

Llangrove CE Academy

Collective Worship Policy



'Keep your roots deep in Him and your lives built on Him.'

Colossians 2:7

Achievement
Creativity
Opportunity
Resilience
Nurture
Service

Introduction

As a church school we believe passionately that our inclusive and inspiring Collective Worship has a unique role to play in the life of our school. It provides the opportunity for us come together as a community, whether that be as a class or whole school in order to reflect upon the teachings and traditions of Christianity and our place in the wider world. Furthermore, Collective Worship provides the heartbeat of our school as it allows everyone a chance to reflect on our school's vision and values.

Aims

At Llangrove CE Academy, Our Collective Worship is fundamentally:

- **Inclusive** - Our worship is inclusive and accessible to all and does not assume the faith position of those within our school, but shows an awareness that we all have our own worldviews which require nurture and development. We seek to provide the opportunity for children to explore and question the meaning of our school values, stories, traditions, their own beliefs and their own personal and spiritual development. This is achieved through a variety of creative means. Our times together are framed by language, images and music which model the cultural diversity and faiths of modern-day Britain and the wider world.
- **Invitational** - Our worship is consistently invitational; allowing all children to freely meaningfully engage in our times together. There is no expectation for children to express their particular faith position, but instead provide an authentic and warm experience of the Christian faith, teachings and traditions to which all are welcome to experience as they feel comfortable. The prayers, liturgy and music used therefore, are carefully considered so as to be sure that children can engage with them in their own way. As such, children are invited to pray only if they wish to and have the opportunity to write their own prayers. There is always a time of quiet reflection.
- **Inspiring** - Collective worship is an essential aspect of school life and our school vision. It gives our children opportunities to reflect on the example of others – both within and beyond our school. Our pupils' views of themselves, others and the world is explored by the seeing the diversity of human experience and the Christian faith. With this in mind, our collective worship is planned so as to inspire the children to think deeply about their own faith, worldview, beliefs, spirituality and philosophical convictions in order that they might become courageous advocates of themselves.

Statement of Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of worship and this is stated in the school prospectus. In such circumstances, parents are encouraged to discuss their reasons for withdrawal with the Headteacher, although they are not required to do so.

Delivery

All academies must provide a daily act of collective worship for their pupils, except where there are permitted withdrawals. We hold a daily act of Collective Worship in our school. Whole-school Collective Worship is held on four days of the week, with class-based worship held on the remaining day.

The timetable for Collective Worship is:

Monday (am)	values	Mrs Dean
	Open The Book (last Monday of month)	Christ Church
Tuesday (pm)	values & Reflections	In Class
Wednesday (pm)	Bible Stories and Christian values	Mr Fox, Mrs Townson
Thursday (pm)	Worship Through Song	Miss Gee
Friday (am)	Celebration Worship	All staff

Promoting a strong sense of community is an important component of our worship. On the final Monday of the month, members of the local community lead 'Open The Book' worship – focusing on Christian values as told through Bible stories. On the final Friday of every month, parents and governors are invited into school to share in and reflect upon the children's accomplishments, both inside and outside of school.

To mark significant Christian festivals and other special occasions throughout the year, worship also takes place at Christ Church, Llangrove.

Worship Council

Our Worship Council are representatives from Years R-6. The aim of the council is to:

- prepare, lead and evaluate our daily worship
- invite and welcome the school community to worship
- work closely with the members of Llangrove's wider community to ensure that the delivery of worship is high quality, engaging and inclusive for all
- discuss the values of the school and how they can be implemented
- look for examples of pupils demonstrating school and Christian values and bring this to the attention of their peers

Values

Our school visions and core values have been the drivers for selecting our Christian Values. These were chosen in collaboration with the Worship Council in Autumn 2022.

We explore a different Christian Value every half-term, following a two-year rolling programme.

Core Value	Half term	Year A	Year B
<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Autumn 1</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Reverence</i>
<i>Courage</i>	<i>Autumn 2</i>	<i>Creativity</i>	<i>Wisdom</i>
<i>Opportunity</i>	<i>Spring 1</i>	<i>Courage</i>	<i>Thankfulness</i>
<i>Resilience</i>	<i>Spring 2</i>	<i>Endurance</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Nurture</i>	<i>Summer 1</i>	<i>Compassion</i>	<i>Respect</i>
<i>Service</i>	<i>Summer 2</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Koinonia</i>

Responsibilities of The Governing Body

The governing body ensure all staff are made aware of their responsibility to uphold the Christian ethos and foundation of the school. At Llangrove CE Academy there is a designated member of the governing body whose role encompasses this.