



# Shoscombe

Church School

*Inspiring Everyone to Shine*

## **Collective Worship at Shoscombe School**

### **Introduction**

The Church of England vision for education is for all children to, 'Have life, life in all its fullness.' [John 10:10]. Shoscombe Church Primary School's ethos is built on our core Christian values (Creativity and Wonder, Respect, Aspiration, Joy, Empathy and Resilience) which are based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. These values are embedded in the daily life of the school and have a significant impact on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all members of the school community.

### **Rationale**

We believe a daily act of worship, of a mainly Christian character, is a valued time in the day to come together to affirm a sense of belonging and share those things which we hold to be important; to celebrate, praise and give thanks. This is in accordance with the requirements of the Education Reform Act of 1988 and the recommendations of the Diocesan Board of Education. We ensure that all assemblies are conducted in a manner that is sensitive to the individual faith and beliefs of all members on our school community.

While the majority of acts of worship in our school are Christian, we also hold assemblies that reflect other religious traditions that are represented in our school and the wider community.

### **Aims**

We aim to enable pupils to reflect on our core Christian values and other values and beliefs to:

- Express praise and thanksgiving to God
- Reflect on the character of God and on the teachings of Jesus
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar
- Encourage the development of spiritual and moral awareness
- Encourage feelings of awe and wonder
- Develop a sense of community
- Develop a sense of meaning, value and purpose
- Give an opportunity to respond to questions relating to life and beliefs

- Encourage aesthetic awareness
- Encourage participation and response
- Explore a variety of forms of worship
- Celebrate differences and diversities

### **Collective Worship:**

#### **- Management**

The head teacher is legally responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1988) for arranging the daily collective worship in consultation with the governing body. The collective Worship co-ordinator plans termly themes for the whole school throughout the year.

#### **- Organisation**

At Shoscombe Church School we meet as a whole school for collective worship at the end of each school day.

Acts of worship usually last for approximately 15 minutes, although it is recognised that this time will be shortened or lengthened when appropriate.

The act of worship is led by members of staff, pupils, local church representatives or guest speakers; they are supplied with the information needed to plan a relevant, meaningful and inclusive act of worship. This will include details of the current theme and Christian value.

Pupils are encouraged to see Collective Worship as a special part of their day. There is an expectation that they enter the hall respectfully, engage in the worship and leave the hall quietly. Music is played on entry and exit of pupils. A table, adorned with the appropriately coloured liturgical cloth (white, purple, red or green), hosts three candles (representing the Holy Trinity) to provide a focal point for reflection and contemplation. At the close of worship there is a quiet time for reflection and prayer. The contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer is used at Shoscombe Church School.

#### **- Weekly Timetable**

Monday – reflecting on our school core value of the term

Tuesday – led by members of our local church

Wednesday – reflecting on British values and current affairs, sometimes led by classes or pupil voice groups

Thursday – alternate weeks are led by our singing teachers or the 'Open the Book' team who lead pupils through a bible story using drama

Friday – celebrating our achievements of the week both inside and outside of school life

Every term classes also offer sharing assemblies where parents and carers are invited to find out more about the class' learning.

Class Teachers are responsible for organising and delivering their own class assemblies in line with the Collective Worship Programme.

	Main Theme / Focus	Links to SMSC	Led by	Monitored by
<b>MONDAY</b>	Vision and Core Values	Spiritual Moral School Vision and Values	Head teacher/Assistant Head teacher and pupil voice teams Termly led by whole class	Governors Head Teacher EE-Team
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Vision and Core Values	Spiritual Moral School Vision and Values	Members of PSJ church or other clergy	Governors Head Teacher EE-Team
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Fundamental British Values OR Love for Reading OR Class sharing assembly for parents OR SENCO led awareness assembly	British Values  Cultural Capital  Social  School Vision and Values	Class teachers and pupil voice teams  Class teachers and pupil voice teams  SENCO	Governors Head Teacher EE-Team
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Open the Book  Singing	Spiritual  Social Cultural Capital	Members of local churches  Mrs Adam, music teacher	EE-Team  EE-Team
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Celebration – achievement certificates, star pupil certificates, value award	Spiritual Moral School Vision and Values	Head teacher/Assistant Head teacher and pupil voice teams	Governors Head Teacher EE-Team

### Right to Withdraw

All pupils are expected to attend Collective Worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. Parents do not have to explain or give reasons for this. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

### Monitoring and Review

The head teacher will liaise with the school governor responsible for religious education and collective worship.

Pupils will monitor the impact of worship time on a weekly basis by completing a simple questionnaire to feed back to individual classes.

All members of the school community are encouraged to contribute to and provide constructive comment on the Collective Worship Programme.

Signed: LGB

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