andy, Rev. Annabel. Clergy led Collective Worship is held at either St. Mary's Church in the village or in the school hall every other week. On the weeks that Rev. Annabel does lead Collective Worship Mrs. Toyne leads it in the school hall. This is linked to the Christian Value of the week and children always take an active role.

Friday – Celebration Assembly led by Ms. Griffiths. A celebration of what's been achieved in school (such as an announcement of the house point totals for the week; A chance to celebrate and share the acts of those children who have been awarded a Christian values certificate or a merit certificate etc. We also use this time to celebrate achievements that pupils have achieved outside of school (e.g., swimming certificates presented). The Friday Collective Worship always ends with the school prayer led by the children, as a way of sending the children and adults out into the world to live out the values that they live by in school.

Foundation Governor led Collective Worship – Our Foundation Governors lead Collective Worship once per half term linked to the Christian Value of the week.

Courageous Advocates – Key People

Each half term the children will learn about the work of an individual who has shown courageous advocacy during their lifetime as part of our Collective Worship.

Autumn 1- Dame Jane Goodhall

Autumn 2- Mary Seacole

Spring 1- Felicity Aston

Spring 2- Jesse Owens

Summer 1- Sir David Attenborough

Summer 2- Greta Thunberg

Class led Collective Worship at the church

Each class will plan and lead Collective Worship at the Church once per half term based around one of our Christian Values. Parents and carers are invited to participate in the class led Collective Worship.

Years 5 and 6 – Autumn 2 2024 – Hope 14th November

Years 3 and 4 – Spring 1 2025 – Love 13th Feb

Years 1 and 2 – Spring 2 2025- Friendship 3rd April

Reception– Summer 1 2025 - Honesty/respect 19th June

Our Harvest Festival, Nativity performances, Easter Service, May Day celebrations and Leaver's Service are all held at St. Mary's Church.

**Our Church Council members are responsible for changing the colour of the cloth on The Worship Table and the weekly Christian Values displayed around the school.*

Day/week	Christian Value	Monday Singing and introduction of values collective worship	Tuesday Cultural and Courageous advocates Collective Worship	Wednesday Wellbeing Worship	Thursday Collective Worship	Friday Celebration Collective Worship	*Liturgical Colour for Worship Table
2nd September	Friendship	<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Training Day</i>	Welcome Back -The Christian Values	Rev Annabel SCHOOL	Celebration Collective Worship	
9 th September	Honesty	Big question What is honesty?	Rosh Hashanah	Random Acts of Kindness	Justice	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	16 th September Jeans for Genes Day mufti 16 th -22 nd National Recycle Week 23 rd Autumn Equinox						
16 th September	Love	Big question What is love?	Teamwork Internationals Day of Peace	Teamwork	Rev Andy CHURCH	Celebration Collective Worship	
23 rd September	Respect	Big question What should respect look like?	Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur Well Being indicator – Achieving	Governor led Collective Worship Respect	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	25 th National Fitness Day 26 th European Day of Languages 27 th Mawlid 29 th National Teaching Assistants Day 29 th McMillian Coffee Morning						
26 th September	The Power of our Parable Day 1– The Good Shepherd (day 1 of 3) What does our school parable mean to you? Artwork to be created by each class with children's voice for whole school display						
30 th September	Hope	Big question What is hope?	Black History Month	Resilience	Rev Annabel CHURCH	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	Black History Month ADHD Awareness Month 5th National Poetry Day 5 th World Teacher Day						
7 th October	Friendship	Big question What makes a good friend?	Pioneering Women World Mental Health Day	World Mental Health Day	Trust EXEC HEAD	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	10 th World Mental Health Day 11 th International Day of The Girl Child						
14 th October	Honesty	Big question Does honesty develop?	Ada Lovelace Day	Well Being indicator – Healthy	Rev Andy School	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	16 th World Food Day Harvest Festival at the Church (date TBC) School Council Vote Church Council Vote						
21st October	Love	Big question Do you have to earn love?	All Saint's Day	All Saint's Day Well Being indicator – Active	Harvest Festival CHURCH	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	Halloween/Bonfire night Safety Talk (TBC) 10 th World Science Day						
4th November	Respect	Big question How could we show respect for each other?	Nelson Mandela	Respect and Tolerance	Rev Annabel School	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	8-17 th World Science Day 11 th Remembrance Day 12 th -19 th Interfaith Week						
11 th November	Hope	Big question Can hope be divided in 'big ones' and 'little ones'?	Diwali	Diwali Well Being indicator – Responsible	Year 5 & 6 Church Hope	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	13 th - 17 th Anti Bullying Week 12 th – 19 th Interfaith Week 17 th Children in Need						

