

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP OVERVIEW

Growing Faith, challenging minds, discovering talents

As a Church of England Primary School, Collective Worship is an integral part of every day in school for all staff and children. It is a time when the whole school comes together to learn, listen, reflect and pray. Our worships are invitational, inclusive and inspirational.

The main focus of our worships are the six values which form the fundamental ethos of our school.



- **Friendship:** At Higham we show friendship by looking out for one another and sharing our love! We can help and take care of one another.
- **Hope:** When things are not going well, we know that at Higham we can have hope: hope for ourselves, each other and the wider world. We support charities through our value of hope- helping others and being kind.
- **Respect:** Respect is treating others how you want to be treated. If you want to show respect, you should know everyone is unique and different. We show respect to everyone and everything.
- **Forgiveness:** When someone has done something bad to you they say sorry. To forgive them means you didn't hold it against them anymore. You let it go.
- **Truthfulness:** Truthfulness means if you have done something wrong you then have to tell the truth. We are honest.
- **Wisdom:** Wisdom means making wise decisions in our lives, even if they take courage and are sometimes difficult. We show that we are wise and knowledgeable. We show wisdom in our school work and the way we speak with others.

Many significant and important events and celebrations, including those from other religions are also included in the schedule.

These are decided by our Executive Head Teacher, Mrs Dolby-Molson, in conjunction with the Head of School, Miss Elspass and the RE lead, Mrs Evans.





Every worship includes music and song both as a time for reflection and listening, and through raising voices in praise. During the year, we meet for worship at Church with Reverend Patty; these are indicated on the school newsletter, and parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.

Reverend Patty leads our worship following our values. We also join with Open the Book at Church as they lead us in worship.

Each week follows a similar routine:

Monday	Whole School worship – focussing on our School Value for the half term, or a significant festival or event.
Tuesday	Whole School worship – focussing on our School Value for the half term, or a significant festival or event. Extra singing practise
Wednesday	Whole School worship – focussing on our School Value for the half term, or a significant festival or event.
Thursday	Whole School worship – focussing on our School Value for the half term, or a significant festival or event.
Friday	Whole School worship – focussing on our School Value for the half term, or a significant festival or event Extra celebration and reflection time to end the week.

Autumn 1 st	Autumn 2 nd	Spring 1 st	Spring 2 nd	Summer 1 st	Summer 2 nd
Friendship	Hope	Respect	Forgiveness	Truthfulness	Wisdom
<i>Bible story of "Ruth and Naomi" (Ruth 11-13 and 14-22)</i>	<i>Bible story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10.25-37)</i>	<i>Bible story of "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10: 25-37)</i>	<i>Bible story of "The unforgiving servant" (Matthew 18: 21-35)</i>	<i>Bible story of "Zacchaeus" (Luke 19: 1-10)</i>	<i>Bible story of the wise and foolish builder (Matthew 7 24-27)</i>



We have a very involved and active **Collective Worship Team** and **Collective Worship Helpers**. The helpers have the important role of preparing and setting up for worship each day, including dressing and preparing the altar table which is the focal point for worship. They organise the candle and the song/hymn choice and prepare the hall ready to receive all the staff and children to participate in the worship.



The Worship Team support the delivery of collective worship and prayer throughout the school. They write and read prayers, including special ones for worship at the church and for key events and celebrations.

The Worship Team share "Shout-outs", in the additional Friday worship, which are awarded to pupils for showing virtues and values. These are written by pupils or members of staff who have recognised this success. They also support and care for the school reflection area and all those who wish to use that area for their own private prayer and reflection and will pray with people and for people should they want it. The Collective Worship Team are also integral in the evaluation of worship and feedback to the Collective Worship Team leader.



Please see the Collective Worship Plan for each term for more details about the content of the worships.