



*Jesus said, "I am the bread of life...Once a person is with me I hold on and don't let go." John 6:35*

## **WOODCHURCH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Wonder, Commitment and Expectation*

*"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20*

### **Our School Vision**

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. John 6:35

Rooted in the teachings of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit and our love of God, we aim to continue our long Christian history and tradition of serving our community. We will plant the seeds of faith, which will enable all to grow together as a family and as individuals, living life in all its fullness and flourishing in the world, walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

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### **Collective Worship Policy**

#### **Woodchurch Church of England Primary School**

#### **Aims**

At Woodchurch CE we try to create, through worship, a real sense of belonging. We will provide a variety of opportunities to deepen our relationship with God and enable the whole community to contemplate the mystery of God.

We aim to develop the necessary skills of:

- reverence
- contemplation
- reflection
- interpretation
- empathy
- meditation

which will enable our relationships with God to be deepened.

Full participation in our faith will allow us:-

- To grow in spiritual, moral, cultural and liturgical understanding;
- To grow in understanding of our living faith tradition;
- To develop a sense of awe, wonder and inspiration in the person of Christ;
- To examine and reflect upon our own individual faith journeys;
- To develop the skills of prayer.

In Collective Worship we give pupils the opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of the nature and elements of liturgy, e.g. empathy, silence, community, praise, song, prayer and meditation.

### **The Place of Collective Worship in the Life of our School**

We endorse the belief that collective worship takes into account the religious and educational needs of all who share in it:-

- Those who form part of the worshipping community in Church;
- Those for whom school may be their first and only experience of Church;
- Those from other Christian traditions, or none;
- Those from other faith backgrounds.

It will be an educational activity or experience to which all can contribute and from which all can gain. Worship in this school is an integral part of school life

### **Worship Timetable**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b>
<b><u>Worship</u></b>	<b><u>Whole School/Key Stage Worship</u></b> Linked to the RE concept Following in the footsteps of Jesus
<b><u>Delivered By</u></b>	Mr McGregor

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>
<b><u>Worship</u></b>	<b><u>Picture News</u></b> Global Issues British Values Inspirational People
<b><u>Delivered By</u></b>	Class Teacher

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>
<b><u>Worship</u></b>	<b><u>Sing and Praise</u></b> Hymn Practice
<b><u>Delivered By</u></b>	Staff Rota

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>
<b><u>Worship</u></b>	<b><u>Open the Book</u></b> Bible Stories brought to life OR <b><u>Roots and Fruits Key Stage Worship</u></b> Following Christian Values and the Church Year
<b><u>Delivered By</u></b>	Class Teacher

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
<b><u>Worship</u></b>	<b><u>Whole School Celebration Worship</u></b> Celebrating our Talents
<b><u>Delivered By</u></b>	Deputy Head Teacher

### **Worship Structure**

When planning collective worship, we build in a spiritual dimension with opportunities for prayer, reflection and quiet. Children are invited to pray or sing and there is a sense of respect for the integrity of our pupils. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave in an appropriate way. Each Act of Worship will follow a familiar structure:

1.	Welcome
2.	Children bring the candles and the Bible to the front and say the words: "Jesus is the Light of the World" And "This is the Word of the Lord" The gathered children respond.
3	Focus of the worship
4	Reflection
5	Prayer We all end the prayer with: Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayer

### **Worship Table**

Items on the Worship Table should include

- The Bible
- A Cross
- Two Candles
- Thematic artefacts or quotes
- Liturgical colour

### **Worship with the community**

At Woodchurch, worship with our wider community is an integral part of school life. Each year group lead church services as acts of worship for parents annually. Worship at Holy Cross Church takes place at least once a month and for key events in the Anglican year such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Children take an active role in this worship; planning and delivering their contributions.

### **Legal Requirements**

We acknowledge the legal requirement that there must be a daily act of worship for all pupils. (This can take place at any time during the school day and can be either a single act of worship for all pupils, or separate acts of worship in school groups). We understand that simply holding an assembly that includes a prayer, said by either the teacher or everyone present, does not fulfil this requirement. We also acknowledge that collective worship and assembly are distinct activities. They may sometimes form part of the same gathering, but the difference between the two will always be made clear. The act of worship is not designated curriculum time under regulations and will not be considered as part of the RE lesson.

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