18 th November	Friendship	Big question Is it good to have friends? Is it possible to have bad friends?	Courageous advocacy - Dame Jane Goodhall	Road Safety in Winter	Rev Andy Church	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	16 th -22 nd Road safety Week 23 rd Thanksgiving						
25 th November	Honesty	Big question Why is it good to be honest?	World Kindness Day	Individual Liberty	Advent	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	30 th St. Andrew's Day						
2 nd December	Love	Big question Are there different kinds of love?	Hanukkah	World Braille Day	Rev Andy School	Celebration Collective Worship	
9 th December	Respect	Big question Should we respect everyone?	Human Rights Day	The Rule of the Law	Incarnation	Celebration Collective Worship	
16 th December	Hope	Big question Is being hopeful always a good thing?	Courageous advocacy - Mary Seacole	Christmas Eve around the World	Governor led Collective Worship – Faith	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	Nativity (date TBC) Christmas Jumper Day (date TBC) Christmas Lunch (date TBC) 22 nd Winter Solstice						
1 st January	Friendship	<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Training Day</i>	Epiphany/ Fellowship	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	1 st New Year's Day 1 st World Day of Peace						
6 th January	Honesty	Big question What do we mean when we say a person is honest?	Lohri	Fair Trade	Friendship	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	13 th Make your Dreams Come True Day						
13 th January	Love	Big question How do you feel compassion?	Martin Luther King Day	World Religion Day	Thankfulness	Celebration Collective Worship	
20 th January	Respect	Big question Should you give respect to people who haven't earned it?	Abraham Lincoln	Well Being indicator – Respected	Forgiveness	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	23 rd National Handwriting Day 25 th Burns Night 26 th – 28 th The Big Garden Bird Watch 26 th Australia Day 27 th – 31 st Holocaust Memorial Day						
27 th January	Hope	Big question Do you think most children hope for the same things in life, or that there is a wide range of children's hope?	Candlemass	Democracy	Humility	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	29 th -5 th February National Story Telling Week 1 st Time to Talk Day						
3 rd February	Friendship	Big question Should you ever abandon your friends?	Safer Internet Day	Mindfulness	Governor led Collective Worship Sacrifice	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	5th-11th Children's Mental Health Week 6 th Arbor Day 6 th Waitangi Day 7 th Charles Dickens Birthday 10 th Chinese New Year 14 th Valentine's Day						
12 th February	Honesty	Big question	Shrove Tuesday	Ash Wednesday	Year 3 and 4 Love	Celebration Collective Worship	

		What is a definition of honesty?					
10 th February	The Power of our Parable Day 2– The Good Shepherd (day 2 of 3) Has our understanding of our school parable changed? – display to be updated SACRF PSHE Workshops (1hr) 17 th Random Act of Kindness Day 22 nd World Thinking Day						
17 th February	Love	Big question Do you take time to perform small acts of generosity?	Rosa Parks Day	Well Being indicator – Included	Temptation	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	1 st St. David's Day 3 rd world wildlife Day						
3 rd March	Respect	Big question How have you shown respect this week?	Courageous advocacy = Felicity Aston	World Book Day	Forgiveness	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	7 th World Book Day 8 th Maha Shivaratri 8 th -17 th British Science Week 10 th Mother's Day 9 th -22 nd Fair Trade Fortnight						
10 th March	Hope	Big question Are your hopes the same as when you were in owlets or last year?	International Women's Day	St. Patrick's Day	Resurrection EXEC HEAD	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	14 th International Day of Mathematics 17 th St. Patrick's Day						
17 th March	Friendship	Big question If you are not a good friend to others, do you have any friends?	Ramadan	Friendship	Easter	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	21 st World Poetry Day 22 nd World Water Day 23 rd -24 th Purim						
24 th March	Honesty	Big question Is telling the truth right?	Courageous advocacy - Jesse Owens	World Water Day	Governor led Collective Worship Forgiveness	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	24 th Palm Sunday 25 th Holi 28 th Maundy Thursday 29 th Good Friday 30 th Holy Saturday						
1 st April	Love	Big question What makes you happy inside?	Vaisakhi	Spring	Year 1 & 2 Friendship	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	18 th World Heritage Day						
21 st April	Respect	Big question Why should we show respect?	National Smile Day	St. George's Day	Tolerance	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	22 nd Earth Day						
28 th April	Hope	Big question Are you an optimist or pessimist?	Passover	Well Being indicator – Nurtured	Co-operation	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events							
5 th May	Friendship	Big question Would you rather have 100 'okay' friends or five really good friends?	Ascension Day	Sportsmanship	Honesty and truthfulness	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	6 th May Day 8 th VE Day 11 th World Fairtrade Day 12 th International Nurses Day 12 th Florence Nightingales Birthday 12 th -18 th Christin Aid Week						
12 th May	Honesty	Big question	Pentecost	Being Eco-Friendly	Reliability	Celebration Collective	

		Is it ok to tell a secret?				Worship	
19 th May	Love	Big question Are there different kinds of love?	Vesak	World Cultural Diversity Day	Governor led Collective Worship Caring	Celebration Collective Worship	
15 th May	The Power of our Parable Day 3– The Good Shepherd (day 3 of 3) How can you be a good shepherd? – display to be updated May Day Celebration Event (Date TBC)						
Other events	20 th National Vegetarian Week 21 st Mary Anning's Birthday 23 rd Vesak						
2nd June	Respect	Big question How do you learn to show respect?	Pride Month	Sun Safety	Patience EXEC HEAD	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	5 th World Environment Day 6 th D-Day 8 th World Oceans Day						
9 th June	Hope	Big question What does hope mean to you?	Courageous advocacy -Sir David Attenborough	World Oceans Day	Happiness	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	11 th – 13 th Shavuot 12 th Anne frank's Birthday 15 th The king's Official Birthday						
16 th June	Friendship	Big question Do you have to be friends with everyone all of the time?	Windrush Day	yoga techniques calmfullness	Owlets honesty/ respect	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	20 th World Refugee Day 21 st world Music Day						
23rd June	Honesty	Big question Why is honesty so difficult at times?	Eid Al Adha	National School Sports Week	Truthfulness	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	29 th Tour de France starts						
30 th June	Love	Big question Should love be earned?	Summer Safety Asahara Puja Day	Summer Safety	Agape	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	3rd Wimbledon starts 5 th July NHS birthday						
7 th July	Respect	Big question Should we respect everyone all of the time?	Islamic New Year	End of year transition	New Horizons	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	12 th Malala Yousafzai's Birthday						
14 th July	Hope	Big question What makes you feel hope?	Courageous advocates - Greta Thunberg	End of year achievements	Governor led Collective Worship- Hope	Celebration Collective Worship	
Other events	14 th Bastille Day 15 th Emmeline Pankhurst's Birthday 17 th World Day for International Justice